

The Vocation Connection
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Diocese of
Green Bay

Upcoming Dates

December 5
Catholic Men's Discernment
Group

December 6
Youth Jam for middle school
students

December 9
Parish Vocation Contact
Persons Meeting

January 2
Catholic Men's Discernment
Group

January 2-4
Teens Encounter Christ
(TEC) weekend

January 3
Priesthood Ordination

January 6
Project Andrew Dinner
at Bishop Ricken's House

January 9-11
Wisconsin Catholic Men's
Retreat

January 11-16
Vocation Awareness Week

January 16-19
Exploring Priesthood Week-
end at Mundelein Seminary

February 6
Catholic Men's Discernment
Group (with Bishop Ricken)

February 12-14
Vianney Visit to College
Seminary

March 26
Project Andrew Dinner

Please pray for
vocations to the priesthood
and to consecrated life.

THE VOCATION CONNECTION

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF GREEN BAY

+ PRAY + INVITE + SUPPORT +

Bishop Ricken's First Green Bay Ordination

Jason Blahnik to be ordained a priest on January 3

The Diocese of Green Bay will have two separate priesthood ordinations in 2009! Deacon Jason Blahnik will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, January 3 at 10:00 AM at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay. All are welcome. Deacon Jason is being ordained at an unusual time because of his particular seminary formation schedule. Deacon Timothy Brandt will be ordained to the priesthood on June 6.

This will be Bishop Ricken's first ordination in the Diocese of Green Bay. We hope many people will come and show support for Jason as he enters the priesthood.



Vocation Awareness Week is January 11-16

Prepare to celebrate in your parish, school and faith formation.
Watch for the next bulk mailing for materials.

Parish Vocation Contact Persons to Meet Dec. 9

Who is responsible for vocations promotion in your parish? Certainly the priest, and on another level, we all are. However, many parishes have found having a person or committee very helpful in coordinating efforts.

Every parish in the diocese is encouraged to have a Parish Vocation Contact Person or Committee. This person or committee is able to make sure items get in the bulletin and posters are displayed, that young people are invited to vocations events, that the parish or classes are "adopting" one or more seminarians, and that the parish is praying for vocations to the religious life and priesthood.

These contact persons will meet on Tuesday, December 9 at 7:00 PM on the diocesan grounds at 1825 Riverside Drive in Green Bay (Bona Hall, Room 39 in the lower level). We will discuss ways to re-energize this program, find resources, and review plans for Vocation Awareness Week.



Project Andrew Dinners:
Tuesday, January 6
Thursday, March 26

5:30 PM

Invite!!
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Bulletin Material to Promote Vocations

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

Project Andrew Dinner: Bishop David Ricken invites young men, juniors in high school or older, who are open to the possibility of the priesthood, to dinner on Tuesday, January 6 at 5:30 PM. Bishop will celebrate Mass, and after supper we will talk about being a priest. Contact your parish priest or parish director, or Fr. Tom Long at 920-272-8293 or vocations@gbdioc.org by December 31.

Catholic Men's Retreat is for single Catholic men (age 18-35) who are open to praying about the priesthood as a vocation. Men from around the state will gather at St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee the second weekend of January. A group will be going from the Green Bay Diocese. To register, contact Fr. Tom Long at 920-272-8293 or vocations@gbdioc.org by December 31.

Priesthood Ordination: Jason Blahnik will be ordained a priest of the Diocese of Green Bay on Saturday, January 3 at 10:00 AM at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay by Bishop David Ricken. All are welcome to come and support Jason as he enters into the Priesthood of Jesus Christ. Please pray for him, and for all the men studying to be priests for our parishes.

The Word Became Flesh: As we approach Christmas, we celebrate the fact of God taking on human form in the person of Jesus. Today, Christ continues to be present in many ways, but in a particular way in the person of a priest. If you know of someone who might have the qualities of a good priest, able to serve God's people in the name of Jesus, please ask him to pray about his vocation.

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) Weekend: Juniors and seniors in high school, and those older who are in college or working are invited to participate in the TEC weekend experience of Christian living January 2-4 in Green Bay. Check out the website for more information and a registration form at www.anchorofhopetec.org

CONNECT WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS OVER CHRISTMAS!

Christmas break is a great time to connect with students who have been away at college.

Invite them for a meal at the parish, and see how life has been.

Keep them connected with your parish, and encourage them to be active in their Newman Centers.

**Steppin' Right
with Jesus 2009**
for middle school
girls and boys

Friday, June 12
Stella Maris Parish
Door County

Wisconsin Catholic Men's Retreat

A great chance for adult men of faith
to pray about God's call in our lives
with the vocation directors of Wisconsin.

January 9-11, 2009
Register with Fr. Tom Long by December 31.
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Please invite single Catholic men, age 18-35, from your parish!

Live Deeply. Live Christ. Live Priesthood.

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