**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARNESS WEEK**

**JULY 30 – AUGUST 6, 2017**

***(Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)***

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**PARISH BULLETIN SUGGESTION:**

**National Vocations Awareness Week: 30 July – 6 August**

Each year in August the Church in Australia celebrates National Vocations Awareness Week (NVAW).

This week is an opportunity for parishes, schools and other groups to pray for and to help young people discern their vocation from God whether that be to Marriage, Priesthood, Single Life the Diaconate or Religious Life.

This is also an opportunity to pray for those who are currently in formation in Religious Houses of Formation and our own Provincial Seminary Corpus Christi College.

Each one of us can do something about this.

**Firstly** – pray each day. A simple prayer from the heart for this intention may be the cause of one person saying ‘yes’.

**Secondly** – talk about the possibility of a vocation to others.

**SAMPLE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Celebrant:* Christ bids us to have courage. In this spirit, we pray:

1. We pray for the courage to follow the Lord’s words, to follow Christ through our vocation and our State of Life.

Lord hear us

2. We pray that young people may answer the call to be priests, deacons, religious brothers, sisters and consecrated people. We pray also for those serving our Church through Ordained and Consecrated Life.

Lord hear us

3. We pray for all those living the vocation to marriage that they may look to Christ as the source of all hope and light for themselves and their families.

Lord hear us

4. We pray for vocations to priesthood and consecrated life from our own communities around the diocese.

Lord hear us

5. We pray for those priests and religious who have come from other nations to help in the Mission of Evangelisation in Australia.

 Lord hear us.

6. Mary responded fully to God’s Vocation in her life, we ask her Intercession. Hail Mary……

*Celebrant:* Heavenly Father, all good things come from you.

Hear our prayers in the name of Christ your son

who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.