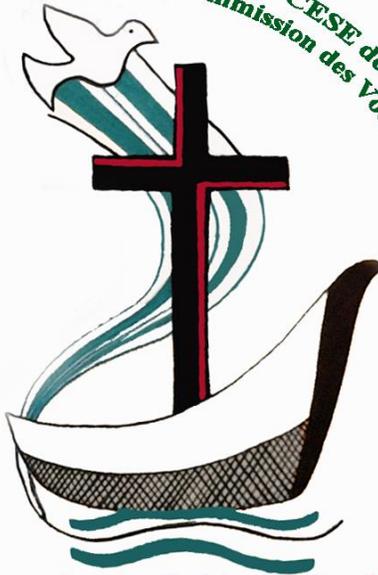


Prince Albert DIOCESE de Prince Albert  
Vocations Commission des Vocations



Go, and make disciples of all nations.  
Allez! De toutes les nations faites des disciples.  
Matthew 28:19

### A Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father,  
bless Your Church  
with an abundance of  
holy and zealous priests,  
deacons, brothers and sisters.

Give those You have called  
to the married state  
and those You have chosen  
to live as single persons  
in the world  
the special graces  
that their lives require.

Form us all in the likeness  
of Your Son so that in Him,  
with Him and through Him  
we may love You more deeply  
and serve You more faithfully,  
always and everywhere.

With Mary we ask this  
through  
Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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### Vocations: A Call From God

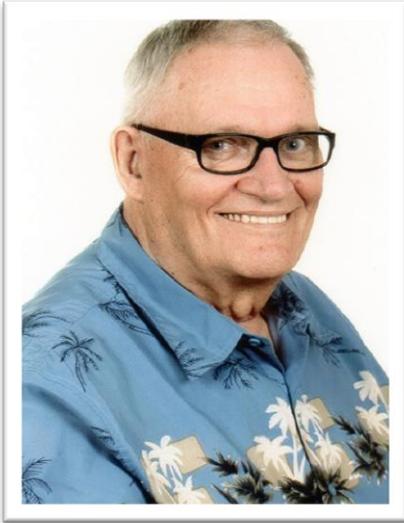
“I have called you by name and you are mine”  
(Is 43:1)

Have you thought about becoming a priest or a sister  
in the Prince Albert Diocese?

### Vocations Prayer By Fr. Jim Kaptein

Prayer Works!!! All of us have at one time or another prayed and received a response. Our objective on the Diocesan Vocations Commission is to elicit this response from God. Every priest, or religious sister, was at one time or another ‘hit’ with one of these prayers. This grace from God gave them the courage to enter religious life. Presently our diocese is blessed with a number of young priests, and young at heart religious; and this is a good thing, but it also takes 5-8 years to prepare a priest for ordination, and almost that long to prepare a young woman for permanent vows. If we do not pray a number of young men into the seminary, and young women into religious life, our diocese will experience a shortage in time. You can change this!

The Knights of Columbus have written a Prayer for Vocations that is used in many parishes across the diocese. These parishes are praying this prayer as the last Prayer of the Faithful. It is my firm belief that if we get all the parishes in the diocese to pray for vocations, every Sunday, then young men and women will begin coming out of the woodwork. So this is the challenge. I know that most parishes have a Knights of Columbus council. I challenge those Knights of Columbus councils to talk to their priest and have him include the Prayer for Vocations every Sunday. I also challenge the Knights of Columbus Council’s to attach the small yellow prayer card on the inside cover of every hymnal. Let us together create an environment where all young men and women would consider a religious vocation. If your parish is already doing this, then I would encourage you to begin a Vocations Cross Prayer. For more information on the Vocations Cross contact Fr. Jim Kaptein-- [vocations@padiocese.ca](mailto:vocations@padiocese.ca) .



### Vocation Journey By Tom Zerre

My first glimpse of the call to be a priest was at the age of thirteen. It was a sudden revelation, which I ignored but kept in the back of my mind. At nineteen, I entered the novitiate, but wasn't ready to commit and left after a short time. I journeyed on in life gaining experience in the secular world; careers, marriage and family life. I am now a widower. I have one married son, four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The most recent revelation to the call to priesthood was on March 13, 2013, the day Pope Francis was named Pope. I was in the hospital recovering from an illness. I saw him standing on the balcony and I knew without hesitation I wanted to be a servant of this shepherd of Christ. That same day a lady and her husband came to give me communion. I had never met either her or her husband. After communion she looked at me and then said, "I have never done this before, but in my heart I know you are the one I would like to ask to be the guest speaker at Divine Mercy Sunday". I responded without thinking and said yes. After she left, I realized I hadn't been involved with Divine Mercy, I just had heard about it. I prayed and asked God for guidance. I called the Divine Mercy in Regina to get information. This was the beginning and the final revelation for me to pursue the call to priesthood.

Throughout my life, I was involved with the church in various capacities. Notre Dame Parish in North Battleford at that time and presently is my Parish family. Once I knew I was going to pursue the call, I moved on it with excitement, conviction, and passion. I sold most of my material possessions, as I felt I needed to shed myself of anything that would hinder me in this pursuit.

I am presently studying Theology in Ottawa and during this time, I am on a continued discernment to the call to priesthood. Being back in the classroom after many years is a challenge to say the least. However, as I journeyed with my Spiritual Director along with attending daily Laudes and Vespers with the Dominican brothers and fathers, I found myself in turmoil. What is going on, I would ask the Lord in prayer! I am doing everything I believe is necessary. I still felt at a loss.

Then, after one of my meetings with my Spiritual Director, I realized what I wasn't doing. I was going solo on this journey. My head was going through the motions of prayer, but because of my fears, I had my will run the gamut. The catch phrases I found myself using were I desire priesthood; I need to be a priest. I am now learning that discernment is an ongoing daily process that will end only at the time of my departure from this earth.

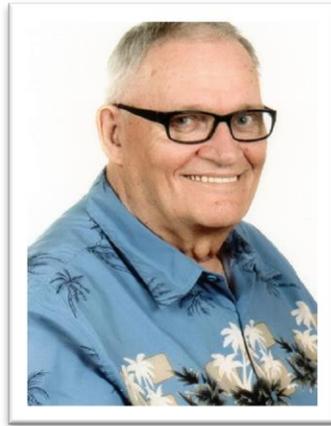
But for the grace and mercy of God and my constant prayer and discernment, along with all my fellow parishioners and diocesan family, my greatest spiritual high will be at my ordination to priesthood.

The next day and the rest of my life will be a continuous discernment of how I will live up to this service to God and the Church.

**Seminarians**



Kendrick Beler



Tom Zerle



**Temporary Professed**  
Sr. April Mireau



**Novice**  
Stephanie Belanger

**SOME VOCABULARY SURROUNDING RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS**

**CHARISM:** A gift or grace freely given by God to a person or community, for the good and service of others and the Christian community. Religious communities seek to live the charism which is received through their Foundress/founder as God's gift to the Church.

**RELIGIOUS/RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY:** A community of men or women who follow a specific tradition or spirituality patterned after the life and teaching of that community's founder or foundress.

**SISTER:** A vowed member of a religious community of women within the Church.

**NUN:** Nuns take solemn vows and are cloistered, that is, they reside, pray and work within the confines of a monastery. Sisters take simple vows and live a life governed by the particular mission, vision, and charism of their community.

**ASSOCIATES:** Women and men who desire to share the mission and spirituality of the religious community but do not seek vowed membership. Associates do not have monetary and legal obligations to the religious community, but recognize themselves as drawn by the same spirit and charism as the sisters.

**DISCERNMENT:** A process of prayerful reflection which leads a person or community to an understanding of God's call at a given time or in particular circumstances of life. It involves listening to God in all ways.

**VOCATION:** The word stems from the Latin verb vocare, which means to call. Thus a vocation is a calling to a way of life rather than to a particular job.

**MINISTRY:** The life work or occupation of a religious.

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 Call Fr. Travis for more information

**Discernment House Report**

**Fr. Travis Myrheim, Pastor of St. Michael Parish and Discernment House Director**  
**April 28, 2015**

The Discernment House was purchased a couple years ago, with the hope of fostering vocations in the Diocese of Prince Albert. The patron of the House is St. Brother André Bessette, a religious of the Congregation of the Holy Cross. The Discernment House is a place for young men to live, pray together, create community, and listen for, and discern the voice of God in their lives. The goal of the house is two-fold: hosting a number of youth and family events in the house; and opening the doors to young men, eighteen years and older, to come and live there, usually for six months to two years.

Since its inception I have had two people stay in the house, one for only two months while studying at SIAST. He had a short but good experience and has now married. This past year I had a young man stay for nine months while studying at SIAST and working. This was a much richer experience as we had more time to develop community. He attended a "Come and See" weekend at St. Joseph Seminary in Edmonton and has since discerned that at this time, the priesthood is not for him. He struggled with this call throughout his time in Prince Albert. I believe this year has helped him gain some peace in making this decision.

We ask your prayers for the success of this ministry. Also in a practical way, please promote this house as an option for young men after they graduate high school. Together let us create a culture of discernment and vocations, where all of us together strive to listen to the voice of God!

**Men in Discernment**



Leo  
 Menezes



Mathew  
 Derworiz



Peter Tai Le

**Permanent Diaconate**



Back - Brad Taylor (ordained June 29, 2015), Paul Joy,  
 Daniel Lamoureux, Michael Hardwicke  
 Front - Ghislain Bellavance (ordained June 24, 2015),  
 Brian McLane, Gregory Bobbitt, Lynn Ryan