

Vocation Awareness – Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting



The Catholic Committee on Scouting has developed this activity to promote vocation awareness, and to encourage young men and women to pray for vocations, and to consider a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. “He Leads, I Follow” is the motto of Blessed Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel, foundress of the sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration. The center is meant to symbolize a monstrance, holding the Blessed Sacrament reminding us that the Church draws her life from the Eucharist. The color blue reminds us of Mary, Mother and Model of Vocations. To earn the patch, please complete the following requirements. When finished, you may purchase the patch using the religious recognitions order form found on our website. These activities can be completed by individuals, parishes, or youth groups.

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Requirements K-3rd Grade: Pray a prayer for vocations each night for one week, and do two of the following:

1. With a parent, teacher, scout leader, or friend ask a priest of your parish about his call to the priesthood.
2. With a parent, teacher, scout leader or friend ask a religious sister or brother about how they became a religious.
3. Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 (or have someone read it to you) and say the prayer as Samuel did. Discuss with your parent, teacher, scout leader, or friend what you can do each day to follow God.
4. Read Mark 1:16-20 (or have a parent read it to you) and discuss with your parent, teacher, scout leader or friend what it means to “fish for people.” How can you follow Jesus and do the same?

4th - 6th Grade: Pray a prayer for vocations each night for one week and do three of the following:

1. With a parent, teacher, scout leader, or friend ask a priest of your parish about his call to the priesthood.
2. With a parent, teacher, scout leader or friend ask a religious sister or brother about how they became a religious.
3. Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 and say the prayer as Samuel did. Discuss with your parent, teacher, scout leader, or friend what you can do each day to follow God.
4. Read Mark 1:16-20 and discuss with your parent, teacher, scout leader or friend what it means to “fish for people.” How can you follow Jesus and do the same?
5. Go to www.vocations.com and find out steps to help know if someone is being called by God. Write them down, or share them with a parent, teacher, scout leader, or friend.

7th - 8th Grade: Pray a prayer for vocations each night for one week and do four of the following:

1. With a parent, teacher, scout leader or friend ask a priest of your parish about his call to the priesthood.
2. With a parent, teacher, scout leader or friend ask a religious sister or brother about how they became a religious.
3. Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 and say the prayer as Samuel did. Discuss with your parent, teacher, scout leader, or friend what you can do each day to follow God.
4. Read Mark 1:16-20 and discuss with your parent, teacher, scout leader or friend what it means to “fish for people.” How can you follow Jesus and do the same?
5. Go to vocations.diojoliet.org and find out steps to help know if someone is being called by God. Write them down, or share them with a parent, teacher, scout leader, or friend.

6. Go to the USCCB website watch one of the vocation stories. <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week.cfm> Write a paragraph about what you learned or discuss it with a parent, teacher, scout leader, or friend.

9th Grade to 12th or Adult Leader: Pray a prayer for vocations each night for one week and do five of the following:

1. With a parent, teacher, scout leader, or friend ask a priest of your parish about his call to the priesthood.
2. With a parent, teacher, scout leader or friend ask a religious sister or brother about how they became a religious.
3. Read 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 and say the prayer as Samuel did. Discuss with your parent, teacher, scout leader, or friend what you can do each day to follow God.
4. Read Mark 1:16-20 and discuss with your parent, teacher, scout leader or friend what it means to “fish for people.” How can you follow Jesus and do the same?
5. Go to vocations.diojoli.org and find out steps to help know if someone is being called by God. Write them down, or share them with a parent, teacher, scout leader, or friend.
6. Go to the USCCB website <https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/vocations> and watch one of the vocation stories. Write a paragraph about what you learned, or discuss it with a parent, teacher, scout leader, or friend.
7. Participate in a Holy Hour for vocations, either by yourself or with a group.
8. Research what religious communities serve in your parish, school, or diocese. Visit the website of at least four different communities to learn about the varied gifts the men and women of these communities share with the Church.

Prayers for Vocation Link (Required for All Ages) <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/prayers-for-vocations.cfm>

National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated in November is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

