Let’s promote vocations!

Making Stewardship
A Way of Life

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Spirituality of Vocations

• Human Resources
• Vocations come from family
• Parents are the number one reason people say “no” to vocation
• Need to counteract media influence whose only concern is an alternative lifestyle

Promoting Vocations Year-Round

• Vocations: An important part of making disciples, of goals and objectives
• Staff are briefed on parish mission at the beginning of school and fiscal year
• Staff are reviewed annually on goals and objectives, and must show how they promote vocations
• Parish leaders report once a year on goals and objectives, including how they promote vocations
Promote Vocations Year-Round

- Annual Stewardship of Vocations Weekend
- Vocations Fair
- Seminarians are visible in the parish year-round and speak at Masses during annual Stewardship of Vocations Weekend
- Clergy and Religious Appreciation Day
- Clergy and Religious remembered during their special days: birthdays and anniversary of ordination or vows

Promoting Vocation Year-Round

- Support diocesan efforts, such as the “Andrew Dinner” in Denver, for potential candidates to the priesthood.
- Pray for seminarians and religious listed weekly in the bulletin
- Traveling Chalice for parish families and classes in parish school to pray for vocations
- Holy Hour for vocations
- H.S. interns in youth ministry and liturgical services allow them to clergy at work

Vocations Wall
Vocations at St. Thomas More

- 15 Priests including 5 in the STM Neocatechumenal Way community
- 10 Permanent Deacons
- 3 Sisters
- 1 Brother
- 11 Seminarians (5 for Archdiocese of Denver and 6 for Religious Orders)
- 2 in Diaconate Formation

How did we get this abundance in vocations?

- “Called by Name”: created by Serra Club Vocations Program called, “I’m Waiting to Be Asked.”
- Annual Stewardship of Vocations Weekend in November
- 150 Nominations received annually
- Two letters sent to those nominated to encourage them to pray for vocations

Questions?
Called by Name

Prayer on Back of Nomination Card

Religious Orders at Vocations Fair
Lay Movements are invited too

Children hang out if its fun for them.

Seminarian speaks at Mass
Clergy and Religious Appreciation

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