

# QUO VADIS DAYS

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Solemnity of Pentecost

Dear Brother Priests,

Grace and peace to you on this Pentecost day! I am writing at this time to draw your attention to our Sixth Annual *Quo Vadis Days* vocation camp taking place this **August 5-8**.

Many of you are already familiar with this camp, and some have even visited or assisted with it. We are attracting about 50 young men each year, and we hope to have even more this year. All of them tell me repeatedly that the reason they come is because a priest personally invited them. With your good priestly example and help, we can make *QVD* 2005 another wonderful experience for these fine young men.

This year I am pleased to announce that we now have a website: [www.qvdays.org](http://www.qvdays.org). This site contains all the necessary information about the camp and how to register. It also serves as a resource in helping young men discern their vocation, and to remain in contact with them during the year. I would certainly appreciate the help in getting the word out in our parishes and schools.

I am also pleased to announce that our model of *Quo Vadis Days* is growing. The Archdiocese of Seattle will be hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual camp under the direction of Fr. Derek Lappe. He is expecting upwards of 100 young men this year. The Diocese of Harrisburg, PA will be starting their first *Quo Vadis Days* this summer. I have also been contacted by the Dioceses of Baton Rouge, LA, and Covington, KY to help them begin a *QVD* camp. By an abundance of grace, this little idea, with prayer and some effort, is growing. Praised be Jesus Christ!

I would certainly welcome more young men to the camp this year, and with your interest and help we can keep growing. The first thing that I would ask is to **pray for the fruitfulness** of the camp. Second, please **personally invite at least one young man from your parish**. Many of our Catholic young men, even in high school, take their spiritual lives seriously, have a desire to serve the Lord, and are indeed thinking about their vocation. The third thing I would invite you to do is to check out the website to see what we are doing. Finally I would invite you to participate in the camp in some way. **Your presence at the camp (for a day or evening or just a meal) and willingness to give a talk would be greatly appreciated.**

The brochures can be downloaded from the website and copied. I would encourage you to read it over and personally invite those young men in your parish whom you think may have a priestly vocation and give them a brochure. Enclosed with this letter are sample Bulletin and Pulpit announcements.

Thank you for your time and consideration and willingness to promote and encourage the great gift of Christ's priesthood that He in His love and mercy has bestowed on us. *Veni Sancte Spiritus!*

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

Father John Cihak