

Pastoral Suggestions

Good Shepherd Sunday 2017

Publish the enclosed bulletin notices in parish and school bulletins.

Put up and highlight the posters for Good Shepherd Sunday. Talk about the posters to the congregation. Place them in a prominent place in the church.

Put posters in the school foyer / classrooms.

Print prayer cards and have some young people hand them out to people as they leave the church. Visit the school class rooms and pray for vocations with the school children.

Publish the names of any seminarians for your Diocese in your parish bulletin and pray for them. Send them a note / email of support from the parish. Invite them to visit and give a talk on their holidays.

Pray a prayer for vocations at the end of Mass together.

Include an intercession for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life each week at Mass.

Contact your local Vocations Office for resources to place in the church and to give out to senior primary and secondary students.

Put the poster and vocations prayer on your parish Facebook Page and parish website.

Have a Holy Hour for vocations occasionally.

Give a talk to your parish youth group about vocations.

Check out your diocesan vocations website or other websites for suggestions and resources.

Talk about vocations to the priesthood and religious life with your altar servers and have some resources available for them.

Ask your prayer groups, rosary groups, Legion of Mary etc. to pray for vocations.

Identify one of two key people who may be interested in forming a 'Vocations Awareness Group' to promote vocations in an ongoing way. Resource them from your Vocations Office.