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THE VOCATION CONNECTION

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF GREEN BAY

+ PRAY + INVITE + SUPPORT +

Dates to Remember:

Project Andrew Lunch
Thursday, December 22 at
12:00 Noon.

RSVP to Fr. Tom Long

**Transitional Diaconate
Ordination**

Saturday, December 17 at
10:00 AM

Discernment Group

First Fridays at 6:30 PM

November 4

December 2

See article on opposite side for details.

**Retirement Collection
for Religious**

December 11-12

A great chance to invite a religious woman or man to be present at weekend masses to witness to religious life.

Adoration for Vocations Begins as Year of the Eucharist Ends

Adoration for Vocations is beginning in the Diocese of Green Bay. Every hour of every day, there will be someone praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament for Vocations at one of the five Perpetual Adoration Chapels in the diocese. The specific intention is for priests and vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Green Bay.

Each week, the regularly scheduled adorers at one of the chapels will be praying for priests and vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Green Bay. Each chapel will participate on a rotating basis. An image depicting priesthood in the Green Bay Diocese will be present in the scheduled chapel that week.

You may wish to put information in your bulletin regarding the Perpetual Adoration Chapel in your area. Contact the parish at which it is located: Appleton St. Pius, Chilton Good Shepherd, Green Bay SS. Peter & Paul, Marinette Holy Family, and Neenah St. Margaret Mary.



Adorers at Perpetual Adoration Chapel at SS. Peter & Paul in Green Bay

Meetings for Parish Vocation Contact Persons set for November

Does your parish have a Vocation Contact Person? If not, here is your chance to begin!

Parish Vocation Contact Persons are asked to communicate information to their parish regarding vocation awareness events and opportunities. Some parishes have a member of the Serra Club, others have a member of the Knights of Columbus, while other parishes have a willing parent, young adult, or interested person of faith.

Vocation Contact Persons, new and continuing, are encouraged to attend one of two meetings for more information and discussion of their role.

Meetings are on Monday, November 14 at 7:00 PM at the Diocesan Offices, 1825 Riverside Drive in Green Bay, and on Thursday, November 17 at 7:00 PM at St. Mary Parish (Community Room), 312 S. State Street in Appleton.

Materials will be distributed at the meeting. The material will include lesson plans for students for use during Vocations Awareness Week, January 8–14, or another appropriate time.

A Vocations Cross, passed weekly from family to family, is a way of helping families with children pray about vocations. Some parishes find this to be well received.

The Northeast Wisconsin Vocation Ministers Alliance (NEWVMA) is a group representing the Diocese of Green Bay and religious communities working within the Diocese. NEWVMA is sponsoring this presentation.

Let Fr. Tom Long know if you have a new Vocation Contact Person for your parish.

Parish Vocation Contact Person Meetings:

(choose one to attend)

- In **GREEN BAY**: Monday, Nov. 14 at 7PM at GB Diocesan Offices, 1825 Riverside Drive (Melania Hall)
- In **APPLETON**: Thursday, Nov. 17 at 7PM at St. Mary Parish, 312 S. State Street (Community Room)

Discernment Group Begins

Men who wonder if they are being called to the priesthood sometimes do not know where to turn for support and encouragement. A Catholic Men's Support Group has begun to provide them just that.

On October 7, the group met for the first time. Following a Mass and supper, Msgr. Jim Feely led the men in a discussion on prayer and the spiritual life. Prayer time before the Blessed Sacrament was followed by fellowship.

On the First Friday evening of each month (including November 4 and December 2), men who are college age or older, and are open to the possibility that God may be calling them to priesthood are invited to gather at 6:30 PM at the Ecumenical Center on the campus of the University of Wisconsin—Green Bay.

Remembering Bishop Wycislo, Friend of Vocations



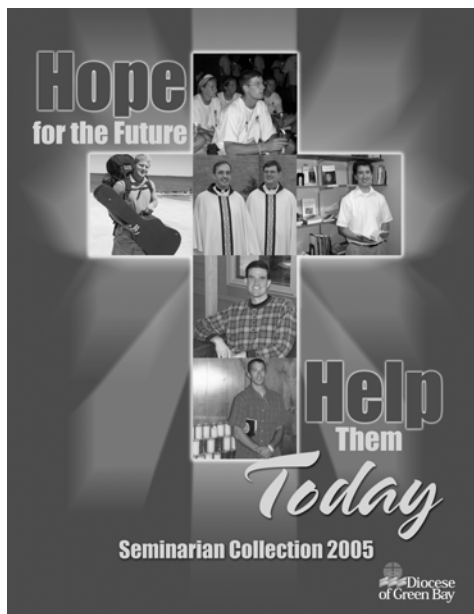
Bishop Wycislo and seminarian Joel Sember at Serra Club Picnic on Aug. 18, 2005

Keep Praying for Vocations at Mass!

Since December 1997, our Diocese has been asked to include a petition for vocations at each Mass. Please keep doing this! Sample intentions are available from the Vocations Department. You may wish to use Bishop Zubik's intention (see box) on a regular basis.

A Suggested Intention:

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



Seminarian Collection Gifts Top \$218,000; More Expected

As of October 17, 2005, we have received gifts totaling \$218,928 in our first ever Seminarian Collection: *Hope for the Future*. We have not yet heard from 95 parishes. We will keep you updated when we do!

We owe a big thanks to the many parishes who welcomed and supported this collection. We are grateful to the many donors throughout the Diocese who gave, even in a time of need for giving to other more immediate causes in the aftermath of recent natural disasters.

Gifts from this collection are used to help pay for the cost of tuition, room and board, health insurance, summer spirituality and language immersion programs, and other expenses for our seminarians in pre-theology and theology.

If your parish sent us the envelopes of donors who gave \$100 or more, we sent them a Thank You and a seminarian prayer card.