

Knoxville Diocesan Vocations Promotion Council

Report to the Board of the Knoxville Diocesan Council of Catholic Women

Vocation Awareness Week January 10-16, 2010

Materials will be mailed to each parish. Ask to see them!



Vocation Promotion begins at HOME---has your parish affiliate Council of Catholic Women shared the special Family Prayer for Vocations that Fr Peter Iorio (new moderator of Chattanooga Deanery) wrote for the KDCCW Families Foster Vocations Program? It can be emailed to you in English and Spanish.....just ask!

FAMILY VOCATION PRAYER By Fr. Peter Iorio 2004

God our most loving Father,

We come before you in gratitude for all that you have made us.

We thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus and for the great love that He poured out for us by dying on the Cross and by rising from the dead.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may live in the ways of holiness.

We desire to serve You and Your Church always.

If You call one or more of us to serve as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother, may we have the courage and guidance to respond positively.

Keep us open to saying YES like Mary did when you asked her to be the mother of Your Son, Jesus.

We make this prayer in His name, Christ Our Lord. AMEN.

The VPC's September Cook Out at Bishop Stika's house for those interested in learning



more about a priestly vocation allowed 15-20 young men to visit and talk with clergy in an informal setting. Seven priests and Bishop Stika were there, as well as two of our newest Sisters and members of the VPC. The young men ranged in age from HS to early 30's. (It was noted that Friday night during football season is NOT a good time for High Schoolers!)

Starting in January 2010 WOMEN RELIGIOUS will be visiting Catholic schools and Religious Education Programs throughout the diocese. Watch for their visit to your parish and help roll out the welcome mat!

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Be sure that the **Council of Catholic Women** is a part of your parish **Vocation Awareness Week!**

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Deacon Patrick continues working on the "better than ever" update to our Diocesan Website scheduled to make its debut this Advent. Among the many changes will be a special VOCATION link with a video introduction and welcome by Bishop Stika and eventually interviews with some of our seminarians. Visit the diocesan website often and stay informed!

SERRAN VOCATION ESSAY CONTEST ends November 30th---
watch for the announcement of winners in the ETC.



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Inquire to see what plans are in place. Check to see that bulletin announcements are planned. Volunteer to help with planning and celebrations!

Saturday Discernment Group---

There are 6 men in the discernment group this year, but none are living at the House in Johnson City. KDCCW continues to support this group by providing lunch when they meet in Knoxville. Kitty Jansen of St. Thomas the Apostle in Lenoir City provided lunch in September and Amelia Sweeney of Holy Cross in Pigeon Forge served October's meal.



Please contact **KAREN JOUBERT** if you can help with the Lunch Ministry!
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Mark your calendar and **Pray for VOCATIONS!**

Mark your Calendars for "Called by Name" ----a very special vocation promotion program that will run from Divine Mercy Sunday thru the 4th Sunday of Easter!!

Jane Carter, KDCCW President, Representative to the Vocation Promotion Council.
The VPC met at the Chancery on Saturday morning, November 7, 2009.