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Dear Pastors, Principals, and Parish Catechetical Leaders,

As we enter the month of October, the month of the Rosary, we are blessed with the intercession of our Mother Mary who always encourages us to enter deeper into our relationship with God. One such young man who has done that is Carlos Acutis who was born in London in 1991 and died in 2006 at the age of 15. His short life was filled with a devotion to holiness and that which is sacred, most especially the Eucharist as he chronicled Eucharistic Miracles throughout the world. He attended Mass daily, prayed the rosary frequently, and went to confession regularly. His life, centered on Christ, is an example of holiness and the possibilities for our students and children when they put God before everything. He will be beatified on October 10, 2020.

To help our children grow in holiness and respond to God's invitation, the Office for Vocations invites your parish school and catechetical program to participate in the ***National Vocation Awareness Week, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>***. This week has been designated as an opportunity to be aware of and pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. We are writing to encourage your parish, school, and RE program to 1) pray for vocations, 2) promote vocations, 3) teach about vocations, 4) establish a culture of vocations, and 5) participate in a ***Vocation Poster Contest*** where your students have the opportunity to be recognized for exceptional work.

Each poster should be done by an individual student. Resource lessons can be found at <http://www.lavocations.org/poster-contest.html>; [www.serraspark.org](http://www.serraspark.org); [www.vianneyvocations.com](http://www.vianneyvocations.com), and <https://carmelitesistersocd.com/vocation-curriculum/>. In addition, our Office will be having a Live Virtual Event on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 AM on Vocations which will also be recorded and can be viewed at a later date.

Each individual parish school and catechetical program is encouraged to present awards for the best posters per grade level. Once the best posters per grade are determined, please submit only the ***top 5 for each grade level*** which would be a total of 45 posters for grades K-8 for the school and an additional 45 for the catechetical program. All posters are to be submitted digitally to their regional vocation director listed on the following page. The winners will be acknowledged regionally by the Office for Vocations. All posters must be submitted by ***Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>***.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 213-637-7248 or email us. We look forward to your participation and continuing to build a ***culture of vocations***.

In Christ,

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## ***Instructions for submitting poster entries:***

- Schools/Catechetical Programs is to select the 5 best posters from each grade participating to be submitted
  - A digital file/copy via photo or scan should be made of each poster to be submitted. Please save the original work as we will need it if the poster wins. Each photo "File Name" should have this format:
    - "Last Name, First Name, Grade (K, 1, 2, etc.), Name of Parish, School, or RE"
    - Upload the digital file to a google drive or other shareable file folder which the submitting principal, teacher, or catechist creates
    - To submit the posters, email the link of the shared folder to the Regional Vocation Director and include your name, parish, and position