

The Vocation Connection  
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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF GREEN BAY

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## Upcoming Dates

August 10—Sept 2  
Adoration for Vocations in  
Diocese

### August 11—Sept. 2 Seminarian Collection

August 14 –16  
Serra/Seminarian Retreat

### August 18—10 AM (Transitional) Deacon Ordination

August 23  
Bishop Charities Game—  
watch for Packer schedules  
including vocations ad

September 7—6:30 PM  
Catholic Men's Discernment  
Group @ Xavier House

September 18—5:30 PM  
Project Andrew Dinner @  
Xavier House

September 21-23  
College Chambers Island  
Work Retreat

September 29  
St. John Bosco Youth Day at  
Holy Hill

September 30—11:00 AM  
Scouting Mass at Cathedral

October 5—6:30 PM  
Catholic Men's Discernment  
Group @ Xavier House

**2007  
Seminarian Collection**  
*Hope for the Future:  
Help them Today!*  
Aug. 11-12 to Sept. 1-2

## Dan Schuster to be ordained a deacon!

Saturday, August 18, at 10:00 AM at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay, Daniel Schuster will be ordained a deacon for our diocese.

Dan, 26, is from Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in Oshkosh. He will be entering his fourth year of theology this fall at Mundelein Seminary. He served his parish internship in 2006 at St. John the Baptist Parish in Howard. This summer, he served as Chaplain at Camp Tekawitha.

Dan will be ordained a priest in Spring 2008. Let us pray for him, and all our seminarians.



### Adoration for Vocations in Diocese with JP II Monstrance



We will be praying for vocations to the religious life and priesthood in a special way in late August with daily Adoration for Vocations scheduled in parishes around the diocese. This monstrance is the last one blessed by Pope John Paul for Adoration for Vocations before he died. This special time of prayer runs from August 10—Sept. 2.

Adoration for Vocations occurs year round, 24/7, at our perpetual adoration chapels. The five chapels rotate, a week at a time, in asking adorers to pray for vocations.

The schedules for Adoration for Vocations, both with the special monstrance and at the perpetual adoration chapels, can be found at [www.gb vocations.org](http://www.gb vocations.org)

### Xavier House Grows

This fall, there will be five men living with Vocation Director Fr. Tom Long in De Pere at Xavier House for Catholic Men's Discernment. The house is aimed at men in their 20s and 30s who are open to the possibility of priesthood, and would like to live and pray with other men who are discerning their call while going to college or working.

Xavier House was the location for this summer's high school group, and will be home to the Catholic Men's Discernment Group which starts again the first Friday of September.

## Bulletin Material to Promote Vocations

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

For August bulletins:

**Project Andrew Dinner** for young men, high school juniors or older, who are open to the possibility of the priesthood are invited to a meal on Tuesday, September 18 at 5:30 PM at Xavier House in De Pere. Contact (insert name of priest or parish director here) or Fr. Tom Long at 920-272-8293 or vocations@gbdioc.org

**Catholic Men’s Discernment Group** is for men, age 18—39, who are interested in sharing Mass, a meal, discussion and prayer with other men who are open to the possibility that God might call them to the priesthood. Our next discernment group is is Friday, September 7 (and each First Friday of the month) at 6:30 PM at Xavier House in De Pere. Contact Fr. Tom Long at 920-272-8293 or vocations@gbdioc.org for more info and directions.

## How was God working this summer? Lots of ways!

### Viri Ecclesiae, Men of the

**Church**, was a high school group of guys that gathered on Sunday nights at Xavier House. After sharing a meal, college seminarian Ryan Starks led the group in a faith discussion, followed by the rosary.



**Lifest:** We had Sunday Mass at Lifest, thanks to the cooperation of Life Promotions. About 350 people participated at Mass, and thousands noticed the diocesan presence throughout the Christian music festival.

**Seminarians** spent the summer in a variety of ways: serving at Nativity Parish in Green Bay, St. Raphael Parish in Oshkosh; participating in Clinical Pastoral Education in Neenah, La Crosse, and Washington DC; serving as chaplain and camp counselors at Camp Tekawitha; participating in a spirituality program in Omaha called the Institute for Priestly Formation; chaperoning Steubenville trips, and working for college money.

**Clergy Castaways on Chambers Island** gathered 30 priests of our Diocese with Bishop Zubik for great days of prayer, fellowship and sharing in our common priesthood. We left resolved to support one another, and to invite young men to join us.

**Catholic Youth Expeditions** had a summer staff of 12 men and women in their 20’s lead 3 high school expeditions and 4 young adult expeditions on Chambers Island. The CYE staff lived on the island, and led other events as well, such as Steppin’ Right with Jesus and the Catholic Oasis at Lifest. The theme of this summer’s expeditions was “Everything.”



**Steppin’ Right with Jesus 2007** gathered 35 middle school girls and boys with area vocation directors and CYE staff for a day of prayer, discussion and fun before concluding with Mass with Bishop Zubik.



**An Awesome Summer!**