The 9 Keys
To Vocation Ministry

The 9 Keys Objective:
In this presentation you will learn about the nine principles for effective vocation ministry. This overview material comes as the fruit of many years of vocations experience from members of the NCDVD. Time spent implementing these principles will improve the efficacy of your ministry.

Consider this…
Name three things you hope to gain over the next few days.

1. 
2. 
3. 

Identify two challenges you face as you begin your new ministry.

1. 
2. 

Name two of your gifts/strengths/abilities which will serve you well in vocations ministry.

1. 
2. 

Outcomes:
At the end of this presentation you will have a deeper appreciation for:

The leadership of your _____________________.
The primacy of _____________________.
The importance of _____________________.
The importance of ___________ ___________________ in vocation ministry.
Key #1: The Bishop
The diocesan bishop is personally involved in vocation efforts.

Key #2: Integration
The priority of vocation efforts is integrated into all aspects of diocesan life.

Key #3: Prayer
The faithful of the diocese are actively praying for priestly vocations before the Blessed Sacrament.

Key #4: Adequate Resources
A vocation director, preferably full-time, has adequate time and human resources to fulfill the needs of the diocese for vocation ministry.

Key #5: Formation and Training
The vocation director has the proper formation and training.

Key #6: Invitation
The presbyterate actively invites specific individuals to consider a vocation to the priesthood.

Key #7: Events
Local, experiential discernment opportunities are available for your candidates.

Key #8: The Ministry
The diocesan vocation process of discernment, application, formation, and evaluation is clearly defined and articulated.

Key #9: Funding
Sufficient funding exists for the total cost of a vocation program.