



Bulletin Announcements

The following bulletin inserts are given for lead up to *National Vocation Awareness Week*, which is being held from January 13-19, 2008.

For Sunday, December 23, 2007:

As we prepare for the coming of Christ once again at Christmas, we also examine the response that Jesus asks of us as He invites each of us to “Come, follow me!” During the week of January 13-19, 2008, the parish will join in the celebration of *National Vocation Awareness Week*, a time set aside to pray for our own discernment of how God leads us, and to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

For Sunday, December 30, 2007:

On this Feast of the Holy Family, we recognize that our call from Jesus to “Come, follow me!” is first heard in and amongst our own family. As we prepare to celebrate *National Vocation Awareness Week* from January 13-19, let us be renewed in our families that we discern how Jesus is calling us to follow after him. We also pray for those who have left behind family for the sake of the Kingdom; that the priests and religious in our midst may continue to witness God’s unique love for each one of us.

For Sunday, January 6, 2008:

The Magi traveled a far distance from the East to have a personal encounter with the infant Jesus. In the upcoming *National Vocation Awareness Week*, we stand to have a similar encounter with Jesus, who invites us to “Come, follow me!” Our response to his invitation, be that as a priest, deacon, religious, married, or single, is one of the many ways that Jesus makes himself known to the world today.

For Sunday, January 13, 2008:

As we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan by John, we look back to our own baptism, when we were brought into the saving Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. At our Baptism, we received a commission to live out our faith in the world. During this week’s celebration of *National Vocation Awareness Week*, we recommit to following Jesus, we pray for the guidance to find where he is truly calling us, and pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. True joy comes in finding the path that God has laid out for you; let us all renew that call of discipleship received at baptism.