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# *VOCATION NEWS*

*Did you know...*

**P = Prayer T = Talk A = Act**

## **Trinity Avenue, Dayton, Ohio**

- daily intentions in prayer for different geographical areas of the Society
- each person in our initial formation is prayed for four times a month
- students interested in our life are invited for Mass and dinner
- vocation stories are shared
- students from scholarship classes are invited for Mass and dinner
- community member (Tom Farnsworth) is on the Dayton vocation team
- informal meetings, gatherings and conversations with young men interested in SM life
- live-in experiences for young men
- community meets with Stonemill-Kiefaber community concerning vocation efforts in Dayton

## **East St. Louis, East St. Louis, IL**

- vocations are mentioned twice daily during prayer
- on Saturday, a rosary for vocations is recited
- Norb Karpfinger gives a talk to the Serra Club in Belleville regarding vocations and our work with the laity
- Example!

## **Marcella Road, Cleveland Ohio**

- every Wednesday, prayer for vocations – pray for contacts, aspirants etc...
- Bill Halloway shares about our life when questioned during his work at St. Al's
- Joe Scheible has spoken to family members about vocations
- David Murphy posts Marianist materials all around VASJ
- Jack Dempsey shared articles about Dennis Bautista and the FMI
- Marianist vocation materials are displayed in main office display cases

### **Cape May Point, New Jersey**

- pray for vocations at each Mass
- special prayer for vocations every Thursday
- discussed vocations at planning session and community meetings
- with retreat house staff have helped plan special retreat – “Cape May in the Heart of Winter” – this retreat helped young people become more familiar with the Marianist spirit – 13 people attended
- include Marianist spirituality into all of the retreats
- display Marianist vocation materials
- help develop local Marianist lay groups
- welcome Marianist Contact, Ben Pollicino, as the retreat house intern – Ben joins the community for prayer, meals and ministry
- Marianist interns, contacts, seminarians, brothers are always welcomed to minister at the Marianist Family Retreat Center

### **Jackson Street, Hollywood Florida**

- invite Charlie Johnson to the community and school
- vocations are prayed for each day at Eucharist
- The Brothers renew their vows in front of the student body at the Founder’s Day Eucharist
- During Marianist Heritage Month at school, vowed and lay Marianists spoke to each theology class
- some members of the community speak with individual students about religious vocations
- Contact Hugo Bastida has been invited to dinner and Eucharist
- the community hosted the SM Formation Weekend at school with a impressive prayer and Eucharist followed by a social and dinner at the residence
- John Thompson gave an excellent (my word) retreat to the contacts in December at North Topsail Beach

***Peace!***

***Charlie***