



October 25, 2006

RE: "PRAY FOR VOCATIONS MINISTRY" at St. Boniface Parish Fall Festival

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As a Catholic Community, we are united in our call to holiness and our mission to share Christ's love with the world. An essential part of sustaining this mission is supporting and encouraging those discerning a life of service through the priesthood, the diaconate, and consecrated religious life.

Our **Pray for Vocations Ministry** exists to surround future leaders of the church with dedicated, persistent prayer by following through with Bishop Persico's diocesan initiative to pray for vocations. We believe that every vocation is a gift from God, nurtured within the faith and devotion of supportive parish families. Through prayer, we ask the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest field and to strengthen those who are already on the journey.

We warmly invite you to join us for a special afternoon of fellowship, prayer, and conversation at our Fall Festival.

"An Afternoon with Seminarians, Religious Sisters, and Deacon"

- **WHEN:** Sunday, November 1st from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **WHERE:** Saint Boniface Coleman Center, 9367 Wattsburg Road, Erie, PA

This special vocational gathering at our Fall Festival will be a unique opportunity to hear firsthand stories from Seminarians from St. Mark's Seminary, Sisters of Mercy and the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, and our Deacon Tim Good. Learn about their personal journeys, the joys and challenges of discernment, and the role prayer has played in answering God's call. Whether you are discerning your own vocation, raising a family, or looking for ways to support the future of our Church through prayer, there is a place for you here to hopefully obtain the answers you are looking for.

Stop by our vocations table with your questions, bring your families, and let us gather in faith to celebrate the beauty of God's call. We look forward to seeing you there!

In Christ,

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