



## VOCATION PRAYER CROSS

**THE VOCATION PRAYER CROSS RESPONDS TO JESUS' COMMAND, "PRAY TO THE MASTER OF THE HARVEST TO SEND OUT WORKERS FOR THE HARVEST" (MT: 9:38).**

The Vocation Prayer Cross is meant to help create a culture of vocations, and raise awareness of the need for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. "The Church, in praying for vocations, conscious of her urgent need of them for her life and mission, acknowledges that they are a gift of God and must be asked for by a ceaseless and trusting prayer of petition." (Pastores Dabo Vobis #38) As faithful Catholics, we have a responsibility to one another to pray, listen, and respond to God's call.

**The Parish Vocation Cross** has on it current photographs of Seminarians in the Diocese of Gary who have responded to God's call. Parish families will be able to sign up to take the Vocation Cross home for a week. There is an instruction booklet of prayers for each day that guides the family in praying for the seminarians, and for vocations to priestly and religious life. To take home the Parish Vocation Cross, please sign up after Mass or contact Sandy Butler at 879-7142. The Vocation Cross will also circulate the school and religious education classrooms through out the school year.

**In his message for Vocations Sunday Pope Francis says:** *"A vocation is a fruit that ripens in a well cultivated field of mutual love that becomes mutual service, in the context of an authentic ecclesial life. No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people, in the experience of fraternal love. Did not Jesus say: "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35)?"*