

SERRA'S FIVE STAR PROGRAM



TO ESTABLISH A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS IN YOUR PARISH

How do you build this culture? Serra Clubs have organized five steps for you to follow!

We know marriage, single life, priestly and religious vocations are all paths to holiness.

Our focus is on religious and priestly vocations as the priest and religious are instrumental in helping the other states of life.

**"VOCATIONS ARE EVERYONE'S
BUSINESS!"**

Blessed John Paul II



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THE TRAVELING CHALICE

Directly involves people in the parish! Parishioners take the chalice home and pray for vocations. It may be the first time they pray and think about religious vocations.

Note: A crucifix can be substituted for a chalice but we will use the chalice in our example.

The basics:

- Priest presents Chalice to group or individual at Mass
- Take home, display and pray each day
- Record the family's or person's thoughts in a journal

To implement:

- Obtain support of pastor
- Select key person to run the program
- Secure traveling chalice, case and journal
- Encourage, publicize, schedule and remind

The program should continue at least 26 weeks to develop a rhythm



STAR TWO:

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advantages:

- Increase awareness about vocations
- Stimulate thoughts about life's journey
- Encourage a fulfilling holy life

These thoughtful announcements address priestly and religious vocations, as well as marriage and the single life.

Announcements of varying size educate and encourage the parish to explore and pray for priestly and religious vocations!

RESOURCE LIST

Serraus.org website has information regarding:

- Obtaining Chalice or Crucifix, Journal and Case.
- Vocation Prayers
- Bulletin Announcements (sizes vary, copy or cut and paste)
- "31 Club" Calendar Poster
- Publicity and suggestions for celebrating the 4 National Vocation Events.
- Script for Holy Hour
- Many suggestions and ideas!





STAR THREE:

THE "31 CLUB"

Addresses the need to help parishioners be aware that everyone has an important role to pray for vocations

This "**no dues, no meetings**" club is a great way to foster a "culture of vocations".

To implement:

- Parishioners sign up to attend Mass or pray especially for vocations one day each month
- Secure or make a large poster calendar - mount on foam board.
- Publicize for participants
- Have participants put their name on the large calendar
- Repeat each year
- Display calendar



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CELEBRATE PRIESTLY AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

National Vocation Events:

- Priesthood Sunday
- World Day of Prayer for Vocations (on Good Shepherd Sunday- Third Sunday after Easter)
- World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life (February)
- National Vocation Awareness Week (November)
- Priesthood Sunday might be a good start
 - Great time to show appreciation for our clergy
 - Pray for and highlight priestly vocations



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HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

- Schedule a convenient time
- Publicize
- Gather and pray
- Some parishes even do this weekly or monthly

Thank you for working to answer the question...

WHO WILL SERVE ON YOUR ALTAR IN THE FUTURE?

PLAN TO CELEBRATE VOCATION EFFORT AFTER ONE YEAR

- Celebrate with a social time for participants.
- Honor key person and pastor.
- Use names gathered to form a parish vocation ministry.

Pray hard...

Work Diligently...

Create a Culture of

Vocations in your parish!

