

## Invitation From Bishop Brian

If you are trying to find your calling in life, then I would like to invite you, very warmly, to this weekend at the Haven, Emu Park.

You may be wanting to see if what you are doing at the moment is where you really want to be. You might be looking for some time out to 'test the waters'. Perhaps there is a gentle tugging at your heart, to do something different.

We will be talking about the calling to single life, to marriage, to priesthood and to religious life, yet, we will be looking also at that necessary spiritual dimension to life, which is so essential to living a fulfilled life. There will be times of sacred silence.

You will meet wonderful people like yourself, sharing faith, fun and stories. I look forward to meeting you and I will be there for the whole weekend. The Haven is a most beautiful place, a 'little bit of heaven' and the accommodation and food is delightful.

Think about it, pray about it and then take the leap into something new and exciting. May God's Spirit lead you and we will all welcome you.

Brian Heenan  
Bishop of Rockhampton

### DIOCESAN VOCATION PRAYER

Gracious God,

May we feel the breath of your Spirit so that by virtue of our Baptism we experience your call to mission.

May we respond generously to your invitation to be all that you created us to be. May we support and encourage one another as we live life to the full in witnessing to the Good News of the Kingdom.

We thank you Lord for the gift of the Christian vocations of marriage and single life. We continue to trust in your providence that many people will respond with an answer of 'yes' to a call to ordained and consecrated life.

May our diocesan family continue to live within the light of your love.

Amen.

### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**

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# A CALL TO WHOLENESS

## VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

31st JULY to 2nd AUGUST 2009  
at 'THE HAVEN' EMU PARK

## Is this You?

- Post school age men and women who want to know: What does God want me to do with my life? What are my options?
- Do you reflect upon what it means to have a vocation as a member of Christ's Body through Baptism?
- Those who would like to explore further the lay Christian vocations of marriage and single life.
- Those who feel that God may be calling them to priesthood, religious life or permanent diaconate.

## Guest Speakers

- Mr Mark Lysaght Archdiocese Vocation Office
- Mrs Shanelle Bennett Net Ministries
- Fr Andrew Chase Director of Vocations
- Mark and Ursula Boyd
- Sue Botfield
- Members of the Diocesan Vocations Task Group.

## Workshops

- Universal Vocation
- Discernment
- Priesthood, Religious Life, Marriage, Diaconate, Single Life.

## **PROPOSED TIMETABLE (Subject to Change)**

### **Friday 31st July**

- 6pm to 7.30pm—Arrival and Registration
- 6pm to 7.30pm—BBQ Dinner
- 7.30pm to 8pm—Welcome and Introductions
- 8pm to 8.30pm—Address by Bishop Brian
- 8.30pm onwards—Supper and Socializing.

### **Saturday 1st August**

- 7.30am—Celebration of the Eucharist
- 8.15am to 9am—Breakfast
- 9am to 10.30am—Keynote Speaker: Topic Universal Call/Theology of Vocation.
- 10.30am to 11am—Morning Tea.
- 11am to 12.30pm—Keynote Speaker.
- 12.30pm to 1.30pm—Lunch.
- 1.30pm to 6pm— "Holding Nothing Back", Specific Vocations. Women's/Men's Spirituality. Free time including afternoon tea.
- 6pm to 7pm—Evening Meal.
- 7pm onwards— Sacrament of Reconciliation, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. A chance to speak with a team member about your vocational journey, Shared Prayer.

### **Sunday 2nd August**

- 8.15am to 9.00am—Breakfast
- 10.00am Celebration of the Eucharist.
- 11.00am to 12.30pm— Panel, Questions, Where to from here? Encouragement for the journey.
- 12.30pm to 1pm—Lunch and Departure.

**Cost: \$60.00 Wage Earners**

**\$40.00 Non Wage Earners**

**Includes accommodation and meals. This is a live—in weekend, however attendance is flexible should you have other commitments during the weekend.**

It is the wish of the Vocations Task Group that no one be excluded from the weekend for financial reasons. Please contact us should you need help in this area.

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**Contact Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Any special Dietary Requirements:**  
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**Please Return this section with payment to:**

**Diocesan Vocations Promotions Office**

**P.O. Box 5287**

**Mackay Mail Centre 4740**

**By Friday 17th July 2009**