

Parishioners of Holy Trinity Catholic Church,

As promised last week, here is the next section of Bishop Harrington's pastoral letter, Proclaim, Jesus! He has encouraged us to reflect on it and implement it in our parish. This section speaks about vocations. As I mentioned several weeks ago in my homily, it is important for us to help young men and women discern where the Lord is calling them to in their lives. As a child, many of us considered a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Family life and society supported that discernment. Today, that is less true for a variety of reasons.

We speak of "Stewardship." One aspect of this is to help each other recognize God's gifts to us in terms of talents and aptitudes. For those young men and women called by God to a life of service in the Church, our work with them will lead them to embrace God's will and lead a happy and fulfilling life. I will be working with the local Serra Club to implement these benchmarks. I already have a few ideas that I want to flesh out for introduction in the fall.

Who is the last priest or religious sister from our parish? I would appreciate knowing that information. Who will answer God's call and serve as priest, deacon, religious brother or religious sister?

I CALL YOU BY NAME

The church that Jesus gave us is a hierarchical church in which each person is called to a vocation, a distinctive way of life. Jesus Himself said to Peter, "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church." (Matthew 16: 18) We now call Peter the first pope, and the apostles the first bishops. Chapter 6 of the Acts of the Apostles describes the ordination of the first deacons and, shortly afterward, the church began to ordain priests. But, at no point did the faithful lose their responsibility for working within the church founded on the rock to fulfill the instructions of Jesus. When He ascended, Jesus didn't give one instruction to the apostles and another to disciples. He told all of them - and all of us - to bring the Gospel to the world and to bring everyone in the world to Him and to the Father.

As a church built on the sacraments, however, we need people willing to answer the call of Jesus to be priests who serve His people as exclusive ministers of three sacraments - Eucharist, Reconciliation and the Anointing of the Sick. As we know from experience, the number of men willing to embrace diocesan priesthood and serve the church as pastor of a parish is small and shrinking. But, our long drought of vocations to the priesthood is over; this spring I will ordain five young men to the diocesan priesthood. At the same time, we continue to ask the Father to send more workers into the vineyard, and we continue to pray that the men called to the vineyard will hear His voice and respond to His call. But, there is much more that we can do.

As part of "Fishers of Men," the vocations summit of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the priests of our diocese reflected upon their vocation. We asked them to describe the important people and events in their decision to accept the invitation of Jesus to serve Him as a priest. By an overwhelming margin, the priests told us that they were attracted to priesthood not only because Jesus called them but also because they saw priests in their parishes who were happy and fulfilled as they lived out their vocation. We all seek a career that fulfills us, and priests are no different. How, then, do we as God's people in the Diocese of Winona help our priests to be fulfilled as pastors?

Being a pastor of a parish is a major challenge. The pastor must, of course, be first and foremost a man of God and be Jesus to the people as he administers the sacraments and especially as he celebrates the Eucharist. But, he also is a teacher, a manager of an enterprise with personnel and budget challenges, a manager of physical plants all of which have roofs, boilers and compressors in various states of health, and a fund raiser for the parish and its ministry. Pastoring today is a far more complicated task than in previous decades. How do we help our priests thrive and live a fulfilled life and vocation under these circumstances?

The answer lies in each of us. We know that prayer works. I am convinced that the increase in vocations to the priesthood that we now see in our diocese is the result of intercessions during the Prayers of the Faithful and especially of Perpetual Adoration and Eucharistic Adoration. Beyond prayer, every disciple is responsible for the growth and strength of the church that Jesus gave us. Each of us has skills and talents that we can make available to the church. The solution to relieving pastors of the tasks that tend to draw them down lies in using the gifts that God has spread throughout the parish community.

- Parishes will participate in the "Fishers of Men" Vocations Initiative through Parish Vocation Day in January 2008, and special vocations events in 2008 for sixth grade students and for sophomores.*
- Parishes will promote vocations to the diaconate and to lay ministry, and welcome deacons and ministers to their special roles in parish ministry.*
- Parishes will support parishioners who volunteer to place their gifts and talents in the service of the community by helping them to discern their gifts, and by embracing their work in support of the Kingdom.*

Fr. John Sauer

Litomysl Festival Assignments - Sunday, July 27, 2008

GENERAL CHAIRPERSONS: Rose Ann Kubicek, Tom Wencil, Bruce Kubicek, Tara Jones

GENERAL CASHIERS: Myron Kaplan and Randy Borchert

DEPUTIES: LeRoy Schroeder and Lee Robbins

INFORMATION BOOTH: Bruce Kubicek

AUCTION CASHIERS: Don Kasper and Dale Wilker

AUCTION CHAIR: Jim Klecker, **CO-CHAIR:** Merle Anderson; David Klecker, Mike Klecker, Francis Langr, Alvin Kubat,
Ed Haberman, Dale Motl, Darren Motl, Luke Broulik, Eric Anderson,
Paul Haberman, Darren Wencil, Jason Wencil, Brent Seykora, Chris Spinler

PULL TABS CHAIR: Bret Running; 11:00 to 2:00: Jerry Czarnowski, Jerry Lisowski, Terry Picha
2:00 to 5:30: Tom Skala, Ron Skala, Jacob Miller

MONEY JAR: LaVerne Klecker & Scott Kubicek

BINGO CHAIR: Scott Noble, **CO-CHAIR:** Tom Boecker

11:30 to 2:30: Steve Skala, Kevin Noble, Steve Kent, Joe Wondra

2:30 to 5:30: Ted Kniert, Ron Motz, Jim Von Ruden, Ed Simon, Jesse Routh

CAR PARKING: (*in parking lot & in field across road from school*): 9:00 to Noon: John Schiller and Tim Pirkl

BIG TICKET SELLERS ON THE GROUNDS: Bob Prokopec and Jerry Rysavy

BEER GARDEN CHAIR: John Styndl, **CO-CHAIR:** Frank Suchanek

CASHIERS: 12:00 to 2:30: Dale Seykora and Ray Busho

2:30 to 5:00: Jake Ross and Gene Motl

WORKERS:

12:00 to 2:30: (by the Church) Joe Rysavy and Mike Schiller

2:30 to 5:00: (by the Church) Ed Skala and Larry Wencil

12:00 to 4:00: (by the Auction) Jim Kaplan and Mark Starman

POP SALES CO-CHAIR: Chris Deml **CO-CHAIR:** Todd Kubicek

10:30 to 2:30: (*by Church*) Chris Wencil, Travis Anderson, Ryan Noble, Tim Boecker, Sean Robbins

2:15 thru clean-up: (*by Church*) Ryan Kubista, Jeff Wondra, Derek Skala, Travis Borchert, Kyle Rowland, Kyle Spinler

11:00 to done: (*by Auction*) Dan Schiller, Jacob Rysavy, Greg Schiller, Tony Schiller,

FOOD BY AUCTION: Chris Deml, Todd Kubicek, Jeffrey Titus, and Chris Bartsch

ROOT BEER & FLOATS CHAIR: Mike Kubicek

11:00 to 2:30: BJ Rysavy, Jack Noble, Joseph Motl, David Wacek, Steve Dittrich

2:30 thru clean-up: David Larkin, Ben Kubista, John Weber, Allen Wacek, Craig Schammel, Garry Wigham

PORK RIB SANDWICHES, PORK BURGERS & BRAT CO-CHAIRS: Brian Jones and Chuck Krell

10:30 to 2:00: Kevin Spinler, Judd Aaseth, Joel Kubista, Wayne Wencil, Steve Stoetzel, Gordon Spinler,
Brian Spinler, Tom Kremer, Tom Hutchins

2:00 thru clean-up: Gary Anderson, Jon Olson, Nathan Finholdt, Gerald Radtke, Garrett Jones,

Clint Seykora, Joe Suchanek, Luke Winzenburg, Emil Miller

GAS ENGINES: Myron Spindler and Bob Starman

HORSE SHOES: David Rysavy

DIME TOSS: Dennis Sisler, Joe Zak, and Justin Zak

PAINT BALL GAME: Chair: David Rysavy

TRAM DRIVERS: 10:30 to 1:00: Steve Kasper; 1:00 to 3:30: Jerry Kaplan; 3:30 to 6:00: Dennis Ringhofer

NURSE'S STATION: Amber Aaseth, Karen Wencil and Aileen Motz

ROOT BEER BARREL GAME and CHANCES:

CHAIR: Rose Ann Kubicek; Eileen Deml, Alice Spinler

BIG TICKET SALES UNDER TENT: 10:00 to 1:30: David Miller, Francis Jenko, Joe Skala Sr.

1:30 to 5:15: Tom Wencil, Al Rysavy, Tara Jones

PONY RIDES: Dan Suchanek Family in charge, Stacey Noble, Sean Robbins, Alexis Kasper, Tim Boecker, Adam Miller,

Chelsea Rowland, Jacob Lisowski, Zachary Wanous, Adam Wondra, Tayla Jones, Connor

Robbins

FLEA MARKET AND SILENT AUCTION (*in School*): Janet Miller and Mary Starman

COUNTRY STORE CHAIRS: Clarence and Debbie Horejsi, their family, and Gracious Ladies

CHEESE NACHOS & POPCORN: St. Isidore's School Board and School Families

LUNCH CHAIRS: Karen Wencil & Jo Spinler - St. Elizabeth's Guild, St. Jane Frances, and St. Monica's Guild

BAKING CHAIRS: St. Helena's Guild

CHILDREN'S GAMES: St. Blanche's Guild

ADVERTISING: Rose Ann Kubicek

*The above jobs have been assigned for your Litomysl Summer Festival.
All chairpeople are asked to please help set up and take down their area.*

*If for some reason, someone is unable to do their assigned job,
please contact the chairperson of your area as soon as possible.*