BISHOP BOYEA'S

YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Building a Culture of Vocations in the Family



WITNESS

- Your own vocational witness of marriage matters
- Relationship with consecrated, religious, & priests in your lives
- Let your children know that you truly want God's will for their lives and if it were to the priesthood or consecrated life, you would be happy for them in those vocations



PRAYER

- As a family, pray for your children's future vocations
- Teach the young different ways to pray & help them have a routine
- Frequent the Sacraments as a family beyond Sunday Mass: Adoration, Confession, and occasional daily Mass help a young person discern a calling

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LEARNING

- Altar serving
- Have your parish priest over for dinner
- Visit a religious convent for their time of prayer that's open to the public & meet the sisters
- When your children are old enough, encourage them to go on a "Come & See" with the seminary or a religious community
- Make it a point to watch some movie of a Saint or the diocesan vocation video: Portraits of the Call on our website **www.dioceseoflansing.org/vocations**
- Mission trips & volunteer opportunities help with discernment to a life of ministry in the Church
- Pilgrimages, major youth events, & World Youth Day also help a young person hear a calling



ACTION

- Make sure that you and your children know about the different vocations to consecrated life & provide space for discussion
- Movies & books on the lives of the Saints help with this