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VOCATION NEWS

Did you know...

- At the recent Director's Meeting, one of our fine directors wanted me to send him computer paper because the last vocation newsletter was so long and took up so much paper! What a good problem! Many vocation activities happen across the Province each week. We are truly blessed! What are you doing for vocations? What is your community doing for vocations? Please remember it is all up to us!
- There are so many vocation activities going on that another issue of *Did You Know...* will be sent out in a week or so.
- Since our last issue, we have been blessed with two new Contacts – Allen Pacquing from Hawaii and Aaron Filsinger from San Antonio! Welcome!
- Thanks to the St. Al's Community for the hospitality shown to me during my recent visit. I was in Cleveland to visit with Contacts Jeff Campbell and Luis Guerra.
- Thanks to David Betz, Campus Ministry Director at UCSC. David has just started a Discernment Group for those looking at religious life. Thanks, David!
- Thanks to John Thompson for hosting an inquirer from Florida! Thank you, John!
- Who invited you to become a member of the Society of Mary?
Who have you invited to become a member of the Society of Mary?
Who are you going to invite to join the Society of Mary?

- Special thanks to Ralph Neumann in San Antonio. Ralph participated in the Vocation Walk from Mision San José to Mision San Juan. Thank you, Ralph. I am grateful for your support!
- Thanks to Alfredo Chavez for making some inquirer calls and looking over some Spanish vocation material. Thanks, Alfredo!
- Thanks to John Klobuka for recommending an inquirer to me from the Denton area!
- Thanks to Dennis Schmitz for arranging a visit for Contact Tom Fox to Chaminade University!
- Vocation work is not just my job – it is also your job!
- Thanks to Bob Jones and the DeSales Crossing Community. Bob staffed a Marianist booth at the recent open house at Purcell Marian High School!
- We finally have all of the names of the men and women in our vocation programs across the Province – USA, Mexico, India and Eastern Africa. Our name booklet will come out shortly.
- Vocation materials were sent to the schools and communities last week!
- Posters from Rome have just arrived! Let me know if your community is interested in some!
- Thanks to Bob Backherms for his support to our vocation ministry.
- Thanks to the DeSales Crossing for hosting inquirer Brian Meyers for Eucharist and dinner.
- Thanks to Ken Straubinger for all of his help in mailing some of our vocation materials.
- Brian Halderman just finished a report on our new webpage. Thank you, Brian. If you would like a copy of the report, please contact Brian.
- Our vocation office is sponsoring a workshop on “Screening Candidates.” The workshop is being presented by Dr. Robert Furey. The day long workshop is also open to other religious orders. More details after the workshop.

- Thanks to Aaron Sonnenburg for his recent vocation research efforts.
- My community brother and novice class member, Oscar Vasquez, is always thinking about vocations. Oscar, a teacher and campus minister at Chaminade College Preparatory invited me to come and talk about vocations to some of the Chaminade middle school students. Thanks, Oscar!
- I visited with two of our Contacts in San Antonio who are members of the Marianist Volunteer Program. Chris Nieport is working with a GED program and Norman Capinpin works with children in an after school program.
- Special thanks to the Trinity Avenue Community for hosting a 5 day live-in experience for three young men – Joe Janosik, Thomas Robbins and Gordon Schweitzer. Thanks to Tom, Michel, Bob, Andrew, Francois and Chris. I am grateful for your support and commitment to our vocation efforts. Listed below is the live-in experience. Check out what the Brothers at Trinity did and see if you can use their plan for your community vocation activity.
 - Friday: arrival, evening prayer, dinner and orientation
 - Saturday: Eucharist, visit to Mount St. John, meditation, evening prayer, dinner
 - Sunday: Eucharist at UD or local parish, conversations about religious life, SM mission and other topics, evening prayer, dinner
 - Monday: meditation, morning prayer, young men are invited to visit ministries of the brothers, Eucharist, dinner, community meeting
 - Tuesday: meditation and morning prayer, evening prayer, dinner, conversation begun over dessert about our faith journeys
 - Wednesday: Eucharist, breakfast, live-in experience ends

The rest of our vocation news will come out in a week or so. Please pray for vocations and send me any vocation activity information so that I may share it with the province.

Peace!