

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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Dear Brother Priest,

Greetings from the Vocation Office! Thank you for all your efforts to increase vocations in our Archdiocese. We appreciate your prayers and support.

Last year, through the *Called by Name* program, 130 men and women were “nominated” by our parishioners as individuals having the qualities to be a good priest or consecrated religious.

The *Called By Name* program will be offered again to all parishes as a way to encourage and invite men and women to consider these vocations. Encouragement of vocations is our shared responsibility and *Called By Name* gives the faithful an active role in encouraging vocations for the future of the church.

This year, to support the **Catholics Come Home** project, we have scaled back *Called By Name*. For Spring – Summer 2010, we invite each parish to choose the weekend that is best for them to present CBN and to choose from three options regarding participation.

**Option 1:** Scaled down version of *CBN* program.

- No *CBN* nominating forms placed in pews.
- Bulletin Ads for *CBN* contain nominating forms. Completed forms are turned in to parish.
- Contact Vocation Office regarding outcome. Send in completed nominating forms.
- Post Communion reminder about *CBN* nominating form in bulletin.
- Homily on Vocations (ie: “Year of the Priest”).
- *CBN* or Vocation intercession in the Prayers of the Faithful.
- Support from Pat Pacer, Vocation Program Coordinator, will be provided.

**Option 2:** Full Program. Steps for Option 2, plus the following:

- *CBN* nominating forms and pencils placed in pews. These may be downloaded from our website or ordered from our office and mailed to you.
- Explanation of program in week previous to *CBN* nominating weekend, giving parishioners time to consider whom to nominate.

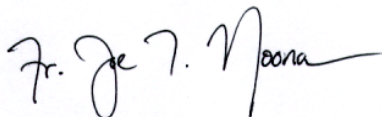
**Option 3:** Skip *CBN* this year, but will continue to invite men to consider the priesthood and vocation opportunities and pursue *CBN* in the future.

A more detailed description of the *CBN* program and electronic copies of nominating forms will be available on our website for download at [www.ChicagoPriest.com/resources\\_par.htm](http://www.ChicagoPriest.com/resources_par.htm) on February 1st. Please send your Response post card by **February 19, 2010** if you choose a Spring date for CBN and by **May 19, 2010**, if you choose a Summer date for CBN.

By implementing this program at your parish, *even if no names are nominated*, you are helping to build up a “culture of vocations” in our Archdiocese. Please contact Pat Pacer at 312-534-2587, with any questions you may have concerning *CBN*. Thank you again for your participation in this important program.

Blessings to you as we begin our New Year 2010!

Sincerely in Christ,



Fr. Joe Noonan  
Vocation Director  
Archdiocese of Chicago

### ***2009 Called By Name Results***

*79 Parishes Participated*  
*32 Parishes Sent Nominations*  
*136 Nominations Received*  
*104 Nominations received for Priests or Deacons*  
*10 Nominations received for Brothers*  
*22 Nominations received for Religious Sisters*

[www.ChicagoPriest.com](http://www.ChicagoPriest.com)

## Called By Name – Response

Pastor  Parish

Our parish selected **OPTION 1: CBN weekend will be**

Our parish selected **OPTION 2: CBN weekend will be**

Our parish selected **OPTION 3: CBN weekend will be in the future.**

*Any questions contact Pat Pacer at 312-534-2587.  
We appreciate your prayers and support!*

*Mail this RSVP card by February 19, 2010, if implementing CBN in April-May  
Mail this RSVP card by May 19, 2010, if implementing CBN in June-August*

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