



# DIocese OF ST. PETERSBURG

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To: Principals, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers and Homeschool Families  
From: Fr. Chuck Dornquast and Heidi Varley, Office of Vocations  
Re: Virtual Focus 11 2021

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We pray that you all were able to enjoy some down time with your family and stay healthy!

We are excited to still host Focus 11 this year as a virtual event.

The virtual event will be one day and take place on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 from 8:30am-11:30am. It will be based on the Diocesan website and easy for your class or group to access and follow through. We will be forwarding you a detailed schedule no later than February 3, for your review and preparation.

Our Keynote Speaker for this year is Sr. Ana Chiara, Vocation Director, for the Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As stated above, the event will be virtual and each class will remain in their classrooms. There will be live elements, as well as pre-recorded elements. The students will also have opportunities to interact throughout the presentation.

We will still have our live roll call of all the schools. We ask that you please email a class picture to Heidi Varley at [hlv@dosp.org](mailto:hlv@dosp.org) at your earliest convenience, but no later than January 25. This will be used for the roll call.

### **Serra Club Video Contest**

This year, instead of the poster contest, the Serra Club is sponsoring a video contest. Like always, this competition is optional. We ask that each class submit a video, and not send in videos made by individuals. **All videos need to be submitted no later than January 25, 2021. Videos should be MP4 format. Please share the downloadable video file to [hlv@dosp.org](mailto:hlv@dosp.org). If you need assistance sharing, please email [hlv@dosp.org](mailto:hlv@dosp.org).** Below are details for the video contest.

1. Videos are to be no longer than 60 seconds
2. The theme for the videos is: ***How Does Christ Mold Your Life?***
3. Be sure to have the Diocesan crest in the video (provided)

4. Be sure to have the following contact information included at the end of the video:  
If you are considering a priestly or religious vocation please contact the Office of Vocations at (727) 345-3452
5. Please label your video submission using the name of your school/teachers name or for homeschool groups, Homeschool/Family Name, examples: Cathedral School of St. Jude/Smith and Homeschool/Hernandez Family
6. All children in the video must have a signed release form on file at their respective schools.
7. The videos will be judged based on the following:
  - a. Quality of Video
  - b. Creativity and originality of the video in incorporating the theme
  - c. Incorporation of Diocesan Priesthood and Religious Life
8. The top 5 videos will be shown during the Focus 11 event
9. Videos may be used in the future by the Office of Vocations.
10. The winner of the video contest will get an ice cream party with Fr. Chuck!

We will also be issuing a "Focus 11 Challenge" to all that participate on February 10. We would like the students to share their experiences, what they learned, during the day with another class in the school and also show their class video.

Because this year's event is virtual and not in person, we would also encourage you to speak with your school Pastor and have him join you for Focus 11, or some portion of the day.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the Office of Vocations at (727) 345-3452 or email Fr. Chuck at [scd@dosp.org](mailto:scd@dosp.org) or Heidi at [hlv@dosp.org](mailto:hlv@dosp.org)