



Vocation Days & Resources Education

National Catholic Schools Week (Last Weekend of January)

Purpose: Strengthens the Catholic identity of a school through vocation promotion.

Ideas: Distribute Family Discussion Table Tents; Hold a faith-based quiz bowl; Invite a sister to address students at a school assembly; Implement lesson plans from one of the free curricula for vocations.

World Day for Consecrated Life (February 2 – Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord)

Purpose: Recognize those from your school who are in a religious order; To bring awareness to consecrated life.

Ideas: Put a picture and info of religious from your school on bulletin board or poster at entrance of school; Ask a religious sister/brother/priest to give a reflection on Consecrated Life at school Mass.

World Marriage Day (Second Sunday in February)

National Marriage Week (February 7-14 Each Year)

Purpose: Affirm those who have said “Yes” to the vocation of marriage. Remember, marriages striving for holiness equals a growing, thriving Church.

Ideas: Update bulletin board, write blurb for newsletter; ask students to interview engaged/married couples, make a card for their parents or grandparents.

Religious Brothers Day (May 1 – Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker)

Purpose: Bring awareness to religious brothers from the school and in the diocese.

Ideas: Update bulletin board, write blurb for newsletter; put picture and info of brothers from your school in newsletter or poster at entrance of the school; Send a care package of practical items to a house of formation or to the brothers living in your diocese or nearby diocese.

Uplift Your Priest (Second Monday & Third Week of Easter)

Purpose: To inspire students to support and encourage their priests.

Ideas: Send priest(s) spiritual bouquets, drawings, letters, gift cards. Hold a Car Parade of Love for him. Send the parish extra financial support.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday)

Purpose: Pray for vocations from your school, diocese, and the world in any possible way.

Ideas: Sometime the week before, write a blurb for newsletter; update bulletin board; hold a Holy Hour; say Rosary for vocations; launch Adoration for vocations or Traveling Chalice.

World Priest Day (Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Each Year)

(AKA World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests)

Purpose: To pray for their priest/all priests as they reflect upon the importance and dignity of their vocation.

Ideas: Rosary for priests, adoration for priests, put a prayer in the newsletter

Priesthood Sunday (Last Sunday in September)

Purpose: Honor Christ as Priest and the men called to be His priests on earth.

Ideas: Sometime around that date write a blurb for newsletter; update bulletin board; ask students to make card or write note for him; fill out Spiritual Bouquets for him.

Deacon Sunday (Second Sunday in October)

Purpose: To affirm the men who have said YES to serving the Church as deacons.

Ideas: Write a blurb for newsletter; update bulletin board; ask students to make card or write note for him; fill out Spiritual Bouquets for him.

National Vocation Awareness Week (First Full Week of November)

Purpose: Bring Awareness to priesthood, consecrated religious life, and sacramental marriage.

Ideas: Write a blurb for newsletter; ask priest to speak about vocations at school mass, assembly or in classes; Invite sisters to speak to classes; Show vocation videos to kids (all at vocationministry.com with age-appropriate ratings given); bring some aspect of prayer to this week.

World Day of Cloistered Life (November 21 – The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Purpose: Bring awareness to this hidden life of prayer for all of us.

Ideas: Put picture/info of women living in cloistered life from the school/diocese on bulletin board or poster at entrance of school; Send care package of practical items to a cloistered order in your/nearby diocese.

Websites/Resources:

www.vocationministry.com - Resources for all above days and activities under Education tab. Buy copies of *The Harvest*, plush bears, books for children, and vocation backpacks under Shop tab.

www.vianneyvocations.com - Prayer cards/pamphlets/posters

www.vocationbibleschool.com - Catholic Vocation Bible School

www.catholicprayercards.org - Holy cards of female saints

www.worlddayofprayerforvocations.com/ - Resources specific to World Day of Prayer for Vocations

www.vocationawarenessweek.com - Resources specific to National Vocation Awareness Week

vocationministry.com/uplift-your-priest-2/ - Resources specific to Uplift Your Priest