



As a Parent, you are the primary educator and nurturer of your child. Notre Dame Vision stands to support you in that role. We begin our work with the belief that your teenager is uniquely called and gifted to live life fully. At Notre Dame Vision, we empower your teenager to ask and answer the question: How will my gifts change the world?

Notre Dame Vision is a transformative experience; this is a program that makes a difference. Parents, perhaps more than any others, notice the benefits of Notre Dame Vision for their children, including:

- Developing a real sense of God's presence in their life
- Improved relationships within their own family
- More positive self-image
- Better understanding of and appreciation for the Sacraments
- Better motivated in school and activities
- Greater sense of direction and purpose
- Deeper interest in faith-life and the Church
- Expanded desire to serve others
- More willing to talk about and share faith with others
- Increased awareness of their own giftedness

It would be our privilege to welcome your teenager to Notre Dame for this life-changing experience.

Conference Content

At Notre Dame Vision, we explore vocation as the lifelong relationship between God's call and our response. All baptized Christians share a common vocation to holiness that is lived out in communion with one another, and yet each of us is given unique ways to respond to God's call in our lives.

In order to see a fuller scope of vocation within our lived experience, Notre Dame Vision enables participants to look through three main lenses for a more comprehensive exploration:

- The Call to Discipleship and Conversion (Mon, Tues)
- The Call to Relationship and Communion (Wed)
- Discerning God's Call and Responding in Faith (Thurs, Fri)

Mentors-in-Faith: Notre Dame Students as Counselors

Who they are: 60–70 students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, and Holy Cross representing a variety of majors and experiences. These mentors range in age from rising sophomores to graduating seniors.

How they're selected: 175–200 students apply for one of these positions annually. Applicants complete an extensive application and a 60-minute interview.

Their roles and responsibilities: Each Notre Dame Vision Mentor-in-Faith assumes one of two roles:

1. Small Group Mentor (43–53 annually): Primary responsibilities are to facilitate small group meetings throughout the week and to serve as residence hall counselors.
2. Music Mentor (16–19 annually): Primary responsibilities are to lead all music throughout the program in addition to performing 3 musicals written for Notre Dame Vision.

How they're trained: Every Mentor-in-Faith completes a three-credit Theology course designed for Notre Dame Vision. This course attends to all of the theological themes of the program, in addition to issues of facilitation, appropriation, and articulation.

Music Mentors also meet weekly to rehearse the Notre Dame Vision repertoire and musicals, while Small Group Mentors engage in work-shops for small group facilitation, faith sharing, and leading prayer.

Why they're an asset: The Notre Dame students who serve as Mentors-in-Faith are a resource that cannot be replicated anywhere else. These are bright, faithful undergraduates who are exceptionally well-trained and well-supported for Notre Dame Vision. Only a few years older than the participants, they are understanding listeners, and a whole lot of fun!

Head staff: Notre Dame Vision is under the direction of a dedicated and talented head staff, including: Director, two Assistant Directors, Chaplain, Music Director, Assistant Music Director, Theology Instructor, Music Instructor, two Program Assistants, & Dorm Coordinators.



Safety and Supervision

The campus of the University of Notre Dame is very safe and virtually self-sufficient. Each summer, over 20,000 visitors travel to Notre Dame to partake in a program, academic course, or vacation. Many of these visitors are high school age or younger, which means that Notre Dame is familiar with hosting minors on its campus. Below are some of the features of the Notre Dame Vision and Notre Dame summer community life in which you may be interested:

- Notre Dame Vision residence halls are single-sex: men are never allowed in the women's hall, and vice versa. Only Notre Dame Vision participants and staff, and other authorized University staff, are ever allowed in the dorms.
- An Office of Housing hall staff manages each dorm.
- Notre Dame Vision Mentors-in-Faith live in the dorms with participants and serve as resident counselors.
- All Notre Dame Vision staff members complete the Safe Environment Training of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, in addition to passing criminal background checks.
- The Notre Dame Security Police Department and Notre Dame Fire Department serve the campus community.

Outreach

Notre Dame Vision strives to serve the Church and the young people who participate in its programming. In addition to the summer conferences themselves, Notre Dame Vision orchestrates outreach through various means, including the following:

- Notre Dame Vision for Campus and Youth Ministers (CYM): A complementary summer conference for high school campus, diocesan, and parish youth ministers.
- The Call to Family Life: A resource for families designed to help a young person relate their Notre Dame Vision experience to their familial life.
- Annual program books: All Notre Dame Vision participants receive a book which includes stories and illustrations of 75 Holy Men and Women from the Christian Tradition, 90+ songs, discernment tools, and reflection questions.
- Program DVDs: These feature all three of the Notre Dame Vision musicals and selected program talks.
- Notre Dame Vision Online Store: Makes available the distinctive Notre Dame Vision t-shirts, posters, and other resources.

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Summer Conferences
for High School Students

"There is something about that place and its people that just seem to breathe excellence. The program is so needed for young people today. Nobody is doing what Notre Dame is doing."

Mike Patin
National Speaker and Youth Leadership Trainer

"Thank you so much for helping our children to explore their God-given gifts."

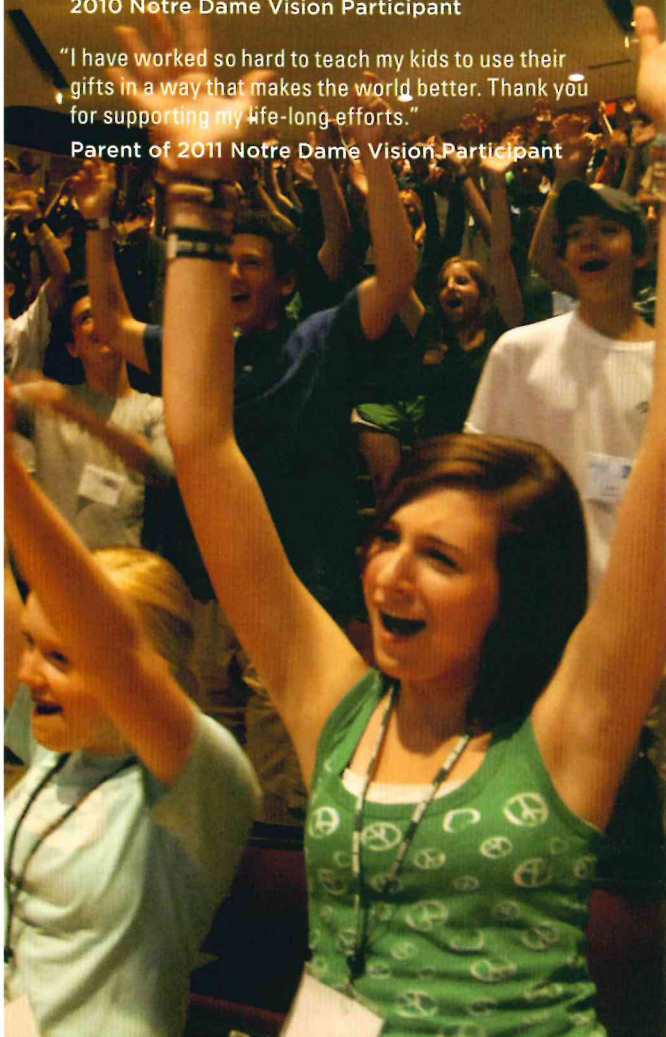
Parents of 2011 Notre Dame Vision Participants

"I wasn't sure I would enjoy my experience at ND but I really did. The college mentors were so caring and willing to listen. They made me feel at home even though this was my first time away from my family."

2010 Notre Dame Vision Participant

"I have worked so hard to teach my kids to use their gifts in a way that makes the world better. Thank you for supporting my life-long efforts."

Parent of 2011 Notre Dame Vision Participant



Information for
Parents and Guardians



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2012 Sessions:

- June 18-22
- June 25-29
- July 9-13
- July 16-20

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