


Let's promote vocations!



Making Stewardship A Way of Life

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Spirituality of Vocations

- Human Resources
- Vocations come from family
- Parents are the number one reason people say "no" to vocation
- Need to counteract media influence whose only concern is an alternative lifestyle



Promoting Vocations Year-Round

- Vocations: An important part of making disciples, of goals and objectives
- Staff are briefed on parish mission at the beginning of school and fiscal year
- Staff are reviewed annually on goals and objectives, and must show how they promote vocations
- Parish leaders report once a year on goals and objectives, including how they promote vocations



Promote Vocations Year-Round

- Annual Stewardship of Vocations Weekend
- Vocations Fair
- Seminarians are visible in the parish year-round and speak at Masses during annual Stewardship of Vocations Weekend
- Clergy and Religious Appreciation Day
- Clergy and Religious remembered during their special days: birthdays and anniversary of ordination or vows



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Promoting Vocation Year-Round

- Support diocesan efforts, such as the "Andrew Dinner" in Denver, for potential candidates to the priesthood.
- Pray for seminarians and religious listed weekly in the bulletin
- Traveling Chalice for parish families and classes in parish school to pray for vocations
- Holy Hour for vocations
- H.S. interns in youth ministry and liturgical services allow them to clergy at work



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Vocations at St. Thomas More

- 15 Priests including 5 in the STM Neocatechumenal Way community
- 10 Permanent Deacons
- 3 Sisters
- 1 Brother
- 11 Seminarians (5 for Archdiocese of Denver and 6 for Religious Orders)
- 2 in Diaconate Formation



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How did we get this abundance in vocations?

- “Called by Name”: created by Serra Club Vocations Program called, “I’m Waiting to Be Asked.”
- Annual Stewardship of Vocations Weekend in November
- 150 Nominations received annually
- Two letters sent to those nominated to encourage them to pray for vocations

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I nominate the following person as an individual who may be called to a vocation as a priest, deacon or religious man or woman.

Male Female Age (if known) _____
 Name (Last name, first name)
 Phone (if known) _____ E-mail address (if known) _____
 Mailing Address (if known) _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Name of parish/center submitting the nomination (optional) _____
 Phone _____

Called by Name

The *Called by Name* program reflects the Second Vatican Council's vision that all God's faithful people share responsibility for calling forth and fostering vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate and religious life.

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Called by Name

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that through him, with him, in him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer on Back of Nomination Card

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Religious Orders at Vocations Fair

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Lay Movements are invited too

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Children hang out if its fun for them.

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Seminarian speaks at Mass

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Clergy and Religious Appreciation

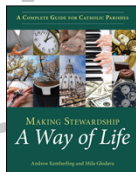
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