

*"In the plan of God every person is called because every life is a vocation"*

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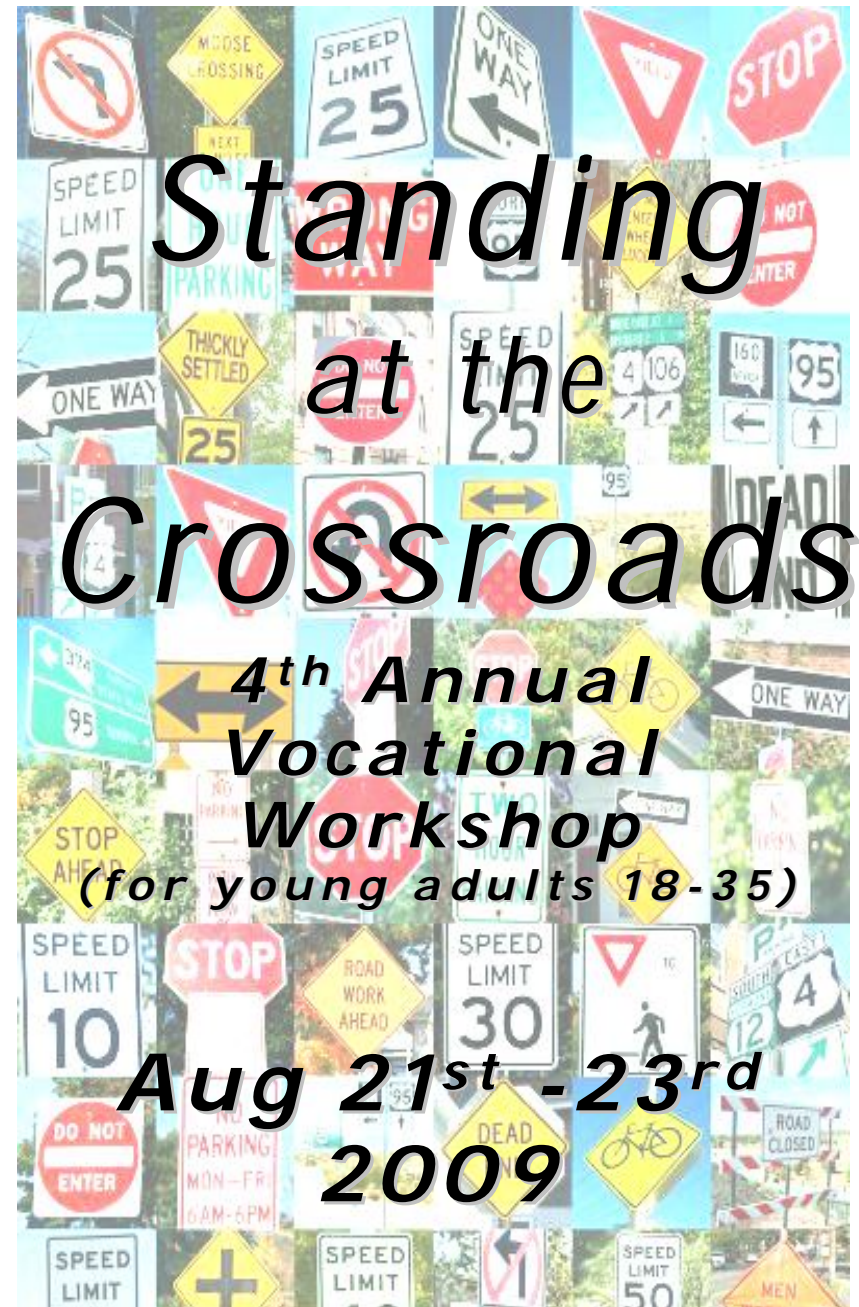
Verbum Dei is a Roman Catholic contemplative-active missionary community founded by Rev. Jaime Bonet, in Mallorca, Spain in 1963.

It is a pontifically approved institute of consecrated life. The Verbum Dei Missionary community consists of: Consecrated Religious Women; Consecrated Religious Men (brothers and priests); Consecrated Married Couples

We are an international community that extends to and embraces people of all states and areas of life: single, married, old and young, students, people of all different backgrounds and occupations.

We are fully dedicated to evangelization by means of contemplation, witness of life and apostolic ministry.

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# Standing at the Crossroads

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Vocational  
Workshop  
(for young adults 18-35)**

**Aug 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>  
2009**

*Verbum Dei*

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## What is VOCATION?

The secret of my identity is hidden in God. He alone can make me who I am, or rather who I will be when at last I fully begin to be. But unless I desire this identity and work to find it with Him and in Him, the work will never be done. The way of doing it is a secret I can learn from no one else but Him. There is no way of attaining to the secret without faith.

The seeds that are planted in my liberty at every moment, by God's will, are the seeds of my own identity, my own reality, my own happiness, my own sanctity.

Not to accept and love and do God's will is to refuse the fullness of my existence.

Thomas Merton  
New Seeds of Contemplation

**A Vocation** is not imposed from above, but a call to construct one's immediate future in a dialogue with God.

**Vocation, in a general sense:** Natural tendencies, abilities, and/or aspirations which orientate one's life realization and goals.

**Vocation, in a specific sense:** A special call from God to the religious life, priesthood, marriage or single lay consecrated life.

**According to Vat II:** "True human life is a vocation" (GS, LG)

## What is Vocational Discernment?

It is a process of discerning:

- one's general vocation (nurse, artist, doctor, psychologist, business, etc.)
- one's state of life (married, priesthood, religious or lay consecrated)
- And in a more biblical sense God's call and election for a specific mission within his plan of salvation.

## Methodology:

- Group sharing
- Art, Music, Drama & Creative Writing workshops
- Lectio Divina with Scripture
- Lectures focusing on Vocation
- Presentations on the vocation of marriage, priesthood, religious and lay consecrated life
- Personal reflection time
- Connecting young adults who are on the same journey of seeking, questioning, and nourishing their spiritual life
- Personal discernment counseling

## When? August 21<sup>st</sup> – August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Begins: Friday Evening at 7:00pm

Ends: Sunday Evening at 5:30pm

## Come prepared!

- Bring a Bible, journal, notebook, pen
- Don't forget a sleeping bag, personal items etc.

## Where?

Verbum Dei Missionary Retreat House  
3365 19<sup>th</sup> St., San Francisco, CA 94110

## Donation?

We suggest a \$65.00 donation to cover meals, simple lodging, materials and other expenses

\* Due to limited space, if you would like to reserve a place in this retreat, please pre-register with a \$20.00 deposit (you can mail it to the Verbum Dei Missionaries address).

\* This is a bilingual retreat. Translation and material will be provided for both English and Spanish speakers.