Catholic Youth Vocations Day Planned Here

More than 30 Roman Catholic religious orders will tell their stories and describe their work today during "Vocations Day" for New Mexico's Catholic young people at Civic Auditorium.

Dr. Wallace Fanning, president of Albuquerque Serra Club, said purpose of the program is to show today's youth "life in the priesthood or in a religious order has much relevance to our time and their lives."

In addition, lay groups such as Papal Volunteers for Latin America, the Cursillo movement and the Christian Family Movement, will have booths of their own, showing the part lay people can play in today's religion.

The booths will be open until 10 p.m., and at 7 p.m., entertainment will be provided by the city's three Catholic high schools and the University of Albuquerque.

A "thank you" dinner for clergy of the archdiocese will be held by the two sponsoring organizations, Serra Club, a men's group, and Theresians, a women's organization.

The day will begin with a 10 a.m. guitar mass, concelebrated by Archbishop James Peter Davis and the following priests and monsignors: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Peter T. M. rector of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary; Very Rev. Msgr. Francis Tournier, archdiocesan promoter; Rev. Father Finbar Coyle, OFM Franciscan vocation promoter; Rev. Father Dalmatius Madden, OP Dominican vocation director; Rt. Rev. Msgr. Bernard M. Burns, Albuquerque Serra Club chaplain; Very Rev. Msgr. Sipio Salas, moderator for the National Council of Catholic Men; and Very Rev. Msgr. O. A. Coggiola-Mower, moderator for the National Council of Catholic Women.

Singing the mass will be the combined choirs of St. Vincent Academy, St. Mary High School and St. Pius X High School, directed by Rev. Arthur Perrault.