



Called By Name

"I have called you by name; you are Mine."

The Catholic Diocese of Wilmington
PRAY + INVITE + ENCOURAGE + AFFIRM

Called by Name is a program to create a vocations culture where priests and people recognize potential candidates for Priesthood and Religious Life and encourage them.

On the weekend of November 2 and 3, you will be asked to share in this process of encouraging vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and to strengthen a culture within our parish where vocations are talked about, prayed for and encouraged. It is important and significant to acknowledge the gifts a young person possesses and how the Church needs them.

Encouraging someone can make a difference and introduce them to the next step – a response.

We ask you to look around and nominate young people who you might see a vocation in. Then complete the reverse side of this insert or one of the cards found in the pews. Cards should be returned on the weekend of November 9 and 10. There will be baskets at the doors. The Pastor will review them and return them to the Vocation Office.

Please pray for vocations during the week – National Vocation Awareness Week – November 3-10.

O God, Father of all Mercies,
Provider of a bountiful Harvest,
Send Your Graces upon those you have called to gather
the fruits of Your labor;
Preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.

Open the hearts of our young people that they may discern
Your Holy Will;
Inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the
name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life
guided by Your Divine Word and Truth.
Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary,
all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs,
through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

ST. POLYCARP PARISH

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After prayerful consideration, I believe our Pastor should speak with this person to help them discern if Jesus could be calling them to discipleship as a Priest, Sister, Brother or Deacon.

(Name of candidate) *(Approx. Age)*

(Address – if known – Physical or email)

(Phone-if known, or Parent's Name)

(Why I think this person may be called by Jesus)

Nominator's Name and contact

