

## **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS – DECEMBER 2009 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2010**

### **NOVEMBER 29 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

As the Liturgical season of Advent begins, we are reminded that meaningful living means looking beyond the cares of everyday life. The priesthood or religious life serves to remind all people that we are asked to “increase and abound in love for one another and for all!” Is God calling you to the priesthood or religious life? For more information about the priesthood contact Fr. Joe Noonan at 312-534-8298 or at [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org). For more information about the religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or at [eramirez@archchicago.org](mailto:eramirez@archchicago.org).

### **DECEMBER 4, 2009 ANDREW DINNER @ ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE SEMINARY!**

On Friday, December 4 at 6:00 p.m. there will be an Andrew Dinner at St. Joseph College Seminary for young men, high school age or freshmen and sophomores in college, interested in the College Seminary. If you are interested in attending, please tell your pastor or contact Father Gerald Walsh at 773-973-9700 or [gwalsh@luc.edu](mailto:gwalsh@luc.edu) for further details.

### ***FOR VICARIATE IV – ANDREW DINNER ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 6, 2009***

**On Sunday December 6, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.** there will be an Andrew Dinner at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Melrose Park for young men, high school or college age, who would like to find out more about priesthood. If you are interested in attending, please tell your pastor or contact the Vocation Office at 312-534-8298 or [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org)

### ***FOR VICARIATE V – ANDREW DINNER ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 6, 2009***

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### **DECEMBER 6 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

God is at work, even in our day and His logic and rules transcend ours. The Church needs good men and women to accomplish His will. For more information about the priesthood contact Fr. Joe Noonan at 312-534-8298 or at [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org). For more information about the religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or at [eramirez@archchicago.org](mailto:eramirez@archchicago.org)

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Men of college-age and older are invited to an *Exploring Priesthood Weekend* retreat to learn about, reflect on, and discuss with seminarians and priests the possibilities of diocesan priesthood in Chicago. **Our next EPW is January 15-17, 2010.** To register, please contact: Father Joe Noonan at 312-534-8298 or [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org) See [www.ChicagoPriest.com](http://www.ChicagoPriest.com) for more details.

### **DECEMBER 13 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

John the Baptist fills the people with “expectations.” They sense in him the possibilities of following God. And God will give peace to those who see Christ. Are you called to serve the Lord? For more information about the priesthood contact Fr. Joe Noonan at 312-534-8298 or at [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org). For more information about the religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or at [eramirez@archchicago.org](mailto:eramirez@archchicago.org).

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### **DECEMBER 20 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Mary, our Blessed Mother, is the greatest example of someone who placed all her trust in the Lord, despite not comprehending God’s plan for her. Will you place your trust in God, and consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? For more information about the priesthood contact Fr. Joe Noonan at 312-534-8298 or at [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org). For more information about the religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or at [eramirez@archchicago.org](mailto:eramirez@archchicago.org).

#### **Thinking About Priesthood?**

*Is God calling you to be a priest? -- What is life as a priest really like?*

If you would like to explore the possibility of priesthood *Exploring Priesthood Weekend* is a retreat experience designed to help men discover if God may be calling them to the priesthood. College-age and older men are invited to join us the weekend of **January 15-17, 2010.** For more information and to register, please contact: Fr. Joe Noonan at [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org) or at 312-534-8298 or see [www.ChicagoPriest.com](http://www.ChicagoPriest.com)

### **DECEMBER 27 – HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

As parents, Mary and Joseph must trust as “Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.” Is God calling you to the priesthood or religious life? There is only one way to find out...trust God. For more information about the priesthood contact Father Joe Noonan at 312-534-8298 or at [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org). For more information about the religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or at [eramirez@archchicago.org](mailto:eramirez@archchicago.org).

#### **HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT PRIESTHOOD?**

*Is God calling you to be a priest? -- What is life as a priest really like?*

If you would like to explore the possibility of priesthood with other like-minded men, join us for **INSEARCH**. **INSEARCH** is for post college age men who want to discover if God may be calling them to the priesthood. Our first **INSEARCH** meeting of 2010 is on Tuesday, January 19th at 7 p.m. For more information contact Fr. Joe Noonan at [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org) or 312-534-8298.

**JANUARY 3 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

The Magi come to do our Lord homage. How can we, as individuals living in today’s world, pay our Lord homage? Have you ever thought of a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? For more information about the priesthood contact Fr. Joe Noonan at 312-534-8298 or at [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org). For more information about the religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or at [eramirez@archchicago.org](mailto:eramirez@archchicago.org).

***Who? Me? A Priest?***

If you have ever thought about the priesthood and want to take a closer look, consider joining us at Mundelein Seminary for an ***Exploring Priesthood Weekend***. This retreat is a time away for reflection and conversation, which can be helpful in discovering your vocation in life. College-age and older men are invited to join us **January 15-17, 2010**. To register contact Father Joe Noonan at 312-534-8298 or [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org). For more details see our website at [www.ChicagoPriest.com](http://www.ChicagoPriest.com).

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The Office for Religious is sponsoring the Archdiocesan Celebration of Consecrated Life with Cardinal George, OMI  
Date: Saturday January 30, 2010  
Time: 1:30-6:00 p.m. with 5:00 p.m. Mass  
Location: Our Lady Mother of the Church Parish Hall, 8747 West Lawrence, Chicago IL 60656  
Please RSVP name/s, congregation, and how many will attend to: Office for Religious  
c/o Rev. John Holly, OFM Cap at [vocations@capuchinfranciscans.org](mailto:vocations@capuchinfranciscans.org) or call: 773-475-6206  
Respond by: January 22, 2010

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National Vocation Awareness Week is a great opportunity to educate and encourage vocations! You are invited to use the excellent resources created by the National Coalition for Church Vocations, designed to assist teachers, catechists and parents in promoting all Catholic Church vocations. You can download these resources at [www.ChicagoPriest.com](http://www.ChicagoPriest.com). Click on National Vocation Awareness Week button.

**JANUARY 10 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

God’s action dominates in today’s Gospel and an intimate moment when God speaks to Jesus, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” is revealed. Is God revealing himself to you through a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? For more information about the priesthood contact Fr. Joe Noonan at 312-534-8298 or at [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org). For more information about the religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or at [eramirez@archchicago.org](mailto:eramirez@archchicago.org).

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### **JANUARY 17 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different forms of service but the same Lord. How can you serve the Lord in your own way? Find out more about a vocation to religious life or to priesthood, contact Fr. Joe Noonan at 312-534-8298 or at [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org). For information about the religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or [eramirez@archchicago.org](mailto:eramirez@archchicago.org).

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### **JANUARY 24 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

You may have felt the movement of God's grace in your life calling you to a vocation. If so, take to heart the words of Pope John Paul II, "Be not afraid." Trust God. The calling to a religious vocation is a beautiful gift from God. For more information about the priesthood contact Fr. Joe Noonan at 312-534-8298 or at [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org). For more information about the religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at [eramirez@archchicago.org](mailto:eramirez@archchicago.org) or 312-534-5240.

### **JANUARY 31 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

As we hear in today's first reading the Lord came to Jeremiah saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you..." What is God's plan for you? Is God calling me to the priesthood or religious life?" For more information about the priesthood contact Fr. Joe Noonan at 312-534-8298 or at [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org). For more information about the religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or at [eramirez@archchicago.org](mailto:eramirez@archchicago.org).

### **FEBRUARY 7 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

In this week's Gospel, Peter accepts Jesus' call and abandons all else in favor of him. Instead of a heavenly vision of divine glory, Peter's call occurs amid the smelly fishing nets and sore hands of earthly life. Are you listening to God's call in your everyday life? For information about priesthood go to [www.ChicagoPriest.com](http://www.ChicagoPriest.com) or contact Fr. Joe Noonan at 312-534-8298 or at [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org). For information about the religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or at [eramirez@archchicago.org](mailto:eramirez@archchicago.org).

### **FEBRUARY 14 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

As we hear in today's first reading, blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. The formula is quite simple: put your faith in God, letting God be your hope, your source of nourishment! For information about a vocation to priesthood contact Fr. Joe Noonan at 312-534-8298 or at [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org) or check out our website at [www.ChicagoPriest.com](http://www.ChicagoPriest.com). For more information about the religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or at [eramirez@archchicago.org](mailto:eramirez@archchicago.org).

### **FEBRUARY 21 – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

In today's Gospel, Jesus makes a confession about how we are to live and whom we are to worship and serve. Do you have an inner conviction to serve God through a vocation? For more information about the priesthood contact Fr. Joe Noonan at 312-534-8298 or at [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org) and visit our website at [www.ChicagoPriest.com](http://www.ChicagoPriest.com). For more information about the religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or at [eramirez@archchicago.org](mailto:eramirez@archchicago.org).

### **FEBRUARY 28 – SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

The highly symbolic Transfiguration story presents Jesus on the mountaintop and from a cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; *listen to him.*" Unfortunately our call to a vocation in our lives does not come from a cloud on a mountain and may not be as clear to us. Priests and religious are privileged to help people come to know God. All you need do is "*listen to him.*" For more information about the priesthood contact Fr. Joe Noonan at 312-534-8298 or at [jnoonan@archchicago.org](mailto:jnoonan@archchicago.org). For more information about the religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or at [eramirez@archchicago.org](mailto:eramirez@archchicago.org).