

VOCATION AWARENESS MONTH

The month of November in the Church is an opportunity for us to reflect on the holy vocations that we have been given in our life, especially in our faith life.

According to theologian Frederick Buechner, vocation is the “place where your deep gladness meets the world’s deep need”. We often speak of having a “vocation” or being “called”. We talk about receiving a call to a particular work or situation. Through our faith in Jesus Christ, we are all called to a vocation. It may happen this way: We hear God’s spiritual call; it reaches us; and we act on this...this becomes our vocation. We can say that vocation is a movement of living IN the glory of God and FOR the glory of God. Wow!

Some persons are called to the vocation of the SINGLE LIFE. That is, they proceed through their life of faith living in the world either through circumstances or choice as a single person. This does not convey loneliness; they may have much family and many friends that make their life meaningful. Certainly, if it is a true vocation they are living a life of faith in God and carrying out God’s mission for God’s people.

Often, when we think of a faith vocation, we think of the ORDAINED LIFE or the CONSECRATED LIFE. Those whose vocation means walking through life as a priest like Father Ed or Father John or as a deacon like our dear Deacon Rue. These holy people lead the faithful into a fuller life in Christ. We see this evident in the consecrated life of those like Sister Francesca or Brother Roy. These and others like them throughout history have dedicated themselves to God in a unique manner. We are grateful to these ordained and consecrated people. Where would we be without them?

Another faith vocation is being called to the MARRIED LIFE. You might ask yourself, “Well, how is this a faith vocation? I fell in love and got married. Big Deal! How is that a vocation?” Here’s the answer.

When we marry another person, we make a lifelong commitment to be in a special relationship forever with that person. We can think of it as a COVENANT, that is, a SACRED commitment, one not easily dissolved, in which God is a partner who will sustain us as a couple through the trials, tribulations, joys and blessings of our union.

This year, at Holy Rosary, we have chosen to focus on the vocation of MARRIED LIFE. Each week, some members of the parish, men and women, will share with us some things about their own marriage. They may share how they came together or what makes them stick it out. They may share what role their faith life plays in their marriage. They may tell you about the joys and blessings of their union or share about having children and what that brings to a marriage. They may share some ways they weathered the storms of dark or sad times. They may tell you about the uniqueness of their union. Watch the bulletin in the coming weeks.

If you would like to share anything about your special marriage, we would love that!! Based on the sentences above, write a little bit to share. You can sign it or not. Simply turn it in to the office by Wednesday to Mary or Diane. We would like to have as many stories as possible during this month. Thank you!

