

HFI Triduum 2025

Sunday Small Group Breakout

Conversation Facilitator Guide

CALL AND VOCATION IN THE INSTITUTE

The journey of our personal vocation parallels the journey of our courtship and marriage. Much as we were first attracted to our spouse, Christ called to us in a personal invitation to consecrate ourselves to God in the Holy Family Institute. In this small group breakout session, each participant will have 3 minutes to think about and note **how their vocational story has first unfolded**. Then they will participate in a 15-minute, facilitated small group discussion and talk about the following questions that the group facilitator will introduce. The role of the facilitator is to keep the conversation on track, within time, and on topic. A separate note taker will use another sheet to capture what was shared. Finally, a spokesperson (can be the note taker) from each group will be called upon to summarize very briefly (in 1 minute) the top 3 most notable points that emerged from their conversation.

Questions for discussion: (5 minutes each)

- How were you first invited to learn about the Holy Family Institute? What form did the INVITATION take?
- What ATTRACTION toward the Institute did you experience, prompting you to explore further, deepening your knowledge of, and relationship with the HFI?
- What did your RESPONSE to Christ's invitation to explore the HFI look like?

Action: Write up a brief summary of your vocation “love story” and incorporate it into your promotion of the Institute throughout the coming year.

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Note taker's name:

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How well did the small group activity go in general? Anything that could be done better next time?

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FORMATION IN THE INSTITUTE

In this small group breakout session, each participant will have 3 minutes to think about and note **how their spiritual formation in the HFI has been going, especially related to their role in the process, and what worked and has not worked so well**. Then they will participate in a 15-minute, facilitated small group discussion and talk about the following questions that the group facilitator will introduce. The role of the facilitator is to keep the conversation on track, within time, and on topic. A separate note taker will use another sheet to capture what was shared. Finally, a spokesperson (can be the note taker) from each group will be called upon to summarize very briefly (in 1 minute) the top 3 most notable points that emerged from their conversation.

Questions for discussion: (5 minutes each)

- What actions have you taken in the past few years to help advance your spiritual formation in the HFI?
- What parts of your ongoing formation worked well or helped you advance in living a Pauline and Institute life?
- What parts of your ongoing formation have not worked so well and what could be done to address these challenges?

Action: Pick one of those areas of formation that need improvement in your life and work on it or consider contributing to the improvement of this area in the HFI in the coming year.

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PROMOTING THE INSTITUTE

In this small group breakout session, each participant will have 3 minutes to think about and note **how they have been promoting the HFI, especially what worked well for them.** Then they will participate in a 15-minute, facilitated small group discussion and talk about the following questions that the group facilitator will introduce. The role of the facilitator is to keep the conversation on track, within time, and on topic. A separate note taker will use another sheet to capture what was shared. Finally, a spokesperson (can be the note taker) from each group will be called upon to summarize very briefly (in 1 minute) the top 3 most notable points that emerged from their conversation.

Questions for discussion: (5 minutes each)

- How do you live your HFI vocation in a way that may be inviting to others in your community?
- How do you actively engage with others to promote the HFI? Think about what you say, what you do, where you go, or what media you use to promote the HFI.
- What could you do better or more of to promote the Institute? What innovative ideas can you share about doing a better job of promoting the Institute?

Action: Pick one of the above promotional methods and commit to doing it over the next year.

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