

## **BECOME A SPIRITUAL MEMBER OF OUR DIOCESAN VOCATION TEAM**

During the past two and half years I have been visiting parishes around the diocese speaking about the importance of everyone in the family of God sharing the responsibility of identifying those in the family of God who might have a special call to serve the church as either a diocesan priest or religious sister, brother or priest. I have said that prayer is our most important tool. The vocation office continues to work at promoting and raising awareness about the need for Catholic single men to consider the possibility that God might call them to serve His family as one of His priests. This does not mean that because one may consider that possibility that they actually are called to the priestly life. It also does not mean that every single Catholic female is called to religious life either. It does mean every one should consider the possibility as they try to figure out what God wants of them in this life.

As the year 2010 begins, I ask everyone in the family of God that makes up the Norwich Diocese to consider accepting a membership on the first ever **Diocesan Vocation Awareness Team** beginning the week of January 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> this month, which is the National Vocation Awareness week, for the period of one year.

I am looking to put together the first ever, Diocese of Norwich Vocation Awareness Spiritual Team. The mission is clear cut – to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life for our diocese, including those who are presently seminarians studying for the Diocese or those men or women preparing to serve as a religious brother, sister or priest.

The Norwich Vocation Awareness Spiritual Team will be made up of different members, divided into different divisions, having different spiritual responsibilities for the year. Listed below are the divisions. You can choose to be part of the division you best fit into.

Spiritual Grandmother  
Spiritual Mother  
Spiritual Brother  
Spiritual Family  
Bishop  
Priest  
Religious priest, brother, sister

Spiritual Grandfather  
Spiritual Father  
Spiritual Sister  
Spiritual All - Star

**The responsibilities of each division are few but very, very important to the success of growing good holy vocations in our diocese to the priesthood and religious life. Those responsibilities are listed below:**

**Spiritual Grandmother or Grandfather – To offer one rosary per week for vocations and to offer your participation at Sunday Mass once a month for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**

**Spiritual Mother and Father – To offer one rosary per week for vocations, to spend 15 minutes per week in quiet prayer before the Holy Eucharist praying for an increase of vocations**

**Spiritual Brothers and sisters: To offer one night of homework each week during the school year prayerfully for an increase of vocations and to pray at one Sunday Mass once per month for an increase of vocations.**

**Bishop and Priests: To pray one personal holy hour per week for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. To keep in your general intentions at each mass you offer a prayer for vocations to the priesthood**

**Religious Priest, brother, sister: To pray one personal holy hour per week for an increase of religious vocations and priestly vocations. To keep in your general intentions at each mass you offer or attend a prayer for religious vocations for your order.**

**Spiritual All – Star: Pray one rosary per day for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, Pray one Holy hour per week for vocations and include in your prayers at each Sunday Mass you attend an intention for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life**

**Spiritual Families: To pray together, one evening a week for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. To Attend Sunday Mass once a month as a family praying for an increase of vocations.**

**If you are willing to join the Norwich Vocation Awareness Spiritual Team please either email me, Fr. Greg Galvin at [vocations@norwichdiocese.net](mailto:vocations@norwichdiocese.net) or call and leave a message at 860.887.9294 extension 246 or 248.**