

## DIOCESE OF BAKER FORMS VOCATIONS COMMITTEE

The Diocese of Baker has formed a new Vocations Committee. The initial nucleus of this committee is comprised of the members of the recently dissolved Serra Club of the Diocese of Baker. The Serra Club was dissolved at the request of its members to reorganize under the umbrella of the Diocese; the intent is to provide more practical support to the Diocese in its endeavors to promote religious vocations, especially in addressing the need for more priests.

This new Vocations Committee will function as an open committee ... any parishioner in the Diocese can belong to this committee. Hopefully the Committee will grow to be a large group of parishioners representing many different parishes throughout the Diocese. We hope to have a loose structure allowing folks to participate when and how they want.

A new focus in the support of vocations will be paying more attention to seminarians and potential seminarians. We hope to provide encouragement to and direct contact with, our seminarians.

Another new focus will be to spearhead the establishment of Quo Vadis Days for young men to focus on their discernment to follow a path to the priesthood.

In addition to the new focus items above, we also plan to carry on with former activities, including:

1. Encouraging Adoration and Holy Hours in each parish throughout the Diocese to support vocations.
2. Distributing prayer cards for all religious to all parishes throughout the Diocese in early January.
3. Sending cards to seminarians on a regular basis.
4. Sending anniversary cards to all religious in the Diocese.
5. Participating in parish "Roundups" or in other vocation awareness activities as requested.
6. Extending an altar server recognition program to parishes throughout the Diocese.
7. Holding monthly Committee meetings for those who can attend.

Accomplishing everything will require the participation of new committee members from throughout the Diocese. We need folks who will be willing to do the practical things that need to be done, and if possible, to help us financially. For accountability, we will be formulating a budget based specifically on the projected costs of our planned activities. Our "dues" are voluntary, but we are suggesting \$5/mo (\$60/yr) to help fund our activities. We will communicate monthly to all members via email.

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