

# ***“Believing in the Call”***

## ***Vocations – Vocations – Vocations – Vocations***

This St. Martin Church Family has many reasons to be thankful. The support we have for teaching our faith through our school, our PSR and RCIA programs, the caring for our personal needs, volunteerism, financial support and all for the greater glory of God to spread, teach and enrich our faith life.

One thing that is very important to our faith is our desire to promote vocations. Twenty years ago this month the vocation committee was formed as a sub-committee of the Worship and Spiritual Life Commission. Wow, twenty years!!! Many volunteers have stepped forward to keep this committee active and successful. Through the years we have played games with the fifth grade, had meals with high school students, provided vocation worksheets to the fourth and fifth grades, had cupcakes with third grade mass servers, shared postcards with high school and college students, organized pot luck meals with the parish, had guest speakers, pizza with the youth group, helped with vocation reflection day for confirmation candidates, baked cookies for the Diocesan Sixth Grade Vocation Day, handed out prayer cards before masses, did ministries at mass for special vocation days, served cake to eighth grade, cookies with seventh grade, career surveys with students, spoke with PSR students, sent out birthday cards and had Sunday breakfast for vocations with proceeds going to the Diocesan Vocation Office. All these wonderful deeds completed in the name of Jesus to help promote all life vocations.

Parishioners have willingly stepped forward to serve on the vocation committee throughout all those years. Thank you to all who have volunteered past and present to be on the committee. They are: Fr. Edwin Schmidt, Sr. Bernita Wasinger, Deacon Francis Butel, Deacon Steve Kliethermes, Jim Schwarzer, Linda Rush, Janice Smith, Herb Sturm, Alma Sturm, Joe Herigon, Melissa Rockers, Liz Lorang, Mary Quinn, Vicki Hudson, Joel Schroer, Barb Wilde, Annette McDonald, Debby Trybula, Dianna Jones, Jill Otto, John Cope, Sandi Cope, Sr. Jane Weisgram, Fr. Louis Nelen, Fr. Mark Porterfield, Br. Pio Maria (Mark McGuire), Fr. Chris Aubuchon, Fr. Stephen Jones, Deacon Brad Jones and anyone we may have missed naming.

We thank teachers who have supported us by working with their classes to help achieve many projects and the Knights of Columbus who supported us with volunteers to help with certain projects and monetarily over those twenty years. We wish to thank the entire parish and community for their support but most of all we thank you for your prayers.

We leave you with these words: **Trust in His Timing, Rely on His Promises, Wait for His Answers, Believe in His Miracles, Rejoice in His Goodness, Relax in His Presence.**

Your vocation is all about being active, being prayerful, being you. Vocation is more about who you are with God than what you do.

**O God, you created me for a purpose, a specific task for the Church and humanity. You have always known the work I was cut out for, a work which only I can do and no other. If I do not accept this work, it will never be done. Therefore, I have a job to do. Make clear to me your will, and I will follow you in whatever task this might be. I know I can do all things in you, my strength.**

**Amen.**

Thank you and bless you from the bottom of our hearts. God Luv Ya!

The St. Martin Vocation Committee

If you would like to volunteer to be on the committee or want more information please contact Chairperson Jim Schwarzer at (573) 301-0278. You can also call the church office at (573) 893-2923.

