

CALLED BY NAME
Letter from Bishop DiMarzio

Dear Friends,

The words of the prophet Isaiah still are powerful to our time today: “I have called you by name; you are mine” (Isaiah 43:1).

In a particular way the Lord Jesus, not only calls, but invites young men and women to consider the vocation to priesthood, religious life, and diaconate as a wonderful way of spending their life. It is clear that the Lord uses special people to extend this invitation so that our young people may truly hear His voice inviting them to consider a religious vocation. It was a blessing for me to experience the faith in the community that has had an influence in my own vocation to the priesthood. How important you are to the work of encouraging vocations. The Lord uses us as His instrument in planting the seed and inviting young people to consider a religious vocation.

I hope that you will take the initiative to support this program by prayerfully submitting the name(s) of any young person whom you feel might make a good priest, sister, brother, or deacon on the response cards that will be available in January.

Thank you for all you do in support of the Church and vocations. Please pray for the success of this initiative and for all priests, religious and deacons.

Sincerely in Christ,

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