



USA Council of Serra International – Vocations Committee

Serra Clubs can demonstrate their dedication to serve the mission of Serra by planning ahead to implement these Vocation Programs:

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY: October 28, 2012- planning guide includes tips on how to make the Sunday liturgy special at the local parish. See website www.priestsunday.org

- **National Vocation Awareness Week** Jan. 13 - 19, 2013
- **World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life** Feb. 3, 2013
- **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** April 21, 2013

Both English/Spanish Kits are available for each of these events through the Serra website.

More information on any of the following vocation programs can be found at www.serraus.org

Parish Vocation Committees: the most effective way to carry out any vocation program. This can be done at a single parish or committees have even been formed among several different parishes in a vicariate or deanery.

Parish Contact Program: a liaison with a parish is chosen from your Serra club so that programs can be implemented effectively. Some clubs work through a pastor/pastoral council to have an individual from the council serve as the liaison with the club.

Quo Vadis Days/Fiat Days: programs offered through Diocese Vocation Office which are for high school aged boys (Quo Vadis) or girls (Fiat). For more information about how these have been successful in a diocese, email : Dan Jones (Quo Vadis): d.jones168@frontier.com or Jeff Jespersen (Fiat): floraandjeff@msn.com.

College Connection for Catholics: partnering with Newman Connection with administrative support from NET Ministries to connect incoming freshmen with the Catholic presence on or near their campus. The goal is to help students stay involved with their faith as they begin this important chapter in their lives. For more information, go to www.collegeconnectionforcatholics.com

Focus on New Vocations: USAC Vocations subcommittee which is helping clubs to commit to Vocation programs that encourage discernment of a future vocation. These are essential programs in the life of our church. Life Awareness Weekend, Called by Name, day trips to the Seminary, dinner with the Bishop are some examples.

Venture Crews: Serra sponsored units which are chartered to a Catholic school. Financial assistance is available through Serra when vocation discernment is included in its mission. For more information on how this works or how Serrans can play a role in scouting, go to www.nccs-bsa.org

NET Ministries: National Evangelism Teams are made up of college aged young adults who serve one year. They travel across the country and do various ministries. They often pursue further their desire to serve by going on to the seminary or convent. A schedule of when a NET team will be in your area is available on the USAC website.

Many books and DVDs help with promoting discernment of a Vocation such as:

“To Save a Thousand Souls” by Fr. Brett Brannen, “Tuning In To God’s Call” by Andrew Carl Wisdom, OP, DMin and Christine Kiley, ASCJ and the DVD “Fishers of Men” are some of the many titles that are available. You can order the DVD “The Calling” through the website www.thecallingdocumentary.com The DVD “Parenting Vocation” can be ordered through the website <http://www.wordnet.tv/parenting-vocation.dvd.htm>

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