

## Promotion Ideas for a Parish Vocation Committee

### **Called By Name**

*Explanation:* There is no need to do this if there will be no follow-up. A few weeks before you do this, announce in your bulletin and from the pulpit that there will be a *Called by Name* initiative in the parish. Explain to the people the need for priests and that priests come from families and parishes just like ours. So, who in our parish may the Lord be calling to the priesthood? Tell them on (DATE) weekends we will have slips of paper in the pew for people to write down the names of people who should consider the priesthood. Remind them that it does not just have to be the youth of our parish, but any single male is eligible to be elected by the community. Once this happens, then what will the follow-up be? Possibilities include:

- 1) have a meal
- 2) give names to the vocation committee members  
(Remember, if there is no way for the vocation committee members to have natural access to these people, they must create an event or give these names to people who do have contact with the individuals.)
- 3) Call the person and say he was nominated and pray about it. If interested, talk to him.
- 4) Get someone to talk to him if he is interested in continuing the conversation.

#### *Steps:*

1. Bulletin and pulpit announcements:

*Example: Where do priests come from? They come from families like ours from parishes like ours. Most everyone the Lord calls in the Bible was shocked when He called them. The Lord may be calling single men and boys from our parish to serve him at the altar as a priest. However, today, the calling comes from the community. Who is this community from its midst to consider the priesthood? Next week, we will have forms in the pews for you to write the names of people you think should consider the priesthood. Questions to think about as you pray for the individual you may put on the paper: Is he frequently at Mass? Do you think he prays? Is he concerned about others? Can he interact well with others of his age and of other ages? Please pray about this and come ready to give some names next week. The Lord may be calling more than one person from our parish, so if you think of more than one, just use a separate piece of paper per name.*

2. Make slips of paper including: name of person being called; parish and parents names of person being called, age of person being called; phone number; what gifts do you see in the person?
3. Several slips on one piece of paper, copy the paper and then cut
4. Several slips in each pew on Saturday before first weekend Mass.
5. Pencils/pens in each pew
6. Delegate someone to collect at appropriate time and replenish slips after Mass.
7. Decide what to do with the names of the slips once they are filled out.