

Bulletin Announcements and Inserts

Two Weeks Prior to CBN Sunday

Our parish will be offering *Called by Name*, a vocation awareness program, the weekend of **Sunday, (date)**. This program offers an opportunity for us to pray for vocations; to recognize the gifts and potential for leadership and service in the men and women of our parish; and finally, to call forth and encourage these members to share the gifts God has given them through a vocation to the priesthood and religious life. Perhaps you know a man or woman who would, in your opinion, have the qualities to become a priest or religious sister. On *Called By Name* weekend (date), you will be asked to recommend this person (18 years old and older) by filling out a Nomination Form and placing it in the collection basket. Please encourage women under age 18 to contact Sister Elyse Ramirez (eramirez@archchicago.org) and men under age 18 to contact Fr. Peter Snieg (psnieg@luc.edu). Nominated men and women will be invited to attend informational gatherings designed to help them explore the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood and religious life. God may be asking you to help your fellow parishioners to recognize His call in their lives—please begin praying today!

One week Prior to CBN Sunday

Our parish will be offering *Called by Name*, a vocation awareness program, next weekend, **Sunday, (date)**. This program offers an opportunity for us to pray for vocations; to recognize the gifts and potential for leadership and service in the men and women of our parish; and finally, to call forth and encourage these members to share the gifts God has given them through a vocation to the priesthood and religious life. Perhaps you know a man or woman who would, in your opinion, have the qualities to become a priest or religious sister. On *Called By Name* weekend (date), you will be asked to recommend this person (18 years old and older) by filling out a Nomination Form and placing it in the collection basket. Please encourage women under age 18 to contact Sister Elyse Ramirez (eramirez@archchicago.org) and men under age 18 to contact Fr. Peter Snieg (psnieg@luc.edu). Nominated men and women will be invited to attend informational gatherings designed to help them explore the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood and religious life. God may be asking you to help your fellow parishioners to recognize His call in their lives—please begin praying today!

CBN Weekend

Today is *Called by Name* Sunday. If you were unable to nominate a person (age 18 and older) at Mass this weekend, please clip out the Nomination Form in bulletin and place it in the collection basket next weekend, April 26. The men and women nominated will then be invited to attend informational gatherings designed to help them explore the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood and religious life. Please encourage women under age 18 to contact Sister Elyse Ramirez (eramirez@archchicago.org) and men under age 18 to contact Fr. Peter Snieg (psnieg@luc.edu). Please continue to pray for vocations, and in a specific way, for the success of the *Called by Name* program in our parish and throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago.

<IMPORTANT: Print Nomination Form insert in bulletin>

Follow-up Weekend

Important Reminder! Remember to place your *Called by Name* Nomination Form(s) in the collection basket today or return it to the parish offices as soon as possible. Please continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and especially for the success of the *Called by Name* program in our parish and archdiocese.

Called by Name Mass Announcements

NOTE: *Called by Name*-specific elements are noted in *italics*.

Week Prior to CBN

Announcements (prior to final blessing):

“Next Sunday is Called By Name Sunday. Our parish will be offering the *Called by Name* program next weekend during all Masses. Perhaps you know a man or woman whom you believe would be a great priest or religious brother or sister. On *Called By Name* weekend, you will be asked to recommend this person, age 18 and older, by filling out a Nomination Form listing their name and contact information, and placing it in the collection basket. These men and women will then be invited to attend informational gatherings designed to help them explore the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood and religious life. God may be asking you to help your fellow parishioners to recognize His call in their lives—please begin praying today, and check the bulletin for more information.

Called By Name Sunday

Homily/General Intercessions: Vocation theme

Suggested announcement following General Intercessions:

“As noted in the bulletin during the last few weeks today is a special day for the Church of Chicago. For this reason, our parish is offering the *Called by Name* program to help identify those among us who may have a calling to the priesthood or religious life. While all vocations are necessary and beneficial to the Church, today we have a special need for men and women to answer the call to the ordained and consecrated life. Please take a moment to pass down the Nomination Forms and pencils located at the end of each pew, and write in the name of someone you know, age 18 or older, who has the qualities of a potential priest, sister or brother. If the person is under age 18, please encourage that young man or woman to call or email the Vocations Office contact as listed in the bulletin rather than filling out a Nomination Form for him or her. Nominees will be reviewed and invited to informational gatherings about vocations later this summer. The Vocations Office will keep all information listed confidential. When you have completed the Nomination Form, please drop it in the collection basket during the offertory today. You may also take home the Nomination Form or clip a copy of the Form out of the bulletin, and place it in the collection basket next weekend. If you cannot think of anyone to nominate, please take home the Nomination Form as it includes a prayer for vocations on the back side. Thank you for your support.”

<Please give the people a few minutes to fill out the Called by Name Nomination Forms at each end of the pews. The Forms are to be collected during the offertory. >

Announcements (prior to final blessing):

“Please remember to take home the *Called by Name* Nomination Forms or clip the Form out of the bulletin, if necessary, and place it in collection basket next weekend. And please continue to pray for many more men and women to respond to the call to the priesthood and religious life.”

Follow-up Sunday

General Intercessions: Vocation theme

Suggested announcement following General Intercessions:

“As noted in the bulletin, today is the final day to turn in your Called by Name Nomination Forms. Please place completed forms in the collection basket during the offertory. Thank you.”

<The Forms are to be collected during the offertory.>

Announcements (prior to final blessing):

“Thank you for your support of the *Called by Name* program. Nominees will be reviewed and invited to informational gatherings about vocations later this spring and summer. Please continue to pray for many more men and women to respond to the call to the priesthood and religious life.”