



A special note:

- For more information on any of the other activities of the Vocations office, give us a call or return the reply card form below (both sides).
- If you know of someone that would like to receive this newsletter, please inform us.
- May these events and messages help you to hear God's call to follow Him.

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Prayer for Vocations

Lord, God, we praise and bless your holy name. We ask that you give the Church of New Ulm holy priests, dedicated women and men religious, selfless deacons and zealous missionaries. Inspire in the hearts of our youth a spirit of generosity to commit their lives to the message and ministry of Jesus, your son. We ask all this through Him who lives and reigns as Our Lord, forever and ever. Amen. Mary, mother of the Church, pray for us.

A Message from Fr. Todd

As we wrap up the Year For Priests, I would hope that all of us have a deeper appreciation for the priesthood, and will continue to discern a call in our lives to such a noble vocation. As St. John Vianney said, "Go to confession to the Blessed Virgin, or to an angel; will they absolve you? No. Will they give you the Body and Blood of Our Lord? No. The Holy Virgin cannot make her Divine

Son descend into the Host. You might have two hundred angels there, but they could not absolve you. A priest, however simple he may be, can do it; he can say to you, "Go in peace; I pardon you." Oh, how great is a priest! The priest will not understand the greatness of his office till he is in Heaven. If he understood it on earth, he would die, not of fear, but of love."

Ordinations

This summer, we will have 2 ordinations. Jacob Niemand will be ordained a deacon on June 5 in St. Joseph's, Montevideo at 10:30, and Deacon Matt Wiering will be ordained a priest at the Cathedral in New Ulm on July 3 at 10. Please keep them in your prayers. Both ordinations are open to the public.

Boys Camp

Fr. Timmerman and Fr. Petersen will be directing this years Boys' Camp June 24-25! Our theme will be "Navigators", and we will be looking the high seas for a model of leadership and discipleship. Held at the Diocesan Youth Center (AKA "The Barn"), this two day camp promises to be a true experience. For more information, contact Fr. Todd or Fr. Craig or Sr. Margaret (507 359-2966). "The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps." Proverbs16:9

Discernment Retreat with Bishop LeVoir and Seminarians

Last summer, we had a great response from the day of discernment retreat. Due to that response, we are again hosting a retreat at Schoenstatt on the Lake, Sleepy Eye, on August 9, 2010. Registrations can be emailed to either Fr, Todd (frtodd@mac.com) or Jeovana Michels (jmichels@dnu.org), or return the information slip to us... Bishop LeVoir and many of our seminarians will be on hand to give reflections and to answer any questions.

Website: Our website is almost done! We thank you to Sr. Mary Charles for your work on it – it is a large task on top of many other things. Please check it out at www.ourmib.org.

New Vocations Website from the USCCB: The USCCB has created a website for discerners, parents, priests, and others with great information on vocations. Check it out at www.ForYourVocation.org.

Prayer and Fasting:

Please continue to offer prayers, abstinence from meat on Fridays, and fasting for vocations.

For more information on prayer, please fill out this form!>>>

Note Well: If you wish to not receive this news letter, let us know through the following form, (place a check mark on the back) or through email (to frtodd@mac.com):

Clip and Return to the Vocations Office:

I would like more information about:

- Attending the ordinations
- The Boys' Camp
- Trip to SJV/Seminary Visits
- Vocations Events/Prayer/discernment materials
- A call to priesthood/religious life
- Upcoming Operation Andrew Dinners
- Other: _____

Please send this newsletter to (Sheet enclosed)

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The Vocations Office...

The purpose of the Vocations Office of the Diocese of New Ulm is to provide vocations resources and raise vocations' awareness within the Diocese. If you want to talk to someone about how God is calling you to give your life to the Church, please contact us. Fill out the Reply card below (both sides) to receive more information on these opportunities or resources, or to no longer receive this newsletter.

Blogs: Check out Fr. Todd's blog at frtodd.blogspot.com or the blog set up for our seminarians at www.ourmib.blogspot.com. On Fr. Todd's blog, he provides a reflection based on the Sunday readings, as well as commentary on vocations-themed news events or Catholic culture. You can also subscribe to have the articles emailed to you through Feedburner.

Vianney Visits

Next Fall (November) and Winter (February), we will be arrange transportation to the Vianney Visits at St. John Vianney College Seminary, the University of St. Thomas, in St. Paul. For more information or to reserve your spot, contact Fr. Todd. They are great ways to not only see the campus of the University of St. Thomas, but to experience the college seminary, meet the seminarians, and to especially speak with our seminarians.

Operation Andrew Dinners

Dates are set for the Operation Andrew Dinners: They are October 20, October 27, and November 8, 2010. Places are yet to be determined. Any pastors/PAs wishing to host can contact Fr. Todd. Locations will be announced in parish bulletins (hopefully) and a Fall edition of this newsletter.

Prayer Cards: We have various vocations-themed prayer cards available in our office. Contact us for supplies! We have recently received the reprints of the Luminous Mysteries Meditations, and will be shortly getting the reprints of the Vocations prayer. If there is anything that you think might be helpful, make a suggestion!

Seminary/Mother House Visits:

As we did these last years, the Catholic High Schools of the Diocese and the Vocations Office are arranging visits to St. John Vianney and various religious houses (for the young women) in the Cities. Please keep the students in prayer. If you would be interested in visiting, contact us!

Parents Guide For Vocations

A guidebook for parents, especially for those whose sons or daughters may be discerning a vocation, has been prepared. Much of what is on our upcoming website is incorporated into the booklet, and it also includes material written directly to parents, address questions and fears that they may have. If you are interested in a copy (currently a computer document or photocopied), please contact him through email (ftrtodd@mac.com - put "Parents' Guide" in the subject line!)

Prayer of St. John Vianney

I love You, O my God,
and my only desire is to love You
until the last breath of my life.
I love You, O my infinitely lovable God,
and I would rather die loving You,
than live without loving You.
I love You, Lord
and the only grace I ask is to love You eternally...
My God, if my tongue cannot say in every momen
that I love You,
I want my heart to repeat it to You as often
as I draw breath.

Prayer to St. John Vianney for Parish Priests

Dear Saint John Vianney,
your childhood dream was to be a Priest,
to win souls for God.
You endured years of toil and humiliation
to attain the Priesthood.
You became a priest truly after God's own heart,
outstanding in humility and poverty;
prayer and mortification.
Totally devoted to the service of God's people.
The Church has exalted you as model
and patron saint of all Parish priests,
trusting that your example and prayers
will help them to live up
to the high dignity of their vocation
to be faithful servants of God's people,
to be perfect imitators of Christ the Savior
Who came not to be served but to serve,
to give His Life in ransom for many.

Pray that God may give to His Church today
many more priests after His own Heart.
Pray for all the priests under your patronage,
that they may be worthy representatives
of Christ the Good Shepherd.
May they wholeheartedly devote themselves
to prayer and penance;
be examples of humility and poverty;
shining models of holiness;
tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God
zealous dispensers of God's Grace in the Sacrament
May their loving devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist
and to Mary His Mother be the Twin Fountains of
fruitfulness for their ministry.
Amen.

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Date of Birth: _____

Parish you attend: _____

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