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To: Principals and 6th Grade Teachers
From: Fr. Chuck Dornquast and Jasmine Pujol, Office of Vocations
Re: Virtual Focus 11 2022

Happy Advent! We pray that this time of year is bringing hope and joy to you and your families!

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

The virtual event will be one day and take place on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 from 8:30am-11:30am. It will be hosted 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. Fidelis Marie, Vocation Director, for the Missionary Benedictine Sisters.

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 and opportunities for interaction.

We will still have our live roll call of all the schools. We ask that you please email a class picture to Jasmine Pujol, jp@dosp.org, at your earliest convenience, but no later than January 25. This will be used for the roll call.

Serra Club Video Contest

Once again, the Serra Club is sponsoring a video contest. Like normal, this competition is optional. We ask that each class submit a video. That video could be the group effort of the class, or a video chosen from individual or group videos in the class. Below are details for the contest.

1. Videos are to be no longer than 90 seconds
2. The theme for the videos is: ***How Does Christ Transform 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:

- a. 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. All videos need to be submitted no later than January 28, 2021
8. Videos should be MP4 format. Please share the downloadable video file to jp@dosp.org
9. 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
10. The top 5 videos will be shown during the Focus 11 event
11. Videos may be used in the future by the Office of Vocations.
12. 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 16. We would like the students to share their experiences, what they learned, during the day with another class in the school and 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 them 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 or Jasmine at jp@dosp.org.