



September 2025 Quarterly Report for the High Calling Program Episcopal Advisory Board

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Purpose of Report: To provide an update on the scope and impact of the High Calling Program and its partnership with the Initiative for Priestly Renewal, including participant numbers and diocesan outreach.

The High Calling Program is structured around four key components: Vocational Development Outreach, Discernment Formation, Propaedeutic Formation, and Formator Formation.

Initiative for Priestly Renewal

- Priest Convocation & Retreats
 - The Diocese of Arlington hosted a Priest Convocation.
 - Retreats held for:
 - Oblates of the Virgin Mary (Los Angeles)
 - Missionaries of Charity Fathers (Rome)
- Pilgrimages
 - Medjugorje pilgrimage served:
 - 5 priests from 3 dioceses
 - 22 seminarians

Next Pilgrimage: Camino Santiago de Compostela via Portuguese route (June 2026)

- Saint John Vianney Confessor's Institute
 - **Inaugural event:** June 23–27, 2025, Villa Maria del Mar, Santa Cruz, CA
 - Faculty: 5 priests, 3 lay theologians
 - Attendees: 21 priests from 10 dioceses and 3 religious communities
 - Topics: Role of Confessor, pastoral challenges, promoting penance, discerning specialized ministry needs.
 - Special address by Archbishop Cordileone on the seal of confession in the digital age.
 - Feedback: Overwhelmingly positive

Next Institute: Scheduled for July 6-10, 2026, same location

- Spiritual Direction Program for Priests
 - Duration: October 2025 – May 2026
 - Participants: 26 priests from 15 dioceses (U.S., Australia, England)
 - Launch with Retreat and Pilgrimage in Assisi, Italy (Oct 8)



- Module Focus: *The Interior Life* and *Spiritual Fatherhood* with Speakers:
Dan Burke and Dr. Anthony Lilles

Upcoming Reports:

- **Third Report: January 26, 2026.**
- **Live Zoom meeting on January 26, 2026**