



# CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ST. PETERSBURG

## COURAGEOUSLY *Living the Gospel*

### Vocation Connection March 2021 Edition

#### Focus 11 Video Contest Winners

Focus 11 was held virtually on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. We had 6th graders from around the diocese participate in the program that included both live and pre-recorded elements.

If you were not able to participate in Focus 11 you can still take a look at the program by clicking on this [link](#).

One new aspect of Focus 11 was a video contest. Schools and home school groups were asked to create a 60 second video using the theme *How Does Christ Mold your Life?*. There were many great entries and we chose the top 5 videos, with the #1 video winner receiving an ice cream party sponsored by the Serra Club of St. Petersburg and hosted by Fr. Chuck.

The top 5 winners are:

- #1 - Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle Catholic School
- #2 - Bishop Larkin Catholic School
- #3 - Christ the King Catholic School
- #4 - Guardian Angels Catholic School
- #5 St. Stephen Catholic School

Congratulations to all! To view the top 5 videos, as well as all of the other videos submitted, please click on this [link](#)



#### Altar Server Appreciation Mass March 21, 2021 - 3:00pm Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle

The Youth Altar Server Appreciation Mass will be on Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 3:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle. Information was sent out to all parishes. Altar Server of the Year certificates will be presented by Bishop Gregory Parkes.

While we realize many parishes have not been using altar servers on a regular basis since last year, we still wanted to recognize those that have been serving over the years



The Altar Server Mass will also be live streamed via:



and since in person masses have resumed.

We ask parishes to please complete the RSVP form as soon as possible, as seating will be limited. For detailed information please follow this [link](#).

For any questions, please call or email Heidi Varley in the Office of Vocations, (727) 345-3452 or [hiv@dosp.org](mailto:hiv@dosp.org)

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## Support Our Seminarians

Your support makes a difference.  
The seminarians of the Diocese continue to discern priesthood in this time of fatigue, bubbles and quarantine.

Help them feel connected to home by offering:

- Prayers
- Mass intentions
- Letters and cards of encouragement
- Spiritual bouquets
- Care Packages
- Gift Cards to Local Restaurants (to order takeout)

 Mailing Addresses:  
**St. John Vianney College Seminary**  
2900 SW 87th Avenue, Miami, FL 33165  
**St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary**  
10701 S. Military Trail, Boynton Beach, FL 33436

Contact the Office of Vocations at (727) 345-3452 for more information or email [hiv@dosp.org](mailto:hiv@dosp.org).

## Support Our Seminarians


Our seminarians have been in a quarantine "bubble" at seminary since March of 2020, when not home on summer break. Their quarterly breaks were cancelled in order to keep them safe and healthy, so they were away from family, friends and their parish homes for an extended period of time.

Please consider supporting our seminarians through prayer, letters and cards of encouragement, care packages, or however you would like. They will appreciate it very much!

Below is an updated list of our current seminarians for your reference. Thank you!

### Seminarian Information 2021

## Tools of Discernment, Micro Retreat March 20, 2021, 10:00am-2:00pm Bethany Center, Lutz




MICRO-RETREATS

## TOOLS OF DISCERNMENT

**March 20:** *Men of Communion*

Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM | Bethany Center

COME TO SOME OR ALL!  
(Individuals can attend one without attending all of them.)  
To REGISTER email: [hiv@dosp.org](mailto:hiv@dosp.org)



Fr. Chuck Dornquist will host the next Tools of Discernment Micro-Retreat on Saturday, March 20, 2021 from 10am-2pm at the Bethany Center in Lutz.

This retreat is offered for single men, ages 15-35 who would like an opportunity to enrich their discernment in a small group setting.

The topic for this session is *Men of Communion*.

Please RSVP to Heidi Varley in the Office of Vocations at [hiv@dosp.org](mailto:hiv@dosp.org) if you want to attend.



## Abundance Holy Hour & Discernment Group

Wednesday, March 24, 6:30pm

All are invited to join Fr. Chuck Dornquast, and the Serra Club of St. Petersburg, in praying for an abundance of vocations in the Diocese of St. Petersburg. If you wish to join us in praying for vocations at the Cathedral of St. Jude, we ask that you practice social distancing and please wear a facemask.

Following the Holy Hour discerners are invited to join Fr. Chuck for our discernment group in the St. Jude Parish Center. Pizza and refreshments will be served. **To RSVP to attend the Discernment Group please email Heidi Varley in the Office of Vocations.**



The poster features a golden cross-like symbol with a central circle and wheat stalks. Below it, the word "ABUNDANCE" is written in large, serif capital letters. Underneath, in smaller text, is "Diocesan Holy Hour for Vocations Sponsored by the Serra Club". A dark blue banner contains the text "EVENING PRAYER + PRAISE & WORSHIP". Below this, the date and time "MARCH 24 | 6:30PM" are displayed, followed by "Cathedral of St. Jude" and "Holy Hour led by Fr. Chuck Dornquast". The bottom section is white with the heading "DISCERNMENT GROUP!" and a small circular logo with the text "OFFICE OF VOCATIONS" and "COURAGEOUSLY Embrace the Gospel". Below this, it says "Discerners are invited to join Fr. Chuck Dornquast afterwards in St. Jude Hall for pizza, refreshments, prayer, and discussion. RSVP to hlv@dosp.org to attend!"

## Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events!

**Transitional Diaconate Ordinations** - Saturday, April 17, 2021 at 11:00 am. Our Seminarians Donald Amodeo and Zachary Brasseur will be ordained transitional deacons at St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach. The ordination will be live streamed.

**Ordinations to the Priesthood** - Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 11:00 am. Deacon Israel "Izzie" Hernandez will be ordained a Priest for the Diocese of St. Petersburg. The ordination will be live streamed.

**Bishop's BBQ** - Wednesday, June 2, 2021. For more information contact the Office of Vocations.

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