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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our second annual ***Called by Name Sunday*** will be celebrated on the weekend of January 31 – February 1, 2026. This special Sunday is based on our belief that God knows each of us by name, has created us for a reason, and calls us to a unique purpose in life. ***Called by Name Sunday*** is about listening and responding to God's call.

I have invited our priests to preach on the theme of vocation and calling; hopefully they will share their own vocation story during the homily. In addition, they will share some characteristics that may be present in a potential candidate for the priesthood or religious life. As you listen to the Word of God proclaimed at Mass and reflect upon the homily, please consider the following:

1. For those of you discerning your life's vocation, be open to God's call to the priesthood or religious life. God's calling is a beautiful gift – be courageous when listening. Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full – do not be afraid. If God is calling you to the priesthood or religious life, then this vocation is meant to bring you fulfillment.
2. Please think of individuals you know and believe might have a calling to the priesthood or religious life. While God is the one who calls, God often uses our voices. Please help us reach out to these individuals and submit their name(s) and contact information so that a letter of encouragement can be sent to them.

With God's blessing and your help, we can make ***Called by Name Sunday*** fruitful. May all of us listen to God's call and follow where he leads. Be assured of my prayers for you as we continue to build a culture of vocations in our archdiocese.

Yours in Christ,

+Murray Chatlain
Archbishop of Winnipeg