

As part of our ongoing commitment to promote and encourage all vocations within our parish family we present information each month to help develop our knowledge and understanding of each calling.

This month, we draw your attention to the **Diocese of London Vocations Website**, which can be found at: https://dol.ca/vocations. The site contains pages for each vocation - the Priesthood, Consecrated Life, Deacons, and Marriage as well as pages on discernment groups, meeting our seminarians, pastoral events and the role of teachers in awakening vocations. Each page contains detailed, interactive information on all vocations as well as resource information. On the home page, an address from Pope Francis on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations in 2014 aptly summarizes that, "Every Catholic has a vocation. In fact, as a member of the Church, every Catholic participates in the reality of "vocation" in three distinct but related senses. First, there is the common Christian vocation that comes in Baptism. Our fundamental vocation, or call, is to be holy – to become saints! ... Vocation also refers to a "state in life" or a way of being Christian – priesthood, consecrated life, marriage, and dedicated single life. States in life are the special, lifelong settings in which people live the baptismal vocation and their call to holiness. Finally, there is personal vocation. The personal vocation of each one of us takes shape in the unique combination of talents, personal characteristics, relationships and life circumstances – including both our common Christian vocation and our state in life – that point to the special role God wants us to play in his redemptive plan." We continue to pray for all of you in your vocations.

