

OLOL Catechist Newsletter January 2008

I hope each of you had a Blessed and Peace filled Christmas and the New Year has begun on a good note.

Bishop Bootkoski has proclaimed a year of prayer dedicated to Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Religious Life in our Diocese, which began on the 2nd of December. The week beginning the 13th of January and ending on the 19th of January is Vocations Awareness Week. We will be having a **Prayer Service on the 15th and 16th** to pray for Vocations. I also ask that you incorporate the prayer that is being sent home with students, in your opening prayers before the start of class for the rest of the school year. The Diocese has distributed a DVD to be shown to the students of the Parish School and Religious Education Program (CCD), the DVD is entitled "Fishers of Men". The DVD will be shown on **Tuesday the 15th to the 7th and 8th** grades classes and on **Wednesday the 16th to all classes**, the video is approximately 18 minutes long. There is a lesson guide and activity sheet that follows the DVD. For those in the 1st thru 3rd grades, who will not be seeing the DVD, I will be distributing a lesson guide and activity sheet for those in 1st thru 3rd grades since you will not be seeing the DVD. There is also an invitation to enter a drawing contest for Vocations. There are three categories of winners 1-3, 4-6 and 7-8. The winning student in each of the three categories will win a \$50 gift certificate and a pizza snack for their class. All entries for the contest need to be turned in to me by **March 11th and 12th, 2008**. Information will be going home with all students regarding the Contest during the class periods of **January 15th and 16th**. I will handout the lesson guide and activity sheets with this newsletter for you to include in your lesson plan for next week. I know that I am wreaking havoc with your lesson plan. Please bear with me I'm quite new at this.

Father Ed has asked that a Book of Names be made for men and women currently serving in Armed Forces. The names will be displayed in the Church for all to see and to remember in prayer. If you know anyone please write their information down and give it to me. I will have a note about this in the newsletter and will be talking to Rita Lecessi at OLOL School. Please mention this to your students as well. Please, give me all information you may receive from your students, on an on going basis.

Last, the date for the Confirmation Retreat is 2nd February, 2008. For those who want to go, please let Jim know, as soon as possible. I know I'm wreaking havoc with your lesson plans, with all of the addition of Prayer Services and art activities, but these things are important to the program as well. Please be patient with me this is my first year at doing anything as big as this and hopefully I will get the hang of this soon, (with the help of the Holy Spirit). Please pray for me! Thank you for your support.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Catechists Prayer For January 2008

**God who called us into being and who has great plans for us,
we ask you for the grace to know our purpose in its ever-
changing forms.**

**Called by baptism to love and serve, we seek to be faithful to
our vocation.**

**In our chosen lifestyles and through our ministries of service,
may we honor the process of coming to know, love and serve
you better every day of our life.**

**Jesus, beloved Savior,
Help me touch the heart of my students.**

**Holy Spirit, come with me into the classroom
and guide me.**

Amen!