



Knights of Columbus – Mississippi Jurisdiction Award Entry Form – Best Vocations Activity

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Complete the following areas and submit it to the State Programs Chairman before March 31 of each state year. Additional paper may be used if space is not sufficient. You may also attach photographs, newspaper clippings, and letters of accommodation or other special items for considering this project.

Council Name: LAUREL Council Number: 2180
Parish: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH City: LAUREL
Title of Project: VOCATIONS: CALL TO MISTERIES
Date(s) of Project: 52 WEEKS OF THE YEAR Number of Members Participating: 18

Explain details of the project:

VOCATIONS---CALL TO MINISTRIES

"First and foremost, we as Catholics-- and through Baptism and Confirmation are joined in Christ with the Church and work the ministries of Christ in (our) special ways. We can offer (our) services" by using the gifts God gave us whether serving as Clergy, A Parish Council Member, A Parish Ministry (Financial, Liturgy, Family Life, Education, Facilities) Member, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, RCIA, Knights of Columbus, Food Mission, St Vincent De Paul, Lector, Visiting the Homebound Patients in the Hospital, Hospices, or Assisted Living Facilities, etc. "Many of (you) Catholic Heroes go unsung, BUT YOU ARE THE PILLARS OF THE CHURCH, WHAT VATICAN II CALLS THE SALT OF THE EARTH". ---Paraphrased: The Everything Catholic Book pg, paragraph 1

Our Vocations Chairman, Coordinates with our Parish Priest; continuously researches the Internet for materials and information; Designs; Develops; updates and implements a Vocation Chalice Program for our Parish(to include suggested articles for the Parish; Vocational Messages delivered periodically. He also acts as the Coordinator; submits a monthly schedule to the Parish which is put in the weekly Church Bulletin; weekly monitors the program; monthly sends out the schedule to participants that month.

Most of the materials for the program came from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; Serra Clubs of Atlanta; and the Serra Club, South Beach County FL.

We initiated the Vocation Chalice Program; whereas each week a different Parish family receives the Chalice and Program Materials. They pray before their evening meals for religious vocations. Our Vocations Chairman continues to monitor, manage and insures that someone will receive the Chalice each week.

We have 17 (16 K of C Families) families participating in the program. Also the CYO) often requests the Chalice to take with them on field trips and pray each morning for Religious Vocations. They made comments in the journal about their experiences. Also many children ask their parents if they can receive, learning for what it stands for.

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An information package which includes a list of Vocation Prayers (9 pages) that can be used and a journal that each family can make comments is provided to each recipient when they receive with the Chalice.

PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

The purpose of the Elijah Cup, a consecrated chalice, is to provide a focal point for prayer. We are all aware of the need for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and to the religious life. But sometimes we forget just how powerful praying for an increase in vocations can be. If we pray with the faith of the widow of Zaraheth, our cup will never run dry! We will always have priests to bring us Jesus in the Eucharist.

In 1 Kings 17, during a drought, Elijah tells the poor widow of Zaraheth that if she makes him a small loaf of bread with the last of her flour and oil, her "jar of flour will not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the Lord sends rain upon the earth" In faith, the widow baked the bread and fed Elijah. For the next year, the widow, her son and Elijah ate bread made from the bowl of flour and jug of oil.

The 2nd Vatican Council instructs us that it is the job of the laity to pray for and raise up vocations, and this has been echoed by Pope John Paul II in many of his teachings.

BY ACCEPTING THIS ELIJAH CUP YOU ARE SETTING AN EXAMPLE FOR OUR PARISH MEMBERS AND OUR YOUTH

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO OUR MINISTERIES

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