

What does the Lord have in store for me? What is my vocation?  
Marriage? Priesthood? Consecrated life?

For many years now, the Community of the Beatitudes has been offering a "School of Life" here in Denver, CO, a program already developed over the last 30 years in our houses around the world. This year, 2011-2012, Sr. Magdalit and Br. Anthony of the Transfiguration will join our shepherd, Fr. Nathanael and the rest of the house in welcome and guiding the young disciples.

The School of Life program offers experiences (a week, a semester or even a year) for young people to taste the prayer, service, community and rhythm of life in a religious house where the radicality of both marriage and consecrated virginity are present. It is a taste of our charisms of beautiful liturgy, daily adoration, manual service and missionary witness in the joy of the Spirit. It is a pedagogy of spiritual formation classes and personal guidance. It is a step that helps one mature, discern and be molded to the hearts of Christ and his Mother. If you or your friends are looking for such a step, places are open for this Fall semester.

### **School of Life retreats, mission trips, and pilgrimage**

It is possible to come to Denver for a week or two of School of Life retreat, especially in January or for Spring Break. And next summer, we will take young people to France for a week of pilgrimage (priestly ordinations for the seven of us at the shrine of St. Germaine, first Mass in Lourdes, visits to St. Thomas Aquinas' tomb in Toulouse, Roccamadour, the Carcassonne castle...) followed by two to six weeks of School of Life as well as missions, serving our youth camps or beach missions.

### **A day in the School of Life:**

- 7 am Morning prayer
- 7:30 Rosary
- 8:00 Mass
- Breakfast
- 9:15 to 11:15 Holy hour, lectio, personal study
- 11:15 to 12:15: Class
- 12:30 Lunch
- 2:00 Service in the parish or community house
- 5:30 Vespers
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Evening activities (formation, prayer, free time...)

-each weekend, we celebrate a "Little Triduum" rooted in Byzantine and Jewish traditions

### **School of Life discernment year:**

For young adults (20 to 30 years old) who desire:

- to give a year or a semester to the Lord
- and to discern their call

Dates: October 1st to the 1st week of June

The formation has 3 dimensions:

- 1 - Spiritual: personal guidance, community prayer, Mass, holy hour, lectio divina, rosary
- 2 - Human: sharing our daily community life, manual tasks and ministry
- 3 - Intellectual: 4 hours of teaching per week (Catholic faith, Christology, Trinity, anthropology, evangelical counsels, discernment, prayer, Bible, Theology of the Body...)

Cost: \$500/month includes formation, room & board  
(half of what a retreat center charges, because of your 3.5 hours of work in the afternoon).  
You provide health insurance.

To apply: send us a letter (or email) of motivation, presenting yourself and your motivations

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