

Stage 1 Poster Contest Introductory Letter for use by local K of C Councils or Assemblies to introduce the program to the school(s) in their area.

THIS IS A TEMPLATE: Please insert or edit the local information, where indicated by the blue font. Then delete the words in blue at the top and bottom of this page, save the file as a pdf if possible, then e-mail or print out and deliver to the school principal, along with the accompanying 2 page document "Teacher and Parent Instructions".

RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS AWARENESS PROGRAM



Principals, Teachers and Parents of the Parish of <name>, <City or town within Calgary Chapter>:

God calls each of us to a particular vocation that enables us to live our lives in a manner and environment that leads us home to God. Religious vocations are essential to the viability of the Church and therefore are the responsibility of the Bishops. The Knights of Columbus are supporting our Bishop in helping to meet this very important need. One of the goals of the Vocations Program in The Knights of Columbus is to assist in fostering awareness of the religious vocations. We want to ensure all children attending Catholic schools or who are home schooled in our Parish have a meaningful opportunity to reflect on what it takes to answer the call to a life within a religious vocation.

In the fall of 2005, Calgary Knights of Columbus Calgary K of C Chapter, sought and received the permission of the Calgary Catholic School Board and Southern Alberta Religious Educators Commission (SAREC) to work with schools divisions directly. Support for this contest has also been provided by Father Myles Gaffney, the Director of the Office of Vocations for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary. Schools eligible for participation include those within the Calgary Catholic School Division, Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools Division, as well as private Catholic schools within Calgary.

With the continued success of the program to date, we are proud to hold the Religious Vocations Awareness and Poster Contest in our parish for the current school year. We invite all grade 5 students schooled within the boundaries of our parish to participate in an awareness activity. Students are then invited to draw a picture that demonstrates their personal understanding of the life of a person who has chosen and was chosen for a religious vocation as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. The poster should include an appropriate slogan that supports their picture.

The contest will be open to the Catholic schools offering Grade 5 in our Parish (list of schools) in addition it is open to home schooled boys and girls in Grade 5.

All teachers and parents should encourage their Grade 5 students to participate in this project. This program may inspire their class mates or other young people to consider a vocation to the religious life. More details about the contest criteria are included in the following teachers' and parents' instructions.

When the blue text at the top and here is deleted, there will be ample room for signature(s)

Questions about this initiative may be directed to the local coordinator: <name>.

Phone: (403) <___ - ___> or via e-mail <e-mail address>