

Vocation Training Bullet Points

-Recruiting-

Invite those that have a deep devotion to daily mass and a deep appreciation for priests and sisters.

Knights of Columbus

Seasoned Adult Ministry

Youth Ministry

Priests/Principal/

Rosary Group

GOALS

1. To introduce an awareness of a calling/vocation to the priesthood and consecrated life.
2. Provide resources and support for the discernment process
3. Nurture a spirit of vocational awareness.

Purchase Hundredfold! Wonderful resource with step by step instructions. Beautiful spiritual insights.

THINGS WE HAVE DONE

Maintain vocation bulletin board in Narthex.

Put Seminarian Posters around your campus.

Bookmarks in hymnals. Order these from Knights or have some custom made. Knights sponsored these purchases.

Bulletin entries

Make sure your bulletin editor is on Vocation Office email list.

Seminarian Spotlight

Conversations with Sr. Katherine

BRING VOCATIONS INTO OTHER MINISTRIES WITHIN PARISH/SCHOOL

Purchased set of books for both Faith Formation and SWS. Books included: *Where do Sisters Come From* and *Where do Priests Come From* by Elizabeth Ficocelli for the younger grades. For the older grades and Youth Ministry, we purchased *To Save a Thousand Souls* by Fr. Brett Brannen and Sam Alzheimer and *Is This a Call?* from Vianney Vocations.

Baptism Class- Provide a prayer card from Vocation Ministry

Confirmation Kids-Provide Vocation Prayer card from Vocation Ministry

YLC-Small, silly treats from the Vocation Ministry....GUM, God Use Me and DOTS, Depend on the Savior. Find ideas on Pinterest.

Teachers-Prayer and treat bag at the start of the year

Grandparents Day-Provide Grandparents prayer for vocations at the reception following Grandparents Day Mass.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY AND NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Past and pending ideas

Holy Hour for Vocation

Ask “What has priesthood meant to you in your life?” and publish responses in bulletin leading up to Priesthood Sunday.

Reception, blessing at mass, play their favorite hymns,

Excellent resources at Vianneyvocations.com –prayer cards, posters, inserts, etc. If you don't have a budget, maybe you can see if Knights or someone who is able can donate towards the cause.

Adopt a Seminarian/Deacon/Sister-parishioners, each classroom, some ministries committed to this, and homebound. While you will have active members within your ministry, remember those that aren't able to help with events, etc. Homebound, young moms with little ones, workers with long hours, etc. They can pray, assemble things at home, write to those in formation, etc.

FINAL TWO POINTS

When planning, consider your priests who are serving in your parish. EX. They might not like spotlight, so plan accordingly.

You might not see the fruits of your labor, but the fact that you are doing what you are doing, making sure vocations are talked about, that the topic becomes a natural talking point, the windows and doors will start to open. God can do anything, but if you work to lay the seed, His job will be easier! If Vocations aren't talked about, etc, people aren't likely to feel that call.