

TO VOCATION PARISHES

# CHICAGO VOCATION NEWS

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Called by Name will be taking place in many of our parishes the weekends of April 19th and 26th. As of Easter 77 parishes are participating. Please remember to keep this program in your prayers as we hope that many will be inspired to explore vocations to religious life through being "called by name" by those who see the potential for a religious vocation in each one of them. [Click here](#) for more information. The April 12th edition of Catholic New World also has Called by Name nomination forms that can be sent in directly to the Vocation Office.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations was initiated by Pope Paul VI in 1964 as a day for Catholics all over the world to pray for young people to open their hearts to religious. This year, the World Church will be praying as one on Sunday, May 3rd for hearts to be opened and lives to be changed. May we pray especially for calls to vocation in our Archdiocese.

## Joy to Share:

### Vocation Parish Training

On March 28th, 23 people from 20 parishes spent the morning at Holy Name Cathedral for the Vocation Parish Training. Each participant was given a Vocation Parish Guide that offers easy ways to enhance our culture of vocations at any of the three levels: I - Promote, II - Participate and III - Pray / Present. The group consisted of priest, deacons, sisters and lay people. All of the vicariates were represented.

Christ the King	Holy Name Cathedral	Our Lady of Mercy	Our Lady of Peace
Prince of Peace	St. Benedict - Blue Island	St. Christopher	St. Columbanus
St. Constance	St. Edna	St. George - Tinley Park	St. Hilary
St. John Brebeuf	St. Mary - Buffalo Grove	St. Mary - Evanston	St. Mary of the Angels
St. Pascal	St. Philip Neri	St. Stanislaus Kostka	St. William

It was a great chance to learn about the vocation activities at several parishes and what help the Vocation Office can provide. Mrs. Patricia Burns from Christ the King told those present about their vocation prayer group that has been meeting in her home monthly for 8 years. The mostly seniors group fast all day and gather at Pat's home for the rosary, a vocation story from a priest or seminarian and end the evening with a soup dinner around Pat's table. Great prayer effort!

Exploring Priesthood Weekend - 56 men attended / 19 for Chicago

October 2008 - 19 total / 6 for Chicago

January 2009 - 13 total / 8 for Chicago

March 2009 - 24 total / 5 for Chicago



## VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR

Does your parish have a weekly  
[Holy Hour For Vocations?](#)



How have you helped to spread the Culture of vocations  
this month?

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# Pray for our Seminarians

## April Seminararian Birthdays

April 20:

Connor Danstrom (Sacred Heart, Winnetka)

April 25:

Luis Gutierrez (Holy Family, Waukegan)

Luis Valerio (St. Henry, Chicago)

April 27:

Pawel Matuszewski (St. Helen, Chicago)

April 30:

James Mueller (St. James, Arlington Heights)

# Birthdays

## May Seminararian Birthdays

May 2:

Juan Rojas (St. Ann, Lansing)

May 3:

Randal Wolfinger (St. Alphonsus, Chicago)

May 4:

Pedro Arámula (Our Lady of Mercy, Chicago)

May 7:

Rodlin Rodrigue: (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Chicago)

May 15:

Matthew Heinrich (Our Lady of Victory, Chicago)

May 17:

E. David Galeana (St. Nicholas of Tolentine, Chicago)

May 22:

Shawn Gould (Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Chicago)

May 24:

Roberto Mercado, Jr. (Santa Maria del Popolo, Mundelein)

May 25:

Carlos Rodriguez (St. Alphonsus, Chicago)

May 27:

Karol Tybor (St. Theresa, Palatine)

May 29:

Matthew Bozovsky (St. Ignatius, Chicago)

## Vocation Prayer

**"O Jesus, divine Shepherd of the Spirit, you have called the Apostles in order to make them fishermen of men.**

**You still attract to you burning spirits and generous young people, in order to render them your followers and ministers to us."**

**— Pope Paul VI  
Launching the first  
World Day of Prayer  
for Vocations**

*Please pray for those preparing for May 2009 Ordinations:*



Benjamin Arevalos



Juan Carlos Arrieta



Michael Grisolano



Augustine Mahonge



Matthew Nemchausky



Andrzej Nowicki



Michael Owen



Andrew Smith



Paul Stemm



Karol Tybor



If your parish has a website and would be willing to add a link to [ChicagoPriest.com](http://ChicagoPriest.com), please contact  
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This is a great way to encourage the Culture of Vocations in your parish!