

Vocation Bulletin Blurbs

First Sunday of Advent 2008 to the Feast of Christ the King 2009 Cycle B

First Sunday of Advent

As we might do on New Year's Eve, we can begin a new Liturgical Year with "New Year's Resolutions."

What resolutions might God be calling you to at this time in your life? Perhaps one such resolution might be to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life and to be open to that possibility in your own life. If you'd like to speak with someone, contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

Second Sunday of Advent

Today's First Reading recalls the Prophet Isaiah delivering words of comfort to a downtrodden people. Have you ever considered the possibility that God might be calling you to be a messenger of The Word as an ordained priest for our diocese? Pray about it during this Advent Season, and if you'd like to speak with someone, contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

Third Sunday of Advent

In this weekend's second reading, Paul reminds us to pray without ceasing and to be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Is it possible that the Spirit is inviting you to consider a life of prayer and service in the Church as an ordained priest, consecrated religious, or ecclesial lay minister? Please pray about it and, if you'd like more information, contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The Gospel passage for this weekend recalls an angel delivering a very surprising message to Mary. Despite the fact that she was 'troubled' that God would choose her to bring our Savior into the world Mary responded, "May it be done to me according to your word." What if God seeks to surprise you with a similar message - to bring the Savior to today's world as a priest or religious? Would you have the courage to respond as Mary did? Please pray about it and, if you'd like more information, contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

Feast of the Holy Family

Among the gifts you give and receive during this season, consider the unique gifts God has given you, and how God may be calling you to share those gifts? Is it possible that your gifts may best be utilized in a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Please pray about it during this beautiful season and, if you'd like more information, contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

"When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman...that we might receive adoption as sons." This season is a beautiful reminder of God's presence to us – as one like us. How are you letting God be present to you, and how is God present to others through you? The Church needs dedicated lay and ordained ministers to help make God present to the people. Please pray about it and, if you'd like more information about serving the Church in this way, contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

The Epiphany of the Lord

After their encounter with our Lord, scripture tells us the Magi went home 'another way'. Is God inviting you to travel another path? Priesthood and religious life are counter-cultural choices. Maybe, God is asking you to consider a different way to use your gifts for the good of the Kingdom. Please pray about it and, if you'd like more information, contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

The Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 11th marks the beginning of **National Vocation Awareness Week 2009**. The Church highlights this event to begin on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord because, on that day, we identify with Jesus as he begins his public ministry. In the same way, we are invited to renew our own baptism in the Spirit and consider the gifts God has given us.

How are you using your gifts to serve and to build the kingdom? Is God calling you to happiness as a husband or wife? Will you be blessed with children? Perhaps your life will be fulfilled as a single person. It is also possible God may be calling you to a Church vocation – lay, consecrated, or ordained. If so, the Church needs you. As Jesus heard his father's voice, let us listen for God's invitation to each of us.

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we hear that the Lord called Samuel and Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." But, we also hear that Samuel didn't recognize God's voice the first time He called. Are we ready for God to speak to us? Will we recognize His voice when He does? Be assured that God does speak to you and why not, this year, make a resolution to be more ready to hear His gentle voice in your life?

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus invited Simon and Andrew – simple fishermen – to be his apostles, the first priests of the new Church. Mark's gospel tells us that "they abandoned their nets and followed him." Jesus continues to make that invitation today, but we often find it very difficult to abandon our own desires and trust God's plan for us. What is Jesus inviting you to? Let us all pray that we have the courage to accept God's loving invitation to us – our personal vocation – like the first apostles.

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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's gospel tells us that Jesus entered the synagogue and the people were astonished at his teaching and how he commanded unclean spirits to obey him. His fame spread everywhere throughout Galilee. As Christians, we continue to proclaim and preach the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout the world today. Have you ever thought of doing that as an ordained priest in the Catholic Church? Please pray about it and, if you'd like to speak with someone, contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Unlike Job, who described his life on earth a "drudgery" and felt he would "not see happiness again," we have Jesus Christ who makes our true happiness possible. How do you share Jesus – and his promise of eternal joy – with others? Might God be calling you to do that by way of a vocation in the Church? Have you ever considered religious life, ordained priesthood, or lay ecclesial ministry? Would you like to know more? Contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness at 585-461-2890; visit our website at www.dor.org and choose "Vocations"; or e-mail vocations@dor.org**

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus was moved with pity at the sight of the leper and went to him. Are you moved with compassion for those in need of spiritual or physical healing? Have you ever considered a life of service to others in the form of a vocation to religious life or ordained priesthood? Jesus continues to call women and men to minister as he did. Is he calling you that way? Please pray about it and if you'd like to speak with someone, contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's gospel, the people have trouble believing that Jesus can forgive sins. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we have a powerful sign of God's mercy to those who are truly sorry for the sinfulness of their lives. The Catholic priest becomes God's minister to visibly assure those seeking forgiveness that God's mercy is theirs. Thank God for the priests of our diocese and please pray that others will answer God's call to serve in that way. If you'd like to know more about the path to priesthood in the Diocese of Rochester, contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

1st Sunday of Lent

"The Spirit drove Jesus into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days." Lent is our time in the desert. Let us pray that we spend that time aware of the presence of our loving God and seeking God's will for us. If you have ever thought that God's will for you might be a vocation to priesthood or religious life, and you would like to speak to someone about it, please contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

2nd Sunday of Lent

If you think God may ask you to do something that is just too difficult, remember how Abraham answered God's call. "Here I am." Then, he prepared to sacrifice his only son according to God's message. What faith! Responding to a call to consider ordained priesthood or religious life requires a leap of faith, too. It's counter-cultural and requires trusting in God's complete love for us. If God may be calling you to serve the Church in this way and you would like to speak with someone, please contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

3rd Sunday of Lent

Jesus cleaned out the temple of moneychangers. He was angry; he was zealous; he spoke with authority. He did what was necessary to glorify God, even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Women and men have followed this example of Christ for centuries in the form of religious life and ordained priesthood. Does that challenging way of life appeal to you? If you would like to speak with someone about it, please contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

4th Sunday of Lent

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." If people don't believe in Jesus, it can only be because they don't know him. They need someone to bring them to Jesus. We all bear that responsibility to each other. It comes with our baptism. It's part of our vocation – whether as a parent or spouse, or by way of religious or ordained life. Let us pray that each of us accepts our baptismal responsibility to bring Christ to each other and be Christ for each other. **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

5th Sunday of Lent

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat." When we "die" to selfishness and let go of the desire to always have our own way, then we open ourselves up to God's will for us. Jesus said that the Father will honor whoever serves and follows the Son. In these final days of Lent, consider your own life. Who is in charge? Are you letting God lead the way? How are you being asked to serve and follow Jesus in your own daily life? We serve Jesus by serving one another and the ways are many. Have you ever considered a life of service as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Does that challenging way of life appeal to you? If you would like to speak with someone about it, please contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

Palm Sunday

"Abba, Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will." Jesus, of all people, fully understood the challenge in following God's will for us. Yet, he trusted in the love of the Father for the Son. We, too, are asked to trust in God's perfect love for us. God promises to lead us to the life that will best use our gifts in service to the world and also bring us true happiness. Will we have the courage to trust as Jesus did, even if we are unsure what the future will bring? Let us pray for the faith to hear and answer

God's call to follow his perfect will. If you feel God may be inviting you to consider life as a priest for our diocese, please contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

Easter Sunday

Alleluia! The Lord has truly risen! The Resurrection of Christ proclaims forever that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach this Good News to all peoples in all places at all times. God calls gifted and faith-filled people to share that message as ministers in the Church. Have you ever considered lay Church ministry, religious life, priesthood, or the diaconate? If you would like to speak with someone about it, please contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

"He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20) and "With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus." (Acts 4) In the same way, the power of the Holy Spirit is given to us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection and power over death. The manner in which our lives bear witness to Jesus is our personal vocation. What's yours? Have you ever considered lay Church ministry, religious life, priesthood, or the diaconate? If you would like to speak with someone about it, please contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

3rd Sunday of Easter

Luke tells us that Jesus was made known to the apostles in the breaking of the bread and he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. We come to know Jesus in the same way through Scripture and the Eucharist. The sacrament of Holy Orders empowers a priest to bring Jesus to us – Word and Sacrament – through the sacrifice of the Mass. Have you ever wondered if God might be calling you to bring Christ to the world in that way? As a diocesan priest? If you would like to speak with someone about it, please contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

4th Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God." (1 John) God shows us the depth of his love by calling us children and giving us the gift of his Son, Jesus. We show our gratitude by sharing that love with each other as a family of believers. There are many ways for us to do that. Have you ever considered sharing God's love through lay Church ministry, religious life, priesthood or the diaconate? **Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations.** Let us all pray for an increase in vocations to the Church, and if you think God might be calling you in that way, please contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

5th Sunday of Easter

Today's first reading tells us that after Jesus' death Saul moved about speaking boldly in the name of the Lord, though some tried to kill him. Vocations to priesthood and religious life are bold statements in the name of Jesus. They require courage and a certain amount of risk. Have you ever thought of risking everything for Jesus by way of a religious vocation? Would you like to talk to someone about it? Contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

6th Sunday of Easter

Jesus said, "As the Father loves me, so I also love you" and "This I command you: love one another." (John 15) It's the ultimate love story. Jesus also says in this way his joy will be in us and our joy will be complete. This love applies to any way of life we are called to follow: married life, single life, ordained or religious life. Each requires us to love one another as God loves us. Let us pray that each of us accepts God's invitation to find our complete joy. **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

7th Sunday of Easter

Today's first reading tells of the apostles finding a successor to Judas, in order to fill the vacancy among them. In a similar way, each generation must find its own successors to spread the Word of God to the next generation. Jesus prayed, "As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world." (John 17) Each of us is sent for a particular mission – a particular vocation in life. And we all share the responsibility for filling the vacancies in our Church ministries. Do you feel called to serve the Church in lay ministry, religious life or ordained ministry? If you would like to speak with someone about it, please contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

Pentecost

The confused and fear-filled apostles were changed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as they became powerful and dynamic proclaimers of their faith in Jesus Christ. God continues to call forth women and men to be priests, deacons, religious and lay ministers to serve God and the Church through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Consider whether God may be calling you to serve in one of these wonderful ways. If you would like to speak with someone about it, please contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

The Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – is a central mystery of our faith. We are daughters and sons of "Abba, Father", led by the Spirit to be heirs with Christ, the Son. As heirs with Christ we are commissioned to "Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations." Our local Church needs faithful ministers to help bring others to Christ. God calls ordinary people – like us – to accomplish this extraordinary task, as priests, religious, deacons and dedicated lay ministers for the Church. Is God calling YOU in this way? If you would like to speak with someone about it, please contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

In today's Gospel, Jesus gathered his disciples for the Passover meal. He took bread and wine and offered it to them saying, "This is my body," and "This is my blood." With those words, Christ instituted the Eucharist that still nourishes us today. With his instruction to, "Do this in

memory of me," Christ ordained the first priests and entrusted them with the Sacred Eucharist. On the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination Pope John Paul II said, "There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood, just as there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist." Let us all pray that gifted and faithful men will continue to respond to God's call to priesthood, so that we may all continue to be nourished by Christ's Body and Blood. If you think God may be whispering 'priesthood' to you and you would like to speak with someone about it, please contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus and the disciples were together in a boat when the Gospel tells us, "a violent squall came up." The disciples were afraid and woke Jesus who said to them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" Many of our priests and religious will tell you that they were terrified when they first felt God might be calling them to a religious vocation. Many thought, "You can't mean me, Lord." Yet, they put their faith in a loving God who never leads us astray and found their hearts' desire. If you think God could be calling you to consider ordained or religious life, remember Pope John Paul II's words, "**Do not be afraid.**" Would you like to talk about it? Contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do not be afraid; just have faith." In today's Gospel, the woman suffering from hemorrhages and Jairus, whose daughter lay dying, were both rewarded by Jesus for their extreme faith. God wants us, too, to live our faith in an extreme way. We can do that as married couples and parents, as dedicated single people, and in the ordained and religious life. How is God calling you to live your extreme faith? **Office of Vocation Awareness: 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, vocations@dor.org**

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet" (Ezekiel 2:2) Are you confused about the direction your life is taking? Do you find yourself afraid to take the next steps regarding school, work, or possibly a vocation (life commitment)? God **promises** to lead us to the path meant for us and then to **give us** the Holy Spirit for the strength and wisdom to follow that path. Trust in our loving God who says, "My grace is sufficient for you." **Office of Vocation Awareness: 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, vocations@dor.org**

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's first reading, Amos tells the priest of Bethel that he did not choose to be a prophet, but was chosen by God. God chooses each of us, according to our gifts, to contribute in a particular way to building up God's Kingdom. Sometimes, God chooses men and women to do that by way of the ordained and religious life. Not all of us are called in that way, but every once in a while God instills that unique love into a heart. Have you ever thought that God may be whispering to you to consider becoming a priest, sister, brother, or deacon? Would you like to talk with someone about it? Contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel Jesus tells the apostles to, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." That's what Jesus often did when he needed to be with his Father. We need to do that, too, if we want to truly hear God speaking to us. We need to allow ourselves sufficient quiet time to just be with God. That is how we build that intimate relationship with God that will be our compass in life. It is a challenge in this busy world, but a worthwhile one that will help us discover God's will for us. **Office of Vocation Awareness: 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, vocations@dor.org**

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In both the Old Testament reading and the Gospel today, we see how God always provides what we need. We also see that, if we are willing to share our gifts, God will multiply them and make them even more valuable. What are your special gifts and how is God asking you to share them with the Church? Our local Church needs your gifts. Have you ever considered using them in a life of service as a priest, deacon or dedicated lay minister? Would you like to speak to someone? Contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus came to bring us "the food that endures for eternal life." Jesus also ordained the apostles as the first priests of his new Church and the ones who would be the means of providing that nourishment for the future Church. It is equally important today that our Church has priests to celebrate the Eucharist, through which we receive the Bread of Life. Have you ever thought that **you** might be able to fulfill that important ministry? Consider the gifts God has given you. Are they gifts we need in our priests today? Would you like to talk it over with someone? Contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Paul reminds us to be imitators of God. Each of us needs to be a living sign of God's presence within us. Whether single or married, ordained, lay, or vowed religious, our vocations should reflect God's love for us. **Office of Vocation Awareness: 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, vocations@dor.org**

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's reading from St. Paul says, "Watch carefully how you live" and "try to understand what is the will of the Lord." That's good advice for all of us, but how do we begin to know God's will? It starts with an intimate relationship with our loving Father, nurtured through prayer and the Eucharist. Within this relationship, God promises to reveal to each of us the unique plan for our happiness...the plan that best utilizes the gifts we have been given. If you think God's plan for you might be one of service to the Church, contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joshua said to the people, "If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." We serve the Lord by serving one another – family, friends, co-workers, fellow parishioners, strangers in need – in the big and small moments of our lives. Jesus said that whatever we do for the least of our sisters and brothers, we also do for him.

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our second reading today reminds us that "All good giving and every perfect gift, every genuine benefit comes from God." God's generosity to us should prompt a response of gratitude and that gratitude should underlie everything we do as Christians. One wonderful way to show our gratitude is through a vocation in service to God's Church, as a lay ecclesial minister, priest, deacon or religious sister or brother. Would you like to know more? Contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Be strong, fear not! Here is your God." With every true vocation comes the strength and courage of the One who calls. If the Holy Spirit is prompting you to follow Christ as an ordained priest for our diocese, have courage to take the first step and contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness: 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, vocations@dor.org**

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works." What are the works that demonstrate YOUR faith? Each of us must exhibit our faith in Jesus by the work we do and the life we lead. Jesus calls us to do that by way of our personal vocation – married or single life, religious or ordained. What vocation is Jesus calling you to? Think about it. If you've ever thought priesthood might be for you and you would like to talk with someone about it, contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness: 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, vocations@dor.org**

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits." Pray for the wisdom to know God's desire for you so that your life will be a reflection of God's love and bear good fruits. If you think God's plan for you might be one of ministry in the Church, contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets, and that the Lord might bestow his spirit on them all." Through baptism, all of us share in the prophetic ministry of the Lord. Is God calling you to bear witness to the truth as a priest or consecrated religious? If so, contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Through the sacrament of marriage, "a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." In this way, Jesus beautifully describes the union created between husband, wife, and Creator in the vocation to married life. Let us pray for all married couples and those preparing for marriage, that their vocations will remain strong and always be a reflection of God's perfect love for us.

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Someone asked Jesus, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Most of us would quickly admit that we, too, desire eternal life with God. Are we also ready to do what God asks of us to achieve that inheritance? Ask God for the wisdom and the courage to live simply now, for the sake of Jesus and the gospel, so that we might be richly rewarded in eternal life.

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." If we are to follow in Jesus' steps, then we too are to serve our neighbor. There are wonderful ways to serve in Jesus' name through the many ministries of the Catholic Church – lay, ordained, and religious life. God calls ordinary people – like us – to accomplish extraordinary tasks, as priests, religious, deacons and dedicated lay ministers for the Church. Is God calling YOU in this way? If you would like to speak with someone about it, please contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The blind beggar, Bartimaeus, was not discouraged by the crowds telling him to be quiet. Instead, he shouted all the louder his prayer, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." His persistence was rewarded with a personal invitation from Jesus. We, too, must be persistent in prayer when we are asking God to make His will known to us. We must also pray for the courage to accept God's will. If you feel God may be offering you the grace of a vocation to ordained priesthood and you would like to talk it over, please contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

Feast of All Saints

"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God." If God shows us such immense love, how can we do any less for each other? The love of the Father is reflected in all of life's vocations – married and single life, ordained and religious life. How is God calling you to love?

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If some of you hear the call to follow Christ more closely, to dedicate your entire heart to Him, like the apostles John and Paul, be generous, do

not be afraid, because you have nothing to fear when the prize that you await is God himself, for Whom, sometimes without ever knowing it, all young people are searching." Pope John Paul II

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Heaven and Earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." How is Christ calling you to share his eternal words of salvation?

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Feast of Christ the King

Today, we hail Christ our King, victor over the power of death. Jesus, who loves us and freed us from sin by his own blood, has made us, through Baptism, a royal nation of priests in the service of his God and Father. Jesus, our King, continues to call forth women and men to serve his Church as lay ministers, deacons, religious, and ordained priests. If you feel God may be calling you to serve the Church in this way, contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness @ 585-461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org**

