

VOCATIONS CORNER

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, as we prepare for the ordination of Glen Ball to the priesthood on May 13 2017, we focus on the state of priesthood in our diocese. Currently in the Diocese of London, with a Catholic population of 444 130, there are 131 parishes and missions serviced by 169 Diocesan priests (like Frs. Al, Gary and Chris) and 53 religious priests (those ordained from other countries - like Fr. Antony). By 2025 (8 years from now), there will be a total of 73 priests available for parish ministry (a decrease of 149 from today), nearly half of whom will be from outside of North America. <https://dol.ca/statistics> and <http://dol.ca/trends-planning>. Let us pray for vocations to the priesthood in our communities as we all face the challenges and realities of parish life in our diocese, and for Glen as he anticipates answering his call formally. For more information on all vocations please visit the Vocations kiosks located at each parish site. We continue to pray for all of you in your vocations.

The Vocations Committee

