



From the Pastor's Desk

If a person approaches me, or almost any faithful priest, seeking to deepen their relationship with God, the very first advice they receive will almost always be the same: Pray every day and, of course, attend Mass every weekend. Go to confession regularly. Try to attend Mass at least once or twice during the weekdays and, if possible, spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration. We can't grow in our relationship with God if we don't spend some time with him.

So, that is my basic advice to all of you: spend more time with God. Saint Teresa of Calcutta is often quoted as having said, "If you're too busy to pray, you're too busy!" Likewise, St. Francis de Sales remarked, "Every one of us needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy—then we need an hour." I think that's good advice. We can all spare at least a few minutes in our day for prayer. If not, we need to rethink our priorities.

Having repeated this advice to you, I also want to remind you that I offer Mass and Eucharistic Adoration throughout the week, and I encourage you all to join me. Weekday Mass is often simple, quiet, peaceful, and refreshing. Come, join us!

-Fr. Jason Signalness

Pray for our seminarians! The new seminarian posters and prayer cards have arrived. We currently have 27 men studying in seminaries around the world, which is good for a diocese of our size. But our diocese, and the world, always needs more young men to answer the call. I am confident that God is, in fact, calling more young

men, even from our own parishes. Unfortunately, young men are often too afraid to, or are even discouraged from, considering God's call. The priesthood is an amazing gift to the Church, and to the men upon whom God bestows it. In our parish and in our own families, we should encourage openness to God's calling to the priesthood. If you think a young man in our parish is well-suited to the priesthood, don't hesitate to tell him you think as much. If you are a young man curious about the priesthood, don't hesitate to ask me questions.

Much of the same is true, of course, of religious sisters in the life of the Church. There are countless ways that women religious have served the Church. Through prayer, through schools and hospitals they operate, and through other charitable works they do. Ask the young women you know, "Have you ever considered religious life?" Such questions can certainly plant the seeds of a vocation.

In truth, God calls every one of us to a certain vocation in life: to marriage, to priesthood, to religious, or other consecrated life. As we grow up, we should ask not "What do I want to do in life," but "What does *God* want me to do with this life he has given me?" We won't be happier in life than when we answer God's call.

I encourage everyone to **pick up a seminarian prayer card and add these men to your daily prayers**. In addition, please pray for an increase in vocations from our own families and parishes.

-Fr. Jason Signalness

The ROCK for grades 7-12 is Wednesday: Students in grades 7-12 from both parishes are encouraged to attend the ROCK event at Bishop Ryan High School on Wednesday, October 11th. The evening includes pizza, Catholic trivia, prizes, an inspiring talk, and more. The bus will depart from Holy Rosary at 5:30 p.m. and stop at St. Ann at 6:00 p.m. We will be back in Berthold at 9:30 and Stanley by about 10 p.m. Parents must sign the appropriate consent forms and return them to the parish office as soon as possible.

Fatima Celebration in Glen Ullin on Oct. 15: Sacred Heart in Glen Ullin is hosting an anniversary celebration for Our Lady of Fatima. on Sunday, Oct. 15 from 3 to 7 p.m. The event will begin with Eucharistic Adoration followed by a talk from Nellie Edwards explaining her mission, book, and paintings. Supper will be served at 5 p.m. followed by a talk from Fr. Jason Signalness about Our Lady of Fatima and the World Apostolate of Fatima. Father is the chaplain of the Apostolate in the diocese. Nellie Edwards will be available for a book signing and have her paintings with her also. The talks and supper will be in the new Sacred Heart Parish Center. For more information, contact the parish office at 701-348-3527 or Anissa Gartner at 701-934-0354.

St. John the Apostle Fall Supper is Oct. 29: Plan to attend the fall supper at St. John the Apostle in Minot on Oct. 29, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The menu includes roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, coleslaw, rolls, pumpkin dessert, and a beverage. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

March for Life Pilgrimage for Grades 9-12: The Diocese of Bismarck Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministries is coordinating a trip for youth in grades 9-12 to participate in March for Life in Washington, D.C., January 16-21, 2018. Cost of the trip is only \$400 all inclusive, and the deadline to register is Friday, Nov. 17. For more information

and to get registered visit bismarckdiocese.com/march or contact Carrie Davis at 701-204-7208 or cdavis@bismarckdiocese.com.

Mass for God's Children is Nov. 8th in Minot: Coming to Minot! The annual Mass for God's Children will be held Wednesday, Nov 8, at 7 p.m. at St. John the Apostle in Minot. Bishop Kagan will offer this Mass for all those who lost a child in the womb or during childhood. Please register at bismarckdiocese.com/godschildren to have your child's name in the program and to process a flower to Mary prior to Mass. All are invited to attend!

Search Weekends 2017-2018: Search for Christian Maturity is a weekend retreat experience sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Bismarck. The weekends are for anyone of high school or college age (at least 15 years old). Search weekends are held at the Badlands Ministries Camp just south of Medora. Upcoming weekends for 2017-18 are: Oct. 13-15; Dec. 1-3; Jan. 19-21; March 2-4; and April 20-22. More information can be found at www.bismarckdiocese.com/search1.

