3 POINT PLAN
for Vocations

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1. Beg- "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7).
   a. Each parish is asked to come together at least yearly to pray for vocations. This could be an annual holy hour for vocations at the parish.
   b. Parishes are encouraged to pray the Memorare at the end of Mass for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Consider giving the Memorare prayer card to parishioners so that it can be prayed at home with this intention.
2. Form- Philip saw the Ethiopian eunuch reading from Isaiah the prophet and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The man said to Philip "How can I, unless someone instructs me?" (Acts 8:30-31).
   a. Parishes are asked to form vocation teams (either individually or as a group of parishes) to create a culture of vocations for the families that they serve.
   b. Schools and religious education programs are asked to teach their children about vocations, especially during National Vocation Awareness Week. Vocation lessons will be sent to the parishes to assist in this.
3. Call- "Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, 'You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me'" (Mark 10:21).
   a. On September 14-15, 2024, the diocese will have a "Called by Name Sunday." The priests of the diocese are asked to preach on vocations and to invite parishioners to submit names of men and women whom they think should consider a call to the priesthood or religious life.
   b. On November 2, 2024, the Diocese will host a Vocation Day for both men and women. Those whose names were submitted will receive a personal invitation from the Bishop to attend.