



National Vocation Awareness

This third installment of the Advocate newsletter contains stories compiled by Anne Stark, Parish Vocation Advocate from St Anne, Mother of Mary, in Mexico and Christ Our Light in Pulaski. She works with young people preparing them to receive the sacraments, and evangelize.

As we celebrate Vocation Awareness Week throughout the country from November 6-13, be aware that resource packets were sent to all pastors. Please check with your parish to make sure the new seminarian posters are hung up and the classroom resources are distributed to Faith Formation teachers.

In particular, note the tremendous online resource now available in the form of Online Vocation Lessons. They are written and ready...just "plug and play." See more info below.

Last week in Rome, Pope Francis met with Vocation Personnel from around the world and shared these words, "Vocational ministry is a fundamental task for the Church and calls into question the ministry of pastors and of laity," he said, adding that "it's an urgent mission that the Lord asks us to fulfill with generosity."

Thank you for your generous assistance in this urgent ministry!

As always, contact me, if I can help in any way.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 24
#FishermansClub
(college-age discernment group)

Nov 6-13
National Vocation Awareness Week

Nov 14
#FishermansClub
(college-age discernment group)

Dec 5
#FishermansClub
(college-age discernment group)

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PRAYER

Adoration for All Ages

- a reflection by Anne



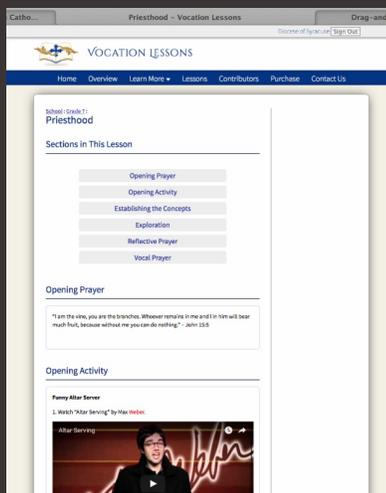
My trip to Africa this summer stressed the benefit of Eucharistic Adoration in the Harvest of Vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Many African children from 1st through 5th grade would stop into the Perpetual Adoration Chapel, in Nakuru Diocese in Kenya, in between playing on the playground and spend from 5 to 15 minutes talking with our Lord.

Later, when I went on a retreat in Nigeria, I found children of all ages spending 1 to 3 hours in ADORATION with our Lord. There were also more than 50 seminarians and hundreds of sisters present. There is no age too young to introduce to adoration of their Lord and developing a personal relationship with Christ. I noticed 6 vocations to the priesthood and 17 vocations to the religious sisters in just one small corner of this diocese. Their first recourse is to Our Lord when confronted with a decision or problem. Something we need to imitate.

- Contact Anne Stark for more ideas from her trip.

AWARENESS

Online Vocation Lessons



The Diocese of Syracuse now has access to a tremendous online resource: Lesson Plans for all grade levels and youth groups K-12. Wonderful grade appropriate resources and worksheets are available to all schools and parishes online.

These can be printed or used online. They are also "smart-board-friendly" in case you have that technology available at your parish.

Find them at:

VocationLessons.com

The log-in for the Syracuse Diocese is:
Vocations-Syracuse

PROGRAMMING

The Parish as a Powerhouse of Prayer



An hour of Adoration has been added weekly before the Wednesday 7PM evening Mass in Pulaski. A Holy Hour for Vocations has also been developed. Praying the rosary after every Mass has been encouraged at both parishes. We strive as a spiritual family to share the sacraments, Gospel and pray together and for one another not only at Mass but for all life activities and decisions

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