

To what am I called?

Come and see

Centrum voor
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Vronesteyn

Again and again, people join with God in seeking their future. Christ brings people together in his Church. There we help each other to walk together the way He shows us. So the search for your vocation does not have to be done alone. It is even better to do it together with others and to be guided by the experience of people from the Church.

Come and see is an exploratory year for men (ages 18-45) who want to take time to think about their future:

- To what can I give myself?
- What does God ask of me?
- Does my happiness lie in marriage, priesthood, diaconate or religious life?
- Is there a special place for me in the Church?

Come and see is a year that aims to help you very concretely in this quest.

From September to June with:

- A monthly meeting at Vronesteyn to pray, eat, listen and share together from 6:00 to 9:15 pm.
- A weekly hour of prayer using texts and questions helps to (learn to) be open to God's voice. You plan your own time and place.
- Personal guidance by a priest, deacon or pastoral worker of the Diocese of Rotterdam, who walks with you as a journey companion.



Rector Broeders of Vronesteyn:
"In the Gospel we see Jesus calling people in very different ways. You could say that it doesn't even matter so much what you do now, but mainly where you want to go."



"When you begin to reflect on your faith and explore your calling, it can often feel like a lonely and very personal journey. But even in the Gospel, we see that the disciples invite one another to come to Jesus. From the very beginning, faith has been something that is shared, something that is lived out in community, where the Lord speaks to us and where people speak, listen, and walk together."

Bishop Van den Hende

Dates, Themes, Introductions

23 September 2026	Introduction and explanation of the course
14 October 2026	How does Christ call us?
25 November 2026	How can we answer?
16 December 2026	Every vocation requires serving love
20 January 2027	What does it mean to be a priest or deacon in this world today?
17 February 2027	Married life, unmarried life, celibacy
17 March 2027	Personal formation and faith formation
21 April 2027	Where do we stand and how do we go forward?
20 May 2027	Looking back and ahead
16 June 2027	Meeting with Bishop Van den Hende

In 3 minutes
A priest talks about
Come and see in this video
Scan the QR-code
or click on it.

"The program gave structure to my prayer times: praying at set times and then letting it rest. The year gave me a common thread and thus stopped me going around in circles. It helped me arrive at a concrete question. Because I didn't have a clear question myself, I would never have Googled, for example, the question: become a priest or a deacon? But I did give it serious thought this year and later enrolled in the priestly formation program."

Alex from Delft



Participants about Come and see

"It was nice to be able to exchange thoughts with people who are pondering over the same questions."



"I had already thought a lot about the call to the priesthood or to marriage. The program provided a framework for exploring that: through prayer and letting go at other times. I noticed that the desire to become a priest came and went, while the desire to get married remained. As a result, my confidence grew that this is my vocation and my future."



"The warm atmosphere was a good reason to keep coming back, and the information we received really touched me. What I've discovered is that God remains consistent. People change, but God remains the same, and He has the best intentions for people. I've experienced that personally."



"I was baptized into the Church a year ago. I have found God. So now I need to live my life in a way that is true to my Catholic faith. How do I do that in practice, both in my studies and later in my career? This year has taught me above all to pray and grow in faith."



"Eating together was very good. The conversation then came easily. The same happened at the times we read Bible texts together. Praying together was nice and the guidance was pleasant."

To pray

**Do you think the "Come and See Year" is for you?
Talk about it with someone who knows you well.
Talk about it with someone on your pastoral team or
with a fellow parishioner. And submit it to God in prayer.**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord.
Teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation.

(From Psalms 25)

Sign up by 15 September.
Scan or click on the QR code.

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This year is offered by the Diocese of Rotterdam together with the Seminary Vronesteyn. There is no charge.

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