

TO VOCATION PARISHES

CHICAGO VOCATION NEWS

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Add ChicagoPriest.com link to your parish website.

Vocation Office volunteers have been contacting parishes by phone and email to ask to have a link to www.ChicagoPriest.com on their website. 271 parishes have their own website. About 10% have added a link. Please help us get a link on all sites. CAVA (Chicago Archdiocese Vocation Association) also has a website www.VocationsCAVA.org for those who are interested in Religious Life. Contact Susanne Smith at 312-534-5234 for more information and if you want to add graphics with the links.

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in the community
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IS GOD CALLING YOU?



COME AND SEE
JOHN 1:37

Exploring Priesthood Weekends
Mundelein Seminary
October 9-11, 2009
January 15-17, 2010
April 16-18, 2010

INSEARCH Discernment Group
Holy Name Cathedral
Meets on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m.
Starting October 13, 2009



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**Exploring Priesthood
Weekend
October 9-11
and
INSEARCH
Starts October 13**

In September all parishes received new posters for Exploring Priesthood Weekend retreats and the INSEARCH Discernment group. Please post and help promote these events. Contact Fr. Joe Noonan, if you wish to recommend a candidate for these programs.



**VOCATIONS
HOLY HOUR**

Consider having a regular parish
Holy Hour For Priests & Vocations.

Vocations will follow.



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Pray for our Seminarians



October 2009 Seminarians



Birthdays

October 3:

Michael Kenneth Trail

October 4:

Elliott Dees

October 9:

Gonzalo Lechuga

Sergio Mena

October 17:

Nicolas Araujo

Nicolas Cavallari

October 21

Francesco Javier Luna Silguereo

Seminarian Prayer Calendar 2009-2010

The new Seminarian Prayer Calendar will be sent out to Pastors, Principals and Directors of Religious Education later in September. It will have a seminarian for weekdays from October through May. It will also have seminary addresses to send cards. Please use the calendar as your reminder to pray for our seminarians in your Parishes, Schools and Religious Education classes.

PRAYER OF FAITHFUL PETITION

OCTOBER 4, 2009

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

*Jesus teaches on
marriage and divorce.*

Lord, show your great love
for your Bride, the Church,
by giving
the Archdiocese of Chicago
an increase in holy vocations
to the priesthood.

We pray to the Lord.

Year of the Priests

June 19, 2009—June 19, 2010

The Vocation Office is offering
several resources in honor of the
Year for Priests:
Parish Vocation "Traveling" Cross Program
Prayer of the Faith Petitions
Year For Priest Prayer Cards

Check out ChicagoPriest.com — Year
for Priests' button to download the
Cross Program and Prayer Petitions.
The prayers cards will be available in
October. Soon all resources will be
offered in English, Polish and Spanish.

We would like to include your ideas in
the Vocation Parish Newsletter.
What is your parish doing for the Year
of the Priests?

Please pray for priests and vocations.

YEAR FOR PRIESTS JUNE 19, 2009 - JUNE 19, 2010 PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Sacred Heart of Jesus,
graciously listen to our prayers
for priests and religious.
Give us generous hearts
to respond to your call in our lives.
Lift up courageous men and women
willing to follow after your heart
as priests,

sisters, brothers and deacons.

Help us to share our faith
and to encourage young people
to explore religious vocations.

Guide all people, Lord,
in your ways of compassion, truth,
and peace, that we may find happiness
in fulfilling our vocations.
Amen.

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Prayer for Vocations

Gracious and loving God,

Help the men and women of our parish to hear the call to serve in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Our needs are great, and our people thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests
who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance.

Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this all through Christ our Lord...Amen.