

# Vocation Awareness

## Parish Bulletin Fillers

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"Christ wants to speak to the people of today through your voice. He wants to consecrate the Eucharist and forgive sins through you. He wants to live in your heart. He wants to help with your hands... Think about it carefully. The response that many of you give is given personally to Christ, who is calling you to those great things." - Pope John Paul II

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You have not chosen me, I have chosen you! Is God calling you to be a Priest? Brother? Sister?

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"Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. Only how are they to call upon Him until they have learned to believe in Him? And how are they to believe in Him, until they listen to Him? And how can they listen without a preacher to listen to?" - Romans 10:13-15

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There are vocations! It would be presumptuous to say Almighty God would establish a Church and not provide priests for His people. Pray that those who are called will answer God's call.

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Do we really want more Priests, Brothers, Sisters? Then "Ask the Father anything in my name, and He will give it to you."

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A vocation is like a seed. A seed cannot take root or grow in just any kind of soil or climate. To reach its fullest flowering, it must be cared for and cultivated. It is up to each Catholic home to provide the proper atmosphere for growth and development of this precious seed.

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Christ's call to the Priesthood or Religious Life is an invitation, and as such it can be refused or accepted. If refused, it may be given again, but it may not. Do not refuse Christ if He is offering you this special invitation.

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God's finger touches each of us. He calls each. Have you listened? To what life has He called you?

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Love God? The Catholic Faith? Working with people? Consider the Priesthood or Religious Life.

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A Priest in today's world spends a lot of time in church and outside of church- in homes, hospitals, jails, and on the streets. He goes where he is needed. Can you live it?

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Many are called, few are chosen. Do you feel chosen by God to lead and serve his people as a priest? Rev. Paul C. Hoelsing, Vocation Director - (402) 558-3100

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Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News! Is God calling you to share in this great work as a Priest? Brother? Sister?

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The harvest is great, laborers are few. Beg the harvest master to send more laborers into the field. Pray for many more vocations to the Priesthood and religious life.

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The work of the Priest is an exalted work and leads to the kingdom of Heaven. Is the exalted work of the Priest for you?

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The Priesthood is the spiritual power conferred on the ministers of the Church by Christ for the purpose of dispensing the sacraments to the faithful. John of Paris. Is Christ calling you to share this priestly power and work?

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God stirs and calls young men and women in the depths of their souls to serve Him as Priests or Religious. Is he stirring you?

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Qualities for a Priestly Vocation: 1) Good Hearted, 2) Zeal for Jesus and His Gospel, 3) Idealistic, 4) Able to sacrifice, 5) Natural Leader, 6) wanting the most out of life

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The Priests and Religious of tomorrow are in our midst: They are members of this parish and belong to our families. Pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life from our families and parish.

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You're invited to share in God's saving work on earth. Experience the fullness of Christ's life and love. Discover the joys and challenges of the Priesthood. Develop your talents. Open your heart.... **ANSWER GOD'S CALL TO BE A PRIEST.**

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A Diocesan Priest is a servant of God and leader of His people. His role is to: Be another Christ, Preach the Gospel, Gather up God's Family, Celebrate the Sacraments, Organize People for Service. Is God calling you to be a Priest?

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**HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU HAVE A CALL TO BE A PRIEST?** Discovering your call is often a gradual process. Take time to pray - ask God what He wants of you. Seek guidance.

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