

Vocation Bulletin Blurbs

2010 Ordinary Time Weeks 11-22

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 13

As the Year For Priests wrapped up on Friday, the Feast of the Sacred Heart, let us offer a prayer of great thanks for the opportunity to pray for the priests who have worked to lead us to holiness. May the Lord continue to hold them close to His Most Sacred Heart.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 20

Fear is a powerful thing. It can keep us from taking action when action is needed most. In the brief Gospel passage we hear today, Jesus tells his first followers not to be afraid three times. Do not be afraid to look into the possibility of a religious vocation. Visit www.syracuse-vocations.org.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 27

“My yolk is easy and my burden is light.” This promise of Jesus gives us confidence and courage to accept whatever vocation he is calling us to. Embracing the way of life God calls us to is both freeing and joyful. For discernment help, contact Fr. Joe O’Connor 315-470-1468.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 4

St. Paul explains the great tension that exists in our lives between the spirit and the flesh. The Spirit of Christ brings life to the body. As we celebrate the gift of freedom in our country, be open to the gift of Freedom that comes from living for the Spirit of Christ. The Lord may be calling you to a very special way of life as a priest, deacon, or religious. Contact Fr. Joe O’Connor at 315-470-1468.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 11

The parables of the Lord still need to be explained today. If you have ever imagined yourself preaching the Word of God, that may be an indication of a religious vocation. Follow up on that daydream, and find out more about religious life. Visit www.vocations-syracuse.org.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 18

The Book of Wisdom reminds that God’s mighty deeds teach us of his justice and mercy. Even today, the world needs a reminder of the Lord’s mercy and justice. If you feel a call to be a prophet of this important message, contact Fr. Joe O’Connor at joconnor@syracusediocese.org.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 25

Of all the things that Solomon could have asked for, he asked for an understanding heart. If you see that same humility and selflessness in another, ask them to consider a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. They can contact Fr. Joe O'Connor at 315-470-1468.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 1

This week we will celebrate the Feast of St. John Vianney, recently named the patron of all the world's priests, who worked tirelessly to provide for the needs of his people. As we reflect on the multiplication of the loaves and the fish, consider the need for more priests in the world to feed the hungry crowds with the gift of the Eucharist. Pray for priests.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 8

If you have considered a call to a religious vocation and are waiting for a sign, consider this: Elijah recognized the Lord in a tiny whisper rather than in the strong wind, and the earthquake and the fire. Open your heart and listen quietly for that whisper. Visit www.vocations-syracuse.org.

Assumption of the Blessed Mother, August 15

After a life of complete obedience to the will of God, Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. Her "yes" to God's plan had eternal significance, so can yours. If you have considered a religious vocation, contact the director of vocation promotion, Fr. Joe O'Connor, at 315-470-1468 or joconnor@syracusediocese.org.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 22

The second reading reminds us that no one knows the mind of God. His ways are beyond our ways. There may be someone you know who is being called by God to a religious vocation and they can't imagine themselves as worthy. Remind them of God's wisdom and invite them to visit www.vocations-syracuse.org.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 29

There are some in religious life who have described their call as Jeremiah did, "You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped." God has a great sense of humor and gentleness in calling out to us, but we must let ourselves be duped. Allow God's will to be done in your life. For retreat and discernment information contact Fr. Joe O'Connor at 315-470-1468.