

Vocation Thoughts for Parish Bulletins

“Christ wants to speak to the people of today through your voice. He wants to consecrate the Eucharist and forgive sins through you. He wants to live in your heart. He wants to help with your hands...Think about it carefully. The response that many of you give is personally to Christ, who is calling you to these great things.” - Pope John Paul II

Love God? Like working with people? Consider the priesthood or religious life.

“Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved. Only how are they to call upon Him until they have learned to believe in Him? And how are they to believe in Him, until they listen to Him? And how can they listen without a preacher to listen to? - Romans 10: 13-15

There are vocations! It would be presumptuous to say Almighty God would establish a Church and not provide priests for His people. Pray that those who are called will answer d's call.

Christ's call to the priesthood or religious life is an invitation, and as such it can be refused or accepted. If refused, it may be given again, but it may not. Do not refuse Christ if He is offering you this special invitation.

“The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few. Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the harvest: Luke 10:2

A vocation is like a seed. A seed cannot take root or grow in just any kind of soil or climate. To reach it fullest flowering, it must be cared for and cultivated. It is up to each Catholic home to provide the proper atmosphere for growth and development of this precious seed.

A priest in today's world spends a lot of time outside of Church – in homes, hospitals, jails, and on the streets. He goes where he is needed. It's a special kind of love. Can you live it?

Do we really want more Sisters, Brothers, and Priests? Then “Ask the Father anything in my name and He will give it to you.”

God's finger touches each of us. He calls each. Have you listened? To what life has He called you?