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Dear Principals and Teachers...

Today we celebrate the feast day of St. John Paul II, who reminds us:

"Do not be afraid of the radicalness of His demands, because Jesus, who loved us first, is prepared to give Himself to you, as well as asking of you."

God shares his radical love with us, but that very love demands a response. We want to remind you of our upcoming National Vocation Awareness Week.

November 2nd - 8th is National Vocation Awareness Week. This week is a wonderful opportunity to promote vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Our Office for Vocations is offering your students the chance to take part in two activities during this week. The first is a virtual lesson that will be offered live for students in grades 3rd - 8th. The second is our annual Vocation Poster Contest for our K-8th graders.

The Virtual Lesson will be conducted on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>November</u> 5^{th} , from 9:00 am to 10:30 am.

This year, we will be sharing the lives of a priest, a sister, and a married couple! To sign up for this virtual lesson, each teacher may register their class on our webpage at https://www.lavocations.org/national-vocation-awareness-week-1

The Virtual Lesson will lead into our annual Vocation Poster Contest, where students will have the opportunity to take what they learned and share it in a creative way. Posters can be graded and awarded prizes on a local level. The best 5 from each class may then be submitted to the Vocations Office, where recognition will be awarded in the following months. Information on the poster contest can be found at https://www.lavocations.org/poster-contest.

If you have any questions, please contact Maria Vargas at MVargas@la-archdiocese.org or call 213-637-7248. We look forward to your students participating in these vocation promotions and education opportunities.

In Christ,

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