

## DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Pastor, Director/Coordinator of Religious Education, Knights of Columbus, Parish Vocation

Committee, Parish Secretary, Youth & Young Adult Ministers

From: Fr. Guillermo Hernández Sr. Maria Campos, RSM

Director of Vocations Seminarian Formation Coordinator

**Date:** October 11, 2021

**Subject:** National Vocation Awareness Week

**National Vocation Awareness Week is from November 7-13, 2021**. We are preparing for National Vocation Awareness Week during the month of November and we would like to request your support in creating awareness for vocations by including an ad in your Sunday bulletin and including information on your website. The following is the text that can be used:

"National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 7-13, 2021. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation." (www.usccb.org)

The following are other tips and ideas for you:

- 1) Holy Hour for Vocations during National Vocation Awareness Week: We encourage Parish Vocation Committees to organize a Holy Hour for vocations for the youth at your parish with the support of your pastor. If there is not a Parish Vocation Committee ministry at your parish, we invite the religious education program, youth ministry and/or altar server ministry to consider organizing this event.
- **2)** Rosary for Vocations: We encourage Parish Vocation Committees or religious education programs and youth ministry to organize these.
- 3) Priests, this is an opportunity for you to share your vocation story. Young people love hearing why you are a priest!

You may find more resources by visiting <a href="https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week">https://www.vocationsandprayer.org/</a> and <a href="https://www.vocations.com">www.vocations.com</a>.

If you have any questions, please visit our website <a href="https://www.scd.org/vocations">https://www.scd.org/vocations</a>.