

## **House of Discernment**

The diocesan House of Discernment is one such building block of a new culture of vocations in the Diocese. On behalf of the Bishop of Peterborough and under the auspices of the diocesan Office for Vocations the House of Discernment assists young men, typically between the ages of 18-30, in the discernment and development of a possible priestly vocation, providing them with the foundation for subsequent entry into seminary through spiritual discernment and direction, shared community life of prayer and worship; spiritual, personal and intellectual development; and pastoral service. The goals of the House are: to provide a prayerful environment for residents discerning a call to the ministerial priesthood; to provide the spiritual, personal, pastoral, communal and intellectual tools necessary to help a resident discern a call to the ministerial priesthood; to assist with a smooth transition from secular life to seminary formation; to prepare, in a preliminary way, young men for a possible service as priests with special emphasis on their generosity of spirit, their dedication to the Church's mission and their readiness to serve.

Any young man interested in this unique opportunity please contact the diocesan Vocations Office.