

## Brothers' Vocations

The survey showed that 60% of respondents are comfortable inviting young people to be open to God's call. But less than 30% feel they are in a position to speak with young people about a religious vocation, especially the Brothers' vocation. The challenge is to create a system of supports e.g. involvement of Brothers, education, and resources, that will help those in contact with young people to be attentive and supportive in conversation with a person who is discerning a vocation.

- The value of seeking candidates beyond high school age is acknowledged. A personalized approach is desirable in such circumstances.
- The role of parents in planting and nurturing the seeds of a religious vocation is important.

The **strategic priority** is to embolden all Lasallians to take an intentional role in the promotion of a culture of vocations to the Brothers of the Christian Schools.

### **Goals & Preliminary Tactics for DENA:**

- **Articulate and contextualize the call to be a Brother within the larger understanding of the concept of vocation by promoting a culture of vocations to the Brothers of the Christian Schools in our various ministries.**
    - Formulate a core curriculum for students regarding vocations, specifically to the Brothers of the Christian Schools.
    - Develop and offer formation and orientation programs (workshops, retreats, classrooms) for students, teachers, counselors, parents, chief administrators, and Board members that focuses on vocation promotion as well as information/explanation pertaining to discerning a vocation to the Brothers of the Christian Schools.
    - Employ social media as the preferred method of communicating the stories of Brothers, their ministry, their consecrated life, and their impact on society.
  - **Broaden our sphere of influence by inviting and engaging college aged men in the vocation discernment process.**
    - Initiate and develop a program to reach out to college aged men.
    - Employ social media as the preferred method of communicating the stories of Brothers, their ministry, their consecrated life, and their impact on society.
  - **Broaden our sphere of influence by inviting and engaging post-college aged men and young professionals in the vocation discernment process.**
    - Initiate and develop a program to reach post-college aged men and young professionals.
    - Employ social media as the preferred method of communicating the stories of Brothers, their ministry, their consecrated life, and their impact on society.
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