

Statement of Purpose Monthly Mass for Vocations

The mission of the Serra Club of Indianapolis is to **help foster, promote and support vocations to the priesthood, Deaconate and religious life.**

We do this by praying for all these religious vocations, both on our own and within the club. We also do this by getting out among the faithful, and working to foster a climate for vocations within family and parish life.

A climate for Vocations

Young men and women want to be accepted within their families and within their peer groups. What are the attitudes about priestly and religious vocations within these support groups? Are priests, deacons, religious, and seminarians respected? Honored? Included within our lives? God is calling some men and women to these vocations. What response and support do they get?

By our prayers, our presence, our verbal support, and our example, we hope to establish positive attitudes about vocations within families, parishes, and the entire Archdiocese.

Planning a Parish Vocation Mass

1. Determine if the parish has an active vocation committee. Invite those men/women to help host the vocation mass.
2. If the parish has a school, ask pastor if one of the school masses can be designated as a mass to pray for vocations. If no school, ask pastor for best mass to pray for vocations.
3. Get with parish office to have announcement about vocations mass put into parish bulletin and invite all parishioners to attend.
4. Determine who will give talk about what Serra does, our mission, and why we are here. (If school mass, use one of our younger Serrans)
5. Invite members of the Serra Club of Indianapolis to attend.
6. Find meeting / refreshment space for after mass social / speaker.
7. Provide refreshments (Coffee, doughnuts, etc).
8. Find a parish spokesman to talk about vocation activities in the parish.
9. Invite the parish to join in our mission, start a vocation committee.

Possible Bulletin Announcement

"Our parish will be offering a mass to pray for religious vocations on __ (day) __, __ (date) __, at __ (time). Members of the Serra Club of Indianapolis will be here to join with us in prayer and fellowship. Coffee, doughnuts, and discussion about our parish vocation activities will follow. Please come and be an advocate for vocations from our parish."

Remember, we are at the parish to motivate, grow and assist with that parishes' vocation activities. It is not the Serra Club's mass for vocations. We are facilitators.