

The Vocation Connection
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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF GREEN BAY

+ PRAY + INVITE + SUPPORT +

Upcoming Dates

April 6—6:30 PM
Men's Discernment Group

April 14
High School Dive-In

April 17—5:30 PM
Project Andrew Dinner

April 20-22
Visit Weekend at Mundelein Seminary

April 29
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

May 4—6:30 PM
Men's Discernment Group

May 6
Sisters' Jubilee Celebration

May 18
Commissioning of Parish Leaders

May 19
(Permanent) Deacon Ordination

June 30
Priesthood Ordination

Equipping High School Graduates

How does your parish support students who will be leaving home for college for the first time? As you celebrate their high school graduations in the coming month or two, please consider how you might help them by:

- Thanking them for their presence in your parish up to now.
- Encourage them to check out their Newman Center or Catholic Campus Ministry when they arrive at college.
- Explain "adult" things that we know about—but they probably do not— like parish membership, marriage preparation, and Catholic young adult resources.
- Encourage them to think about their vocation—to the married life, the single life, the consecrated religious life, or the ordained life— in addition to their career and major.
- For those who might have the gifts to make a great religious or priest, talk with them before they leave! If they express some interest, please put them in contact with Fr. Tom Long or vocation directors of religious orders.
- Pray for them, listen to them, and love them!



Andrew brought Simon Peter.

Who are you bringing to dinner?

**Project Andrew Dinner with Bishop
Tuesday, April 17—5:30 PM**

Priests and Parish Directors are asked to invite young men, high school juniors or older, who are open to the possibility of priesthood. The Priests and Parish Directors are encouraged to come with the young men they invite.

RSVP by April 13 to Fr. Tom Long at 920-272-8293 or vocations@gbdioc.org

Future dates: Thursday, Aug. 23—5:30 PM; Wednesday, Dec. 9—5:30 PM

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Sunday, April 29

See opposite side for material.

Traveling Monstrance for Vocations Coming to Green Bay Diocese

This August, our Diocese will have a monstrance blessed by Pope John Paul II for Adoration for Vocations around our Diocese. Call Fr. Tom Long to schedule in your parish.

Has Fr. Tom Long been to your parish for weekend Masses?

Invite him when you are gone. He'll bring a vocations message.

XAVIER HOUSE
CATHOLIC MEN'S DISCERNMENT

A place for young adult men to live in Christian community while praying about God's call in their lives. Xavier House is located at St Francis Xavier Parish, De Pere

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Bulletin Material & Intercessions to Promote Vocations

Please put some of the following articles in your parish bulletin when room allows.

For early April bulletins:

The Bishop invites young men to dinner! Bishop Zubik would like to provide dinner for young men, juniors in high school or older, who are open to the possibility of priesthood. The Project Andrew Dinner is Tuesday, April 17 in Green Bay. Please contact (insert name of parish priest or parish director) if you might be interested, or Fr. Tom Long at 920-272-8293 or vocations@gbdioc.org

All Night Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations will kick off the World Day of Prayer for Vocations at St. Agnes Church in Green Bay. All are invited by the Green Bay Serra Clubs to come and pray from the Saturday, April 28 Mass at 4:15 PM until the Mass at 8:00 AM on Sunday morning, April 29. Join in this Vigil for Vocations!

For bulletins April and May:

Steppin' Right with Jesus 2007—Walk this way for a day of fun and faith. Steppin' Right on June 13 will be a day to be with Jesus, along with priests, sisters and brothers. Registration brochures are available from the parish/school/RE office. The day begins at SS. Edward & Isidore Parish, 10 miles northwest of Green Bay, at 9 AM. Families are invited to come for Mass with Bishop Zubik at 4:30 PM, followed by pizza. More information is available at www.gbvocations.org

For any bulletin:

Xavier House is a place for young adult Catholic men to live in Christian community as they listen to God's call and pray for direction in their lives. Located in De Pere, men may have full-time employment, be college students, or do volunteer service during their time at Xavier House. For more information, contact Fr. Tom Long at 920-272-8293 or vocations@gbdioc.org

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL ~ Easter Season

That the new life of Easter might inspire young men and women to lead lives of service in the Church and the world, we pray to the Lord.

For an increase of happy vocations to the married life, the single life, the consecrated life, and the ordained life, we pray to the Lord.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations—April 29

Bulletin Announcement: Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. As we listen to Christ the Good Shepherd, let us renew our efforts to encourage young women and men to step forward and respond to God's call to service as religious and priests. Check out vocations material at www.gbvocations.org

Prayer of the Faithful: That young men and women might hear the call of the Good Shepherd, and give their lives to Him as sisters, brothers, and priests, we pray to the Lord.



Additional Steppin' Right brochures are available. Call Debbie in the Vocations Department at 920-272-8316 or vocations@gbdioc.org

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