

God of gracious love,
You gathered us first
at the waters of baptism,
and you lead us through life
with faithfulness.

Raise up from among our
parish family, leaders to serve your
people as Priests, Sisters, Brothers,
and Deacons.

To those whom You call,
give grace and courage to discern
how they may best serve you.
To all of us, give us good hearts
so we might encourage them
along the way.

We ask this through
Jesus Christ, and with
your Holy Spirit,
now and forever.
Amen.

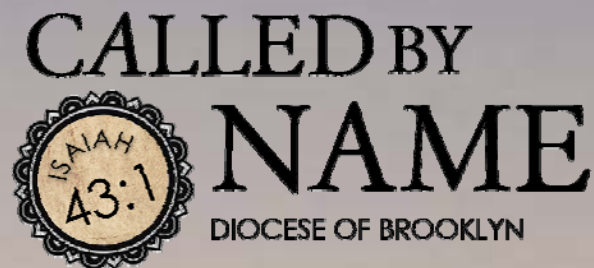
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*“Fear not,
for I have
redeemed you;
I have called
you by name;
you are mine.”*

Isaiah 43:1

*You can
be an
instrument
in helping
others hear
God's
call.*

A process of invitations
to Church vocations

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 which your parish will make available.

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

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio, Ph.D., D.D.
Bishop of Brooklyn

Qualities Desired in a Candidate for Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life

HE or SHE:

Feels good about himself/herself, has average to above average *intelligence*, and has good physical, mental and emotional *health*.

Is willing to *sacrifice* personal or material gain for the *service* of the Gospel and the Church.

Considers a *personal* relationship with God as an important part of life.

Forms and maintains healthy *relationships* with both men and women.

Has an ability and *willingness* to talk about his/her faith life.

Has the ability to *lead* and work with people of all ages.

Has a *desire* to serve others and make a difference in people's lives.

***Enjoys* life, people, and has a sense of humor.**

Is recognized as being *approachable*.

***Recognizes* the importance of the Church.**

You will be asked to give us the name of someone whom you feel possesses these qualities as a possible candidate for priesthood, diaconate, or religious life.

Response cards will be available in church and can be submitted throughout the year.



For more information about the **CALLED BY NAME** program, or vocations in the Church, please call the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email them at vocations@diobrook.org.