



VOCATIONS OFFICE
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Dear parishioner,

As baptized sons and daughters of God we all have a place in the Body of Christ, the Church. God calls all of us to follow him and to be holy. This is a universal call that belongs to all without distinction. However, God also calls each of us to a particular role to build up the Church and proclaim the Gospel. These particular vocations can be divided into the main categories of married and celibate vocations. Within the celibate vocations we have priesthood, and religious life for men and women (religious brothers and sisters/monks and nuns), and the consecrated single life. The process of discernment is a prayerful process by which a man or woman seeks God's will for them in their life.

Everyone, and especially the young, ought to be encouraged to ask the question: what is God asking of me? However, no one can do that alone! A vocation is very personal, but it is not private. It is meant for the building up of the Church and proclamation of the Gospel. Discernment is done within the Church. You as a Parish Vocation Promoter will be a great help in this process. Your task is to help build a "culture of vocations" within your parish that encourages everyone, especially young people, to listen to the Holy Spirit and not be afraid to follow the Lord along whatever path He is calling them.

I thank you for your willingness to step forward and participate in this important work. Please know of my prayers for you. Also know of my support and feel free to contact me at any time.

In Christ,

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Parish Vocation Promoter

Qualifications

1. Faithfulness to Christ and His Church
2. Enthusiastic desire for promoting vocations to priesthood and religious life.
3. Organizational skills to manage budgets, details, plans, ideas, and coordinate people.

Activities for a Parish Vocation Promoters (may include, but not limited to...)

1. Work in collaboration with the pastor and the vocations office.
2. Recruit help of parish ministries (CCW, KofC, Cursillo, Encuentro Matrimonial, etc.) and others in the parish.
3. Organize prayer initiatives (traveling chalice/cross, rosary, adoration, etc.)
4. Ensure the parish is stocked with vocation materials (books, pamphlets, prayer cards, etc.)
5. Assist CCD and youth programs by providing resources and materials for vocations

Resources

1. *Hundredfold: A Guide to Parish Vocation Ministry* by Rhonda Gruenewald
 - a. A "must have" for parish vocation ministry
2. <https://www.vianneyvocations.com/>
3. <https://www.vocationministry.com/>
4. <https://www.dioslc.org/offices/vocations>
 - a. Our diocesan vocations website is undergoing a facelift. Check periodically for new materials and updates.
5. Training provided by the Vocations Office
 - a. This will be scheduled as needed. Stay tuned for details.