

# ENCOUNTER

## WITH GOD'S CALL

*Encounter With God's Call* at Conception Seminary College is an opportunity to discern the call to priesthood and learn about college seminary life. Throughout the weekend, we pray, meet, and relax with seminarians and other young men discerning the priesthood. Together we all seek to listen for God's voice and our call.

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*"Discerning God's will requires an openness to the unexpected. My saying "yes" to Encounter With God's Call was exactly the opening through which God was able to defy my expectations. After experiencing seminary life first-hand, I left the weekend with answers to questions I did not know I had. Research and analysis can only get you so far — sometimes, you just have to come and see."*

– **Nathan Gentry**  
Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph

*"En los últimos años, he tenido el privilegio de acompañar a los jóvenes que atienden el Encuentro con el Llamado de Dios y me llena de alegría el escuchar que viven una experiencia única. El silencio que Conception Abbey provee permite que los jóvenes entren en comunión con el Señor para atender el llamado de Dios en sus corazones."*

– **Fidel Ruvalcaba de la Cruz**  
Diocese of San Angelo

*"Worry and doubt haunted my future, but those fears abandoned me on the peaceful grounds of Conception. During Encounter weekend, I was inspired by the seminarians and surprised to discover they enjoyed hobbies like sports and board games. Seeing how the seminarians interacted really inspired me. These were normal college students, but also different because of how they lived their faith in a real way. Praying, working, and living in community formed a special bond among the seminarians. I even found myself enjoying classes in their company! After Encounter, Conception felt like it could be my home!"*

– **Damian Criddle**  
Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau



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