



SUMMER FUN with VOCATION

We continue with our second installment of the Advocate newsletter. The stories in this edition were compiled by Julie Hagan, Parish Vocation Advocate from St. Ann's in Manlius. She works with the young people in that parish, preparing them for Confirmation...and life! I trust that you will enjoy some of her fun and youth-friendly ideas.

The priests & seminarians of the Diocese of Syracuse challenge the youth from St. James in?

Men in Black Softball

Roman Catholic Diocese of Syracuse

www.vocations-syracuse.org

SUNDAY AUGUST 7th @ 6:00PM
MEACHEM FIELD
Seneca Turnpike and S. Salina St., Syracuse

Free Admission! • Concessions & Games! • Fun for the whole family!

As we enjoy the slow summer months, notice there are still a couple of vocation events worth promoting. I draw your attention to the [Men In Black Softball game](#) and the [Bishop's Vocation Picnic](#). (Click either title for more information.) Other events are in the Calendar of Events in the sidebar. Click the header or footer for a PDF with more details and contact people for each of these events.

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

Fr. Joe O'Connor
 Office of Vocation Promotion



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 12
Holy Hours for Priests

July 22-Aug 3
World Youth Day

Aug 4
Feast of St. John Vianney

Aug 5-7
*Camping Discernment
 Retreat led by Sr. Caryn
 Crook, OSF*

Aug 7
Men In Black Softball Game

Aug 10
Bishop's Vocation Picnic

Sept 19
*#FishermansClub
 (college-age discernment
 group)*

*click here for
 full calendar &
 details*



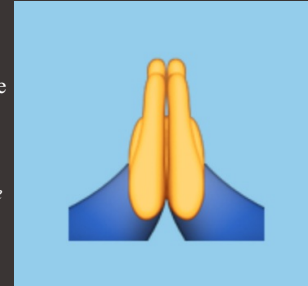
PRAYER

A Plethora of Prayers

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provides prayers for families, parents, parishes, and individuals seeking to support vocations or find their vocation. It is simply, the only advice Jesus gave us. "Pray to the Lord of the Harvest..."

Come, Holy Spirit. Fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

See more on their website: USCCB



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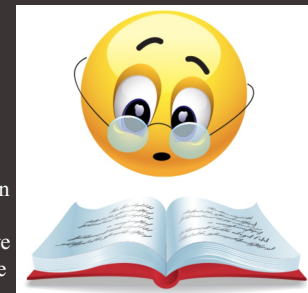
According to Brother Webster...

vo·ca·tion ~ vō'kāSH(ə)n/
noun

- a strong desire to spend your life doing a certain kind of work
- the work that a person does or should be doing

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See more: [Vocation Definitions](#)



PROGRAMMING

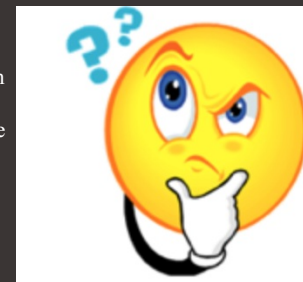
Discernment Quiz

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Your vocation deserves much thought, care and consideration. It is something you should pray about and contemplate in front of the Eucharist. We have created a quiz in order to help you in your discernment process

See more on their website: [Catholic Link](#)

Click the Let's Play button to get started.



STAY IN TOUCH

