

CALLED BY NAME

Homily “Talking Points”

(for priests and deacons)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Week II

- At His Baptism, Christ’s identity was made known ... “This is my beloved Son, on whom my favor rests.”
- Our vocations are rooted in our Baptism, when we are given our identity in faith by God.
- In Baptism we are graced and blessed by God, and throughout life each of us has a responsibility to reflect upon those graces and blessings so that we can make a generous return to the Lord.
- Through our vocations we say “Yes” to God. Our vocation does not answer the question, “What do I want to do with my life?” but rather answers the question, “Who does God want me to be?”
- There are a multitude of ways we can respond to the Lord, and some respond through consecrated and priestly lives. There is no one path to priesthood, diaconate or religious life; people enter that process at different stages in their lives.
- Highlight the great need in our Church for religious vocations.
- **An announcement should be made to indicate where the CALLED BY NAME response cards have been placed and to invite people to prayerfully consider names of potential candidates. Remind the assembly that the cards will be collected the following week.**

Please note: These are offered as suggested talking points and not an actual outline that must be followed.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Week III

The homily this week simply asks the priest to tell his vocation story and show how happy he is in his ministry as a priest. Here are some suggested talking points:

- How long have you been a priest?
- Describe the call/when did you know you wanted to be a priest?
- When did you first think about it? How old were you?
- What did you want to do before you became a priest?
- Who helped you to choose this vocation?
- Were you afraid?
- What did your family say?
- What makes you happy as a priest?
- What do you do as a priest?