

Dear Parishioners of St Mary's and St. Rita's,

We have a favor to ask of you. It doesn't involve setting up chairs, shoveling snow, or cooking for an event. It does involve thought, prayer, and the intercession of the Holy Spirit, and it can be done from home.

On the weekend of January 25-26 our priests throughout the Diocese will preach on vocations and invite you to share the names of men from high school students to those age 40 who may be called to the priesthood. The qualities that are looked for in potential discerners are:

- Leadership
- Critical thinking
- Energy and stamina
- Comfort in relationship with Christ and His Church
- Care for others as well as self
- Cooperativeness in teamwork
- Humility, and a healthy sense of humor
- Trustworthiness

If you know a young man with these qualities from our parish, please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket any time during the month of January. Ask the Holy Spirit for help in this task. Bishop Senior will then invite these men to dinner so they can get to know him and he can know them. There is no pressure in this invitation, just a desire for our relatively new shepherd to get to know the people of his flock.

We thank you for taking the time to read this and hope you will seriously pray for guidance in looking at the qualities of young men you know and sharing their names with us. We need **all** of us to encourage and pray for vocations.

May God bless you,

Your Vocations Ministry Team

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Please print

Name of potential discerner:

Parents' names if a minor:

Address if known: