

19 Celebrate feasts of the saints, such as attending Mass on the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, patroness of missionaries and patroness of many vocations.

20 Provide intercessory prayers for vocations for Prayers of the Faithful at Mass.



YOUTH VOCATION CROSS

This cross has been traveling throughout the Sacramento Diocese for over thirteen years with parish Youth Groups praying for an increase in vocations in our diocese. If the Youth Group in your parish has not hosted the Youth Vocation Cross, please have your youth minister contact Marisela Smith in the Vocations Office to arrange a visit for the cross:



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Contact the Diocesan Office of Vocations to obtain more information regarding upcoming events on vocations.

- Retreats: Quo Vadis (Boys) & Deus Vocat (Girls)
- Parish Vocation Committee Retreat
- Sacramento Classic Basketball Game: Sacerdotes y Seminaristas
- Annual Vocations Benefit Dinner

ANNUAL ACTIVITIES FOR VOCATIONS

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life (February)

World Day of Prayer for Vocations (May)

Priesthood Sunday (September)

Vocation Awareness Week (November)

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20 WAYS TO PROMOTE VOCATIONS IN YOUR PARISH & SCHOOL

(www.usccb.org)

- 1** Have public recitation of the diocesan vocation prayer at masses on Sunday and the daily masses.

VOCATION PRAYER

Loving God, You speak to us and nourish us through the life of this church community.

In the name of Jesus, we ask you to send your Spirit to us so that men and women among us, young and old, will respond to your call to service and leadership in the church.

We pray, especially, in our day, for those who hear your invitation to be a priest, sister, brother, or deacon.

May those who are opening their hearts and minds to your call be encouraged and strengthened through our enthusiasm in your service. Amen.

- 2** Provide Eucharistic adoration on certain days, asking for prayers for vocations.



20 WAYS TO PROMOTE VOCATIONS IN YOUR PARISH OR SCHOOL

- 3** Send greeting cards to each of the seminarians of your 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 to speak to the servers.
- 8** Before a regular meeting, have your ministry or group get together a little earlier to say 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 community.
- 10** Include Vocations 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 vocation prayer printed on refrigerator magnets and distribute.
- 12** Find out the Ordination dates of your parish priests and celebrate within the parish and 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 or school to attend the ordination of a diocesan priest or deacon. Check out the vocations calendar for dates of upcoming ordinations.
- 15** Invite a priest, sister or deacon to supper to discuss vocations around the family dinner table.
- 16** Sponsor a Communion Breakfast with a vocation speaker.
- 17** Invite the Director of Vocations to the parish for a weekend, for masses and 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 committee.

