



CREATING A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS



November 2020

Happy National Vocation Awareness Week! What an amazing week to celebrate those who have said YES to their vocation! We have special social media posted on our Facebook and Instagram pages every day this week that a parish can share with their parishioners.

This newsletter is full of good news and opportunities to promote vocations in a variety of ways: Altar Servers, Traveling Vocations Chalice, Rosary for Vocations, Behind the Veil #2 and more! Enjoy!



National Vocation Awareness Week
Good news!

UNITED STATES IN 2019

AVERAGE AGE OF ENTRANCE TO THE CONVENT IS 28

The youngest is 18
years old and the
oldest 64 years old

Source: CARA Entrance Class Report 2019



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Ten years ago, the average age of a woman entering the convent was 40. Now, it is 28! Also, after 50 years of declining membership, in 2018, the United States gained more religious sisters than it lost!

We are encouraging everyone to pray for vocations in a particular way this week so that we can have more good news like this in the future! Would you join us in praying a scriptural Rosary for Vocations?

Rosary for Vocations

Introducing Elizabeth Cantu! & We are Hiring!

We are so excited to announce that we have hired Elizabeth Cantu as our Marketing and Event Coordinator, which is a new position for Vocation Ministry.

She will be directing our social media and overseeing events like Behind the Veil and Behind the Habit!

I am still seeking an experienced administrative assistant to work with me as Vocation Ministry continues to grow! Please share the job description below with those who may be qualified and live in the Houston area.

Job Description



Elizabeth's Bio

Behind the Veil #2!

The first Behind the Veil was so incredibly fruitful for the 500 participants and 6 religious communities that we knew we had to offer this again with new communities on December 12, 2020! Since it is also the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, please join me in asking her to pray for this event.

So, here it is!!! The schedule for Behind the Veil #2. Please share this event with discerners and those curious about consecrated life! You might want to see the event, too!

Note: AMAZING Bonus Programming from 5-6 p.m. for Discerners Only!

Register for \$5 and then you will receive an email with more information and Zoom link on December 10th. Only those who are registered will be allowed into the Zoom event. It will NOT be a Facebook Live event. We know this will be incredibly fruitful! Please share!

REGISTER HERE!



Behind the Veil #2:

A Virtual Tour of Convent Life

Dec. 12, 2020

Join us for a day behind the scenes with
five different communities

12-5 p.m. CST

- 12-1 p.m. Servant Sisters of the Home of the Mother,
Jacksonville, FL
- 1-2 p.m. Religious Sisters of Mercy,
Alma, MI
- 2-3 p.m. Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration,
Mishawaka, IN
- 3-4 p.m. Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist,
Ann Arbor, MI
- 4-5 p.m. Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus,
St. Louis, MO
- 5-6 p.m. Bonus Programming -Discerners Only



NEW Altar Server Resources

Most priests's™ first memories of serving the Lord are as altar servers. A national survey of men being ordained priests found that three-quarters of new priests were at one time altar servers. A parish can create an atmosphere of reverence and duty at Mass that reinforces in young people the joy of serving the Lord. Below are some resources for you to create that atmosphere at



your parish, especially among your altar servers.

Find **videos to show to altar server leaders and servers, articles, proven programs** to bring about a culture of vocations with altar servers.

Altar Server Resources

Ministry in Action

When I saw this incredible Traveling Vocations Chalice from Annunciation Parish in the Diocese of Stockton, I knew I needed to highlight it. Their vocation ministry is doing amazing work promoting vocations!

If you do not know, the Traveling Vocations Chalice Program was created and is promoted by the Serra Club. The main idea is that a chalice (and paten, if possible), used in the sacrifice of the Mass is sent home with families within the parish. Not only is this a symbol of the priesthood you want to imprint in the minds of all those who see it, but it also promotes the Eucharist. Having the chalice at home and the accompanying prayer booklet (see below) for a week is a reminder for individuals, parents and children in a family to pray and think about their own vocation. This program has the potential to bring about a vocation-minded parish, one family at a time.

You can also have virtual sign-ups using Sign-up Genius, too!



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Keep in Touch

Remember that if you want to see past newsletters you can find them at VocationMinistry.com under the Resources tab.

Don't forget to email me with your stories of triumph or struggle. If you have questions, know that I am here to support you in this mission of Building a Culture of Vocations One Parish at a Time!

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As always, know that you are in my prayers. If you think of it, please pray for me, too.

God bless you!

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St. Alphonsus Liguori, Pray For Us!



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