



## VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK ~~~ PARISH RESOURCES

### January 13 – 18, 2008

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT for weekend of January 12-13, 2008**

Vocations Awareness Week begins today! During this week, let us be aware of our need to answer God's call in our lives. That call began at Baptism, and continues as we live out the vocation to married life, the single life, the consecrated life, and the ordained life. In a special way, let us pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our families. Our children and grandchildren need to know that we will encourage and support them if God calls them in this way! Check [www.gbvocations.org](http://www.gbvocations.org) for vocations information.

#### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT for weekend of January 19-20, 2008**

This past week, we celebrated Vocations Awareness Week. We all know, however, of our need to promote vocations, especially to the priesthood and religious life, year round. If you know of a young man or woman whom you feel God may be calling, please pray for them, and ask them if they have considered a religious or priestly vocation. If not, tell them why you think they would make a good sister, brother or priest. God uses us to invite! Let's do so! Go to [www.gbvocations.org](http://www.gbvocations.org) for vocations material.

### BULLETIN INSERT

An insert for the January 13 bulletin is on the opposite side of this paper. Please copy!

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

A suggested petition for the Prayers of the Faithful for January 13, 2008 (Baptism of the Lord):  
*That young women and men may recognize their baptismal call to follow Christ, and may do so with purpose in the vocations of married life, single life, consecrated life and ordained life, we pray to the Lord.*

A suggested petition for the Prayers of the Faithful to be used throughout the year:  
*For an increase of happy vocations to the married life, to the single life, to the consecrated life and to the ordained life, we pray to the Lord.*

### HOMILY IDEA for January 13: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

This is a great chance to share your vocational story. How were you called to the priesthood? How does your vocation to the priesthood come out of your baptismal call to follow Christ? How do you invite others to pursue their vocational calling as an outgrowth of their baptism?

### OTHER IDEAS

- Create a vocations display for your church, hall, or gathering area.
- Have a priest, sister or brother talk to students in your Catholic School or Religious Education program, with your Women's Society or Altar Guild, or to the Knights of Columbus.
- Invite someone to be your parish Vocation Contact Person if you do not have one.
- **Additional resources are found on the diocesan vocations website: [www.gbvocations.org](http://www.gbvocations.org)**