

Pastoral Priority VI

PRIESTLY & RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

1. Our parish recognizes that God calls each of us to communion with him in Jesus and sends us in the Spirit to participate in the mission of Jesus whether as lay people, single or married, or in the consecrated or ordained life.
2. Faithful to the direction of Jesus to pray for more laborers in the vineyard of the Lord, we pray often and in many different ways, especially in our families, for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
3. In our parish, all programs of faith formation include education about Church vocations.
4. Within our parish pastoral council, we have an active parish vocations committee or team which fosters vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
5. Our pastor and parish leaders seek to identify potential candidates and invite them by name to discern whether God is calling them to the priesthood or religious life.
6. In our programs for youth and young adults we provide them with opportunities for exploring the possibility of a priestly or religious vocation.
7. We encourage our priests to promote vocations by spending time with our youth and young adults.