

# *Lesson Plan for Nurturing a Vocation Culture*

*Levels 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades*



**Title:** Discovering a “Vision” for Vocations

**Time:** 40-45 minutes

- Materials:**
1. Individual copies of Vision magazine for each student.  
Up to 100 free copies available upon request at [mail@VocationGuide.org](mailto:mail@VocationGuide.org)  
or call 1-800-942-2811
  2. One Group Study Sheet for each small group

**Goals:**

- To introduce students to the Vision magazine as a resource for Vocation Discernment
- To nurture an awareness of religious vocation culture
- To apply critical thinking skills

**Objectives:**

- Students will identify different religious congregations present in the U.S.
- Students will evaluate vocation advertisements through comparison/contrast.

**Steps**

- Divide the students into small groups.
- Distribute Vision Magazines, Study Guide Sheets and Critique Sheets one per student.
- Direct small group study according to Study Guide Sheet & Critique Sheets
- Collect completed Critique Sheets
- Mail completed Critique Sheets to

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P.O. Box 1979  
Chicago, IL 60609-1979***

*Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!*

**Study Guide Sheet**  
**Discovering a “Vision” for Religious Vocations**

*Vision magazine contains information describing over 90 Men’s Religious Communities of Brothers, Monks, and Priests and more than 180 Women’s Religious Communities of Sisters! Each one is different!*

*As a small group your task is to search through this Vision magazine to*

- ❖ *Identify different religious communities*
- ❖ *Compare and contrast particular advertisements*
- ❖ *Offer suggestions to religious orders about their advertisements*

**Searching the Ads:** *Look through the ads on the pages indicated at the beginning of each question in the 2009-2010 Vision magazine. Identify the name of the community with the identifying phrase.*

1. pages 170-175 - Our community of sisters communicates the Gospel through the media.  
We are the \_\_\_\_\_
2. pages 15-20 - Our ministry is Youth Ministry – Evangelizing youth all over the world!  
We are the \_\_\_\_\_
3. pages 25-30 - It’s not what we do...It’s who we are!  
We are the \_\_\_\_\_
4. pages 75-80 – Our order is consecrated to Mary.  
We are the \_\_\_\_\_
5. pages 90-95 - Our charism is “Hospitality to the aged poor.”  
We are the \_\_\_\_\_
6. pages 95-100 - We are real Brothers, with real stories, who make a real difference.  
We are the \_\_\_\_\_
7. pages 40-45 - We offer a contemplative monastic life.  
We are the \_\_\_\_\_
8. pages 65-70 - Our way is to “Walk humbly with God”  
We are the \_\_\_\_\_
9. pages 70-75 - We are missionaries of the poor and abandoned.  
We are the \_\_\_\_\_
10. pages 20-25 - We began as a dream in a field of daisies  
We are the \_\_\_\_\_

*Find out more & have some fun doing it at*  
[www.vocationmatch.com](http://www.vocationmatch.com)

**Critiquing the Ads** - *Look over these ads and answer these two questions:*

- a. *Compare the three ads in each category, Large Medium, and Small. Which one from each group does your group like best?*
- b. *Why did you choose that one?*

*The Sisters, Brothers and Priests who advertise in Vision are curious to know what you think of their ad. Your feedback can help them reach other young people, who will discover their religious vocation.*

1) Large Ads:            Inside Cover -    The Alexian Brothers  
                                  p.97                    The Capuchin Franciscans  
                                  & p. 103            The Maryknoll, Sisters, Brothers & Priests

a. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2) Medium Ads:        p. 14                The Sisters of the Living Word  
                                  p. 15                The Sisters of Nazareth  
                                  & p. 26             The Sisters of Mercy

a. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3) Small Ads            p. 20                The Carmelite Sisters of St. Therese  
                                  p. 163                The Franciscan Sisters of Allegany  
                                  & p. 167             The Dominican Sisters of Peace

a. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
b. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4) Browse through the magazine and choose your favorite ad. Please tell us which one you chose by page number & name of the community and tell us why it is your favorite ad. Thanks!

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*Please send the completed sheet to:*

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