

The Vocation Connection
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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF GREEN BAY

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Check it out:

gbvocations.org

We now have a new way to access the Vocations pages of our diocesan website. Check out some of the new look, and then spread the word. Some bulletin announcements are on the opposite side. We hope the new URL address will be easy for people to remember, and encourage them to visit our site often.

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World Day of Prayer for Vocations—Good Shepherd Sunday—May 7

Each year, the Church marks the Fourth Sunday of Easter as a special time to pray for vocations to religious life and priesthood. The scripture readings that weekend speak of Christ the Good Shepherd, a wonderful image with which to pray.

Parishes are encouraged that Sunday to make special inclusion of prayers for vocations in weekend Masses and the bulletin. Suggested prayers, bulletin announcements and a sample bulletin insert will follow in an upcoming bulk mail. At this point, please mark your calendar to include them in your Easter planning.

Men's Discernment Group

Friday, April 7

Friday, May 5

Friday, June 2

6:30 PM

At UWGB Ecumenical Center

For men age 18 and above

RSVP to:

vocations@gbdioc.org

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS AT EVERY MASS!

Parish Vocation Contact Persons to Meet in May

We continue to work on our goal to communicate vocation information and resources through Parish Vocation Contact Persons. Does your parish have one?

The contact persons meet twice a year for resources and ideas. The next meetings are scheduled for **Monday, May 15 In Green Bay** at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral and **Thursday, May 18 In Appleton** at St. Thomas More Parish. Both meetings begin at 7:00 PM.

We have begun e-mailing information to the contact persons to make communication more efficient. It is our hope that the contact persons will take the initiative in their parish to get resources to the proper people (bulletin editor, pastor, DRE, principal, youth minister, etc.)

If your parish does not yet have a contact person, please invite someone to take on that role. Let us know, and we will make sure they get the information. Often, Serra Club members are very willing to do so.

Thank you to all the parishes who are working hard to promote vocations to religious life and priesthood.

Upcoming Events for Middle School Students

Steppin' Right with Jesus 2006—The Summit

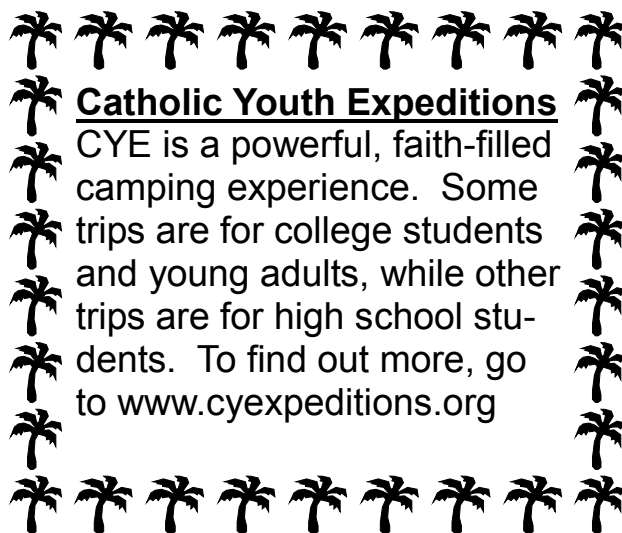
Students in grades 6 through 8 will be invited to a day of adventure in learning about growing closer to Jesus, and how some people do that as a sister, brother or priest. We will be climbing the summit to be transformed by Christ. More information will be sent soon to Religious Education and Catholic school administrators about this June 27 event.

Camp Franciscan— A vocation camp for girls in grades 6—8 at Holy Family Convent in Manitowoc. The camp will take place June 14-16. For more info, contact Sr. Marianna Merkatoris at vocations@fsc-calledtobe.org

Bulletin Announcement—ongoing:

Check out gbvocations.org

Check out priesthood and religious life by going to the vocations pages of the Diocese of Green Bay. Information on vocations for young men and women seeking God's call, as well as parish members wanting to support vocations, is available. Go to: www.gbvocations.org



Catholic Youth Expeditions
 CYE is a powerful, faith-filled camping experience. Some trips are for college students and young adults, while other trips are for high school students. To find out more, go to www.cyexpeditions.org

Looking Ahead . . .

- May 7—World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- May 19—Commissioning Ceremony for Ministerial Leaders (7:00 PM)
- May 20—Permanent Deacon Ordination
- May 21—Sisters Jubilee Celebration
- June 3—Priesthood Ordination (10:00 AM)
- June 20—Project Andrew Lunch (12:00 Noon)
- June 27—"Steppin' Right 2006—The Summit" for middle school students (girls and boys)
- August 12—September 3—Seminarian Collection in parishes
- August 19—Transitional Deacon Ordination (10:00 AM)
- September 28—Project Andrew Dinner (5:00 PM)