



## **20 WAYS TO PROMOTE VOCATIONS IN YOUR PARISH AND/OR SCHOOL**

1. Have public recitation of the diocesan vocation prayer at Masses on Sunday and the daily Masses.
2. Provide Eucharistic adoration on certain days, asking for prayers for vocations.
3. Send greeting cards to each of the seminarians of our diocese at the beginning of a new semester, holidays, exam times, birthdays, ordinations, etc.
4. Sponsor poster/coloring/essay contests with vocation related themes and exhibit the results.
5. Encourage interviews of pastors, priests, sisters, brothers and deacons for the school newspaper or parish bulletin, especially on how they discerned their call.
6. Create a page on your parish/school website with vocation information.
7. Host an Altar Server Appreciation Night and ask one of the priests or the Diocesan Vocation Director to speak to the servers (keynote).
8. Before a regular meeting, ask that the parish ministries or groups get together a little earlier to pray a decade of the rosary together for a specific priest or seminarian.
9. Create a collage of photos of priests, brothers, and sisters who have been part of your parish community.
10. Include Vocation Awareness lesson plans and programs at each grade level of religious education. Each grade can do a special project and the reports can be combined into a resource booklet.

11. Have the Diocesan Prayer for Vocations printed on refrigerator magnets and distribute to parishioners.
12. Celebrate the ordination date(s) of the parish priest(s) and celebrate within the parish and/or school.
13. Promote the lives of saints in various ways, e.g. in the bulletin, on the bulletin board, on posters, in a bibliography, etc.
14. Take a group from your parish and/or school to attend the ordination of a diocesan priest or deacon. Check out the vocations website/calendar for dates of upcoming ordinations.
15. Invite a newly ordained priest to offer a school Mass...and/or to lead a Holy Hour with exposition for the parish youth group/confirmation classes.
16. Sponsor a parish breakfast after Sunday Mass with a vocation speaker (Vocation Director, Consecrated Life Director, etc.).
17. Invite the Vocation Director to the parish for a weekend, for Masses and/or meals with parish families.
18. Ask 31 parishioners to volunteer to pray the rosary or attend Mass on one of the 31 days of the month for vocations on behalf of your parish and/or Vocation Awareness Committee.
19. Encourage the Vocation Awareness Committee to celebrate feasts of the saints, such as attending Mass on the Feast of St. John Vianney (patron of parish priests), St. Charles Borromeo (patron of seminarians), St. Therese of Lisieux (patroness of missionaries and patroness of many vocations), etc.
20. Provide intercessory prayers for vocations for Prayer of the Faithful at daily and Sunday Masses.

**\*Please contact the Diocese of Corpus Christi: Office of Vocations (361-882-6191 or [vocations@diocesec.org](mailto:vocations@diocesec.org)) for assistance in obtaining any and all materials/dates listed above.**