

## **Vocation Bulletin Blurbs: Advent & Christmas Season (2009-10)**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2009**

In our first reading, Jeremiah tells us of the Lord's plan to fulfill the promise made to the houses of Israel and Judah. That promise was fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ and continues to inspire us to work for the kingdom of justice and peace. If you called to follow in the promise of Jesus in the priesthood or religious life, please call Fr. Joe O'Connor at (315) 470-1468.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 6, 2009**

The vocation of John the Baptist was a challenging one! John's life was about bringing people back to God through a baptism of repentance and preparing the way for Jesus himself. If God is calling you to such an awesome vocation, please contact Fr. Joe O'Connor at [joconnor@syracusediocese.org](mailto:joconnor@syracusediocese.org)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 13, 2009**

In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul tells each of us to rejoice in the Lord always and make our kindness known to all. If you feel called to share the Lord's kindness with others through a vocation to the religious life or priesthood, please visit [www.vocations-syracuse.org](http://www.vocations-syracuse.org).

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 20, 2009**

Elizabeth immediately recognized the gift of the Lord Jesus in his mother Mary. During this season of Advent, we are called to witness how the Lord's presence truly has an amazing impact on others. If you are interested in sharing the Lord's presence as a priest or religious, please call or contact Fr. Joe O'Connor at (315) 470-1468 or [joconnor@syracusediocese.org](mailto:joconnor@syracusediocese.org)

## **Christmas**

The birth of Jesus serves as the great reminder that Christ became one of us to save, serve, and love us. Through God's gift of grace, priests and religious brothers and sisters make Jesus' birth come alive every day through their life and ministry. If you think God has called you to be Christ for others, please contact Fr. Joe O'Connor at [joconnor@syracusediocese.org](mailto:joconnor@syracusediocese.org)

### **The Feast of the Holy Family, December 27, 2009**

Mary and Joseph did all they could to help the Lord Jesus fulfill his mission to bring the love of God to those in need. Our families play an important role in who we are and what we become. Their love and support provide a foundation for a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. If you would like to be priest or religious, Please visit [www.vocations-syracuse.org](http://www.vocations-syracuse.org).

### **The Feast of the Epiphany, January 3, 2009**

In their visitation, the three kings offered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. During this holy season, have you ever thought of offering your gifts to God through a vocation to the religious life or priesthood? If so, call Fr. Joe O'Connor at (315) 470-1468.

### **The Baptism of the Lord, January 10, 2009**

Jesus continually spent time in prayer to contemplate his vocation. At our baptisms, the Holy Spirit descended upon us, reminding us of our Christian vocation. If you feel called to baptize and serve others in the priesthood or religious life, please visit [www.vocations-syracuse.org](http://www.vocations-syracuse.org).