

Vocations

Strategic Initiative: To foster vocations to the Religious Life and the Priesthood.

Goal 1: Seminarian of the Month: *Mark Shapleigh has taken the lead on this project. Each month we try to feature a different seminarian or religious candidate in the gathering space at SMG. Comprised of photo and brief summary.*

Goal 2: Chalice Program: *Started in early 2007 by Father Jay, this program promotes the priesthood by having different families host a chalice for a limited time (two to four weeks).*

- During this period, the family is asked to say a prayer each day for vocations.
- There is also a form included with the chalice to capture significant moments while the chalice resides in their home.
- We are hoping that this program will increase our younger parishioners' awareness of vocations. *After several families have had the opportunity to host the chalice, it is given to those parishioners who are newly ordained to the priesthood as a gift from SMG.*

Goal 3: Promote National Vocations Awareness Week: *After masses on January 12-13, 2008, Vocations were promoted through a display by the Commission.*

- Provide Vocations prayer cards
- Directory of current diocese seminarians
- Poster of current Seminarian of the Month
- Poster from Superhero Ministries Fair
- Gave an opportunity for families to sign up for Chalice Program
- Included information from Sisters of St. Agnes

Goal 4: Receptions: *From time to time, the Vocations Commission helps with various "milestone" receptions. On June 3, 2007 the Vocations Commission hosted the Deacon Reception after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. masses. Also, Vocations helped host the Fathers Dulli and Greenfield ordination receptions.*

Goal 5: Prayer: *Encourage the faithful to commit themselves to pray daily for an increase in vocations.*