

Representatives from parishes are working with the Formation Department on this five year promotion. Special homilies at Mass, and appropriate posters and bulletin inserts on these designated weekends will be part of the campaign. Response cards will also be available for those who wish to be contacted by the Formation Department.

Those who serve campus ministries, young adult groups, Catholic schools, youth groups and religious education programs are urged to highlight these special events in their 2005 programs. Parents, consider using the bulletin inserts to initiate family dialogue and prayer that each family member may come to know and accept God's unique call. Those who desire further information can call 517-342-2504 or visit the Formation Department website at www.dioceseoflansing.org, or www.lansingpriesthood.org; www.lansingvocations.org; www.lansinglayministry.org; www.lansingdeacons.org.



CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND MISSION CAMPAIGN

Bring to maturity the seeds you have planted in the field of your church.

The faithful have spoken. The plan is in place. In response to the Diocesan Strategic Planning Process, "Voices", the Formation Department has outlined a comprehensive plan for Goal 4.4, focusing on all of the church's vocations. The first year of a five year plan calls for all parishes to infuse the vocation theme through the liturgy on eight separate weekends during 2005, following the liturgical year and special observances of the universal church. Below are the designated dates for each vocation - parishes have already observed the January and February themes.



- Call of all the baptized - Baptism of the Lord - January 9, 2005
- Consecrated Life - World Day for Consecrated Life - February 6, 2005
- Priesthood - Good Shepherd Sunday - April 17, 2005
- Diaconate - Acts 6:1-7, selection of the seven - April 24, 2005
- Marriage/Family - Trinity Sunday - family, icon of three-person God May 22, 2005
- Dedicated Single Life - Some developed one hundredfold - July 10, 2005
- Lay Ministry - World-wide lay ministry Sunday - October 9, 2005
- Home/Foreign Missions - Mission Sunday - October 23, 2005

Pray with our diocesan church that this effort may be the catalyst to prompt all concerned Catholics to discern personally, or invite to discernment fellow Catholics who are gifted, and so likely called to a church ministry, ordained, consecrated, or lay.

Many parishes are committed to a parish holy hour once a month. In Matthew chapter 9 we read: "At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd." Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." (Mt. 9:36-37).

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