



VOCATION NEWS

Did you know...

- We send our prayers and condolences to Sr. Patrica Knopp, SND from the Dayton Vocation office. Sister's mother passed away in December.
- This is National Vocation Awareness Week in the United States. What have you done to promote vocations recently?
- Special thanks to Charlie Wanda who has agreed to help in the Dayton Vocation office. Thanks, Charlie!
- Thanks to the Marianist Community in Dublin for their vocation efforts. Thank you Neville, Gerry and Fred. You are in our thoughts and prayers!
- Several of our contacts from California and Hawaii were able to meet members of the General Administration.
- A picture of our men in formation will be mailed out to each community this week. Please display the picture to remind us and others that it is up to us to help create our own future.
- Over 1,000 letters of introduction to the Society of Mary were sent out to Catholic colleges and different parishes across the U.S. Thanks to Matt Pfeiffer (son of Jill from our Communications Office) for his hard work.
- National Vocation Awareness material was sent to our high schools, parishes and middle schools.
- Chaminade Day materials were sent to all our schools.
- Special thanks to John Thompson for composing the Chaminade prayer service that was sent to all our schools.

- The Washington Street Community in Dayton hosted four young men for a vocation evening. The evening began with prayer, dinner and ended with presentations from Tobias Ferrer and Brian Halderman.
- Special thanks to our Advent Threshold writers. I am very grateful to: Aaron Sonnenburg, Bob Wiethorn, Joe Barrish, Jim Tobin and Tom Cardone.
- Please send any vocation news/activities to me so that I can share it with the Province.
- Congratulations and Blessings to Oscar Vasquez! Oscar will be ordained a deacon in Rome on January 22, 2005.
- Thanks to Mike Sullivan and Cris Janson for staffing the a vocation booth at the National Catholic Student Coalition in Washington, DC. I believe David Betz was also at the conference.
- Thanks to Bernie Stratman for his help with the conference in Washington.
- Special thanks to our senior Brothers who are praying for our men in formation. Please feel free to contact your prayer person.
- Thanks to John Samaha for his suggestions and resources.
- Jorge da Silva contacted me about a young man who is looking at religious life. Thank you Jorge.
- Is your community still using the vocation prayer service? Please feel free to change the service to fit your community. I asked communities to use this prayer on Wednesdays, but please use it whenever you want. Please just continue to pray!
- Aaron Sonneburg attended the Ray Carey workshop on the “Behavioral Assessment.”
- VOCATION CANDLES (The Marianist Flame – Pass It On!) are now available. If your candle has burnt down, please contact me and I will send a new one. Extra candles will be available for \$10.00 with the money going to the Chaminade Project.
- **VOCATION DATES**

Dayton Discernment Retreat: January 28-30

Ewa Beach Discernment Retreat: January 28-30

January 7, 2005

LA Religious Education Congress: February 17-21

Retreat for Aspirancy Program (next year): March 11-13 (California)

NCEA: March 29-April 1

Hispanic Retreat: April 8-10 (California)

California Discernment Retreat: May 27-29

Vocation Program at Governor's Island: July 28-August 1

- Please send me any information about vocation activities!
- Have a good Chaminade Day!
- Go Eagles!