

**Vocation Ministry Meeting**

**August 21, 2016- 6:30-8:00PM**

1. **PRAYER (SEE BACK)**
2. **NEWS/RECAP**

***Priesthood Sunday events***

1. **UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS**

***Reception for Fr. Gabriel– after school Mass***

***Traveling Chalice Program***

*Starting in Pre-k classes October 13th*

***Spiritual Adoption Program for all seminarians-*** *Update*

***National Vocation Awareness Week Activities***

***Christmas ideas for Sr. Miriam/Fr. Gabriel***

1. **NEW IDEAS**

**5. CLOSING PRAYER (SEE BACK)**

***Opening Prayer of Consecration***

Loving God, we praise and thank you for sending your Son among us born of the Virgin Mary. We praise you, Jesus, for founding the Church and calling us to participate in your divine life. Help all of us, in the ministry of vocations, to help you call workers to your vineyard, workers to your Church who will help you to carry on your work of redemption. We recognize the need you have for apostles in our world; priests who will bring people the fruits of the redemption which you won for us on the cross. We recognize the need for sisters and brothers to bear witness to the love of Jesus in our world and to the fact that this world is passing. We desire, Lord God, to place this our vocation ministry under the patronage of the one whose “yes” has allowed you to take flesh and become our savior and brother. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray with us just as you did with the disciples in the upper room on the day of Pentecost. Help us to be open like you were to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We consecrate our work to you so that just as you raised Jesus Christ on earth and watched him grow to maturity, now through your intercession, let us help you raise up the body of Christ on earth in the Church, by helping God’s call reach the ears of our brothers and sisters in our community.

***Prayer for Discerners***

O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you. Open the hearts of Your children, especially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Next meeting is September 18th***