

Reel Them In!

IDENTIFY VOCATIONS IN YOUR MIDST.

Recent studies continue to reveal that one of the reasons individuals consider a vocation to priesthood or religious life is because of a personal invitation.



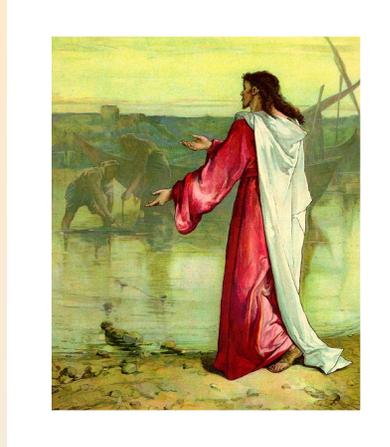
Your personal invitation can make a difference in the future of the Church and in the Diocese of Sacramento!

Priests, brothers, sisters, and deacons make it a part of their lives to identify prospective candidates to the priesthood and religious life.

As a member of the Church community, you may know of an individual who would contribute significantly to the Church community. This brochure offers suggestions on how to encourage individuals you feel might have a place in the future of the Church.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

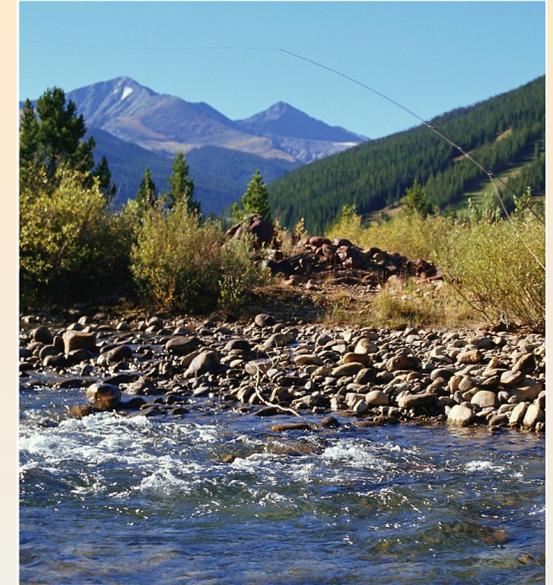
**Help the future of the church!
Invite someone to be a PRIEST,
SISTER, BROTHER, OR DEACON!**



"And he said to them, Come, follow me and I will make you fishers of people."



YOU are the FISHERS!



Ways that you can help promote the future of the Church

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Do you know of someone who you believe would make a great **PRIEST, BROTHER, SISTER, or DEACON** ?

HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS CROSSED YOUR MIND?

▶ How do I approach the topic?

▶ How do I bring up the question?

▶ How do I invite someone to consider a religious vocation?

DON'T HESITATE!

With the declining numbers of priests and religious, your help is needed to identify potential candidates to faithfully fulfill the mission of Christ. You may know of someone in your parish who might be a good priest, sister, brother, or deacon. Invite a worthy individual to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life!

Don't let a prospective candidate miss out on the opportunity of answering their Baptismal call!

- Identify potential individuals and notify the Diocesan Vocation Office.
- Receive support for other ways to follow up with your prospective candidate.

SUGGESTIONS FOR INVITING PROSPECTIVE INDIVIDUALS

- "I am aware that you are a person who prays a lot and have seen you at Mass regularly. Have you every thought of priesthood or religious life?"
- "You appear to be so happy and joy-filled in your ministry of serving others. Have you ever thought of becoming a priest or a member of a religious community and giving your life in service to the Church?"
- "You seem to be thinking about the future and where your life might be leading you. Have you ever considered a vocation to the priesthood or religious life?"
- "I have observed your commitment and enthusiasm to many of our service programs. Have you ever considered a life of service as a priest, sister, religious, or deacon?"
- "You have so many gifts and talents and are very compassionate with others in the community. I am going to pray that you might consider dedicating your talents to serve the Church as a priest or religious."
- "I notice that you have many qualities in your character that would contribute greatly to our diocese. Have you ever considered a vocation in the Church?"
- "I have noticed you for some time at church functions and at Mass, and feel you would be an asset to the Church. Have you considered serving the Church on a full-time basis?"
- "Your gift of caring would certainly serve the Church well. I feel you would be a good priest/sister/brother/deacon. Have you ever thought of a vocation in the Church?"
- "You appear to be searching for meaning in your life. Are you willing to consider a religious vocation?"
- "I am pleased that you enjoy praying with us. Did you ever think of doing this on a continuous basis, perhaps every day, serving the Church as a priest, or religious?"



Help each other to live and grow in the Christian faith so as to be valiant witnesses of the Lord. Be united, but not closed. Be humble, but not fearful. Be simple, but not naïve. Be thoughtful, but not complicated. Enter into dialogue with others, but be yourselves.

Pope Benedict XVI, 2008