

Diocese of St. Petersburg  
*Office of Vocations*

COURAGEOUSLY  
*Living the Gospel*



***Vocation Connection!***

**Congratulations to Our Newly Ordained Priests!**



On Saturday, August 15, 2020, Bishop Gregory Parkes ordained Fr. Connor Penn, Fr. Drew Woodke and Fr. Joshua Bertrand to the Sacred Priesthood for the Diocese of St. Petersburg at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle. Please continue to pray for our newly ordained and all of the priests in our diocese!

### **How We Courageously Live the Gospel**

In a newly released video, Bishop Gregory Parkes shares a two-year update on Courageously Living the Gospel, *the mutually-shared vision of the Diocese of St. Petersburg*. He highlights what we have been able to accomplish with God's grace and guidance and what has been delayed due to COVID-19. To view this video, visit [here](#).

### **Seminarian Update!**

We currently have 15 seminarians studying for the Diocese of St. Petersburg. We are happy to announce that we accepted 7 new seminarians this year. For a current list of all of our seminarians click [here](#). Updated pictures and bios for all of our seminarians are listed on the vocations website. Please follow this [link](#) to view.

Pictures are also available of all of our seminarians, both individual and group. You can receive them digitally or we have printed copies for distribution. To order pictures for your parish or school please contact Heidi Varley via email by clicking [here](#).

We are also in the process of updating our Seminarian poster and prayer cards. Those will be available soon!

### **Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations**

You are invited to join Fr. Chuck Dornquast and the Serra club in praying for an abundance of vocations in the Diocese of St. Petersburg. On Wednesday, September 23, at

7:00 pm, you can attend the monthly Abundance Holy Hour for Vocations via live stream or in person. If you wish to join us in praying for vocations at the Cathedral of St. Jude, we ask that you practice the same guidelines which have been followed for daily masses. For more information

on how to watch via live stream, please see the flyer below.



# ABUNDANCE

IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAMED

*Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations Sponsored by the Serra Club*

**WHAT**

Adoration with Chanted Evening Prayer

September 23

**WHERE & WHEN**

Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle

7:00 PM

DOSP.ORG/LIVESTREAM  
FACEBOOK.COM/DIOSTPETE  
YOUTUBE.COM/DIOCESEOFSTPETE



THEN HE SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES,  
"THE HARVEST IS ABUNDANT BUT THE LABORERS  
ARE FEW; SO ASK THE MASTER OF THE HARVEST TO  
SEND OUT LABORERS FOR HIS HARVEST."

*Matthew 9:37-38*



## Priesthood Appreciation Sunday

The Serra Club of St. Petersburg calls on all Catholics to join them in affirming and thanking our priests for their faithful service to the Church and the people of God on September 27, 2020, in recognition of Priesthood Appreciation Sunday.

Upcoming Events!

More information about our upcoming discernment events will be published in the next Vocation Connection.

Below are a couple of dates to note on your calendars.

"Virtual" Vocation Awareness Weekend

*November 6-8, 2020*

*More information to follow!*

Vocation Promotion Workshop

*Bethany Center, Lutz  
Saturday, February 6, 2021*

Flocknote

If you have not already done so, we encourage you to sign up for a new way of communicating all of the exciting events and news for the Office of Vocations via Flocknote. You can opt to receive this information via text message or email.

**To sign up simply text:  
DOSPVOICATIONS to 84576**

Bank holidays put everyone in a good mood and that's no different for us, even if we are working! As a special bank holiday offer, we're giving everyone who comes into our shop on Bank Holiday Monday a surprise free gift with every purchase made.

Don't forget, we'll be open all day Bank Holiday Monday, so come in and get your surprise gift. [Optional Link](#)

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