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Subject: National Vocation Awareness Week Information

National Vocation Awareness Week is from November 3-9, 2024. We are preparing for National Vocation Awareness Week in November, please consider including an ad in your bulletin to help create awareness for vocations.

The following is the suggested bulletin ad:

Prayer for National Vocation Awareness Week- November 3-9, 2024:

God our Father, We thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen (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 (USCCB Sample: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/adoration/holy-hour-for-vocations>)
- 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!
- 4) Prayers of the Faithful (USCCB):** You may include the following intentions in the prayers of the faithful:
 - For young people in our community that they may respond generously with open hearts and willing spirits if the Lord calls them to the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life.
 - For men and women to be open to God's call to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ as priests, deacons, or consecrated persons.

You may find more resources at the <https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week>, <https://nrvc.net/274/publication/4171/article/18685-national-vocation-awareness-week-november-7-13>, www.vocationnetwork.org, www.vocationsandprayer.org; www.vocationministry.com and www.vianneyvocations.com .

If you have any questions, please contact us, or visit our webpage (www.scd.org/vocations).