

# WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

February 6, 2011



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## SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

### **Diocese, Parishes, Schools, Serra Clubs:**

- Invite members of institutes of consecrated life from your parish to serve as ministers for the Sunday liturgy.
- Invite members of institutes of consecrated life to speak to adults/children in religious education programs.
- Host a prayer service and reception (See *Prayer Service*).
- Offer a day of perpetual adoration dedicated to vocations to consecrated life.
- Sponsor a "Busy Persons Retreat" at local university/college.
- Encourage open houses throughout the diocese.
- Sponsor a vocation fair, walkathon, nun run, or rally highlighting institutes of consecrated life.
- Provide copies of vocation magazines, brochures, and flyers ([www.nccv-vocations.org](http://www.nccv-vocations.org)).
- Encourage vocation awareness through diaconate, lay ministry, parents' baptism programs, family ministries.
- Have a vocation section in parish bulletin, bulletin board, newsletters (available in *Vocation Views* NCCV). Highlight stories of people who live the consecrated life, especially those who serve in the local parish or who entered from the parish.
- Work with local communicators to develop media coverage with stories, television & radio public service announcements about the consecrated life, inspirational e-movies, create vocation bumper stickers.

### **Institutes of Consecrated Life:**

- Invite friends, employees, benefactors, and families to join you for prayer, talk, a meal, or an open house. Share about your life and charism.
- Plan a simple prayer in which you share your vocation stories together. Renew your vows. Invite interested people to join you.
- Do a press release or share a story about your institute with the local press.
- Open your doors to college students for a place to study and pray.
- Sponsor a "holy hour" to pray for vocations.
- Host a "Come & See" experience or "Nun Run".
- Sponsor a summer camp and invite young people to participate and learn about your congregation.
- Create a congregation vocation website that is interactive: chat room, blog, podcast, invitation to conference call with other discerners.