

upcoming events

the vocation centre runs or supports the following events

6 - 13 August	National Vocations Awareness Week (NVAW)
Saturday 12 August - Sunday 13 August	GOD Talks... <i>in my life</i> 5pm Sat - 4pm Sun at Canossa Care, Oxley A weekend retreat for single men and women (18-35). Run by Sr Rosa Covino FdCC - phone 3398 3555.
Friday 18 August	Archbishop's Vocations Dinner 6:30pm at "Wynberg", 790 Brunswick St, New Farm Annual dinner with Archbishop Bathersby for men considering a call to Priesthood. RSVPs essential: ph 3131 5501
Sunday 20 August	Fuel 7:00-9:00pm at St Patrick's Church, Fortitude Valley Praise and worship with prayer, teaching & Reconciliation. Run by Emmanuel Youth Outreach.
Friday 25 August	Leaven Hour 5:10-6:30pm at St Stephen's Chapel, Brisbane A place for youth and young adults to experience growth and energy through the power of Mass and Adoration.
Sunday 27 August	My Tomorrow 9:30am-1:30pm at St James College, Fortitude Valley Retreat for single men and women (18-35), exploring God's call and reflecting upon the direction of my tomorrow. Contact Mark Lysaght - phone 3336 9203 or lysaghtm@bne.catholic.net.au. Sponsored by Queensland Vocation Ministers Association (QVMA)
Sunday 3 September	Young Adult Mass 7:30pm at St Stephen's Cathedral Celebrated on the first Sunday of each month and followed by refreshments in the Cathedral grounds.
Thurs 14 September	Evening at Holy Spirit Seminary A chance to find out about seminary life and how to join. Full details next edition or contact vocation@bne.catholic.net.au.
Saturday 16 Sept - Sunday 17 Sept	Quo Vadis - Mens Vocation Weekend A weekend for men discerning a vocation to Priesthood. Full details next edition, or contact vocation@bne.catholic.net.au.
Friday 22 September	Leaven Hour 5:10-6:30pm at St Stephen's Chapel, Brisbane A place for youth and young adults to experience growth and energy through the power of Mass and Adoration.
Thursday 28 Sept - Sunday 1 Oct	Ignite 06: Regeneration Stuartholme College, Toowong Catholic conference for youth and young adults, with streams in worship, leadership, mission and lifestyle. Run by Emmanuel Youth Outreach. Visit www.eyouth.com.au for details.

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QUO VADIS VOCATION WEEKEND 16-17 SEPTEMBER

A weekend for men to look more closely at whether God might be calling them to Priesthood.

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NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

The ninth annual National Vocations Awareness Week (NVAW) is happening around Australia this year from 6 - 13 August.

NVAW is sponsored by the Australian Bishops Conference as an opportunity for the Church to focus on the ways in which God calls us to follow Him today, and to pray for young people who are currently discerning their vocation.

The week is celebrated every August on the two Sundays either side of the Feast of Blessed Mary MacKillop, 8 August.

Whether you are studying or working, why not take a particular focus in this month of August to pray and discern about what is the next step for you in seeking God's call in your life. For some, it is to attend one of the many events on offer at the moment. For others, it will be take the step and apply to enter the Seminary in 2007. What step will YOU make?

QUO VADIS wristbands proving a hit!

Red vocation wristbands have been given out in schools and parishes across Brisbane as a tool to raise awareness of seeking God's call in our lives.

To receive a free wristband, please contact Mark Lysaght on 1300 133 544 (local call).



A Brief Note...

This edition of *The Call* is come a little later than usual, but now arrives in the middle of the biggest vocations month in the year - **National Vocations Awareness Week (NVAW)**.

I draw your attention to a number of events for young Catholics coming up: including the **Archbishop's Vocations Dinner**, **Evening at Holy Spirit Seminary** and the **Quo Vadis weekend**, which all come out of the Vocation Office, as well as **God Talks**, **My Tomorrow** and **Ignite 06: Regeneration** conference being run by other groups. Check out the details inside the newsletter or on the enclosed fliers, and make the time to get to at least one of these events as part of your process of discerning God's call in your life.

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Worthy of the Call

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13

I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit - just as you were called to one hope when you were called - one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Reflection:

Paul, who has given his life completely to God, challenges us in this passage to live our lives fully for Him. We have each been called by God, but is our baptismal call evident in the way we live our life each day?

Paul then reminds us that we are part of the one body yet also called individually. This passage could be paraphrased as, "We are one Church guided by one Spirit and so we are all united, BUT at the same time God has also called some people to particular roles of preaching the Gospel, teaching and leading God's people, and caring for and offering guidance for those in need."

As well as many lay people who fill such roles in our church, God continues to call young men as Priests to serve these roles in a specific way.

Are you one of the men God is calling to this role of Priesthood today?

ANOTHER GUY DECIDES GOD OR THE GIRL?

This month, we meet Dan DeMatte, another of the young men *God or the Girl?*, a 5-part reality TV series from America which follows their journeys in the final weeks leading up to their decision whether or not to become Catholic priests.



Dan DeMatte, 21, is a second-year student at Ohio Dominican University. A fearless and passionate Catholic, he lives with nine other celibate young men in a house they call "Fort Zion." But for all his confidence in his faith, Dan is still very young and can't yet say whether he is cut out for the priesthood. Plus, his on-again, off-again relationship with girlfriend Amber only confuses matters more.

The Vocation Office has purchased the series on DVD for use at some upcoming events.

GOD TALKS...

... IN MY LIFE

12-13 AUG

... IN MY SILENCE

23-24 SEPT

... IN MY PASSIONS

18-19 NOV

(5PM SAT - 4PM SUN)

CANOSSA CARE, OXLEY

169 SEVENTEEN MILE ROCKS RD

God Talks are overnight retreats for young adults (18-35), and an opportunity to pray, discover, listen and share your journey.

Cost \$20 - incl accommodation and meals. BYO sleeping bag and pen. Mass is included.

For info, contact Sr Rosa: 3398 3555 or 0419 779 262

**WALKING WITH GOD IS
ALWAYS AN ADVENTURE!**

CHECK OUT THESE EVENTS....

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCERNMENT & REFLECTION



ARCHBISHOP'S VOCATIONS DINNER

FRIDAY 18 AUGUST 2006

If you have not RSVP'd, please do so ASAP!
Contact the Archbishop's office on ph 3131 5501.

My Tomorrow Gathering

Sunday 27 August 2006

St James College, Fortitude Valley
9:30am - 1:30pm

Reflection Day for single men and women.

Cost: \$7 (incl lunch & morning tea)

RSVP: Mark Lysaght 1300 133 544
lysaghtm@bne.catholic.net.au

LEAVEN HOUR

Every Fourth Friday of the Month
in St Stephen's Chapel

25 AUG - 22 SEPT - 27 OCT

Mass 5:10pm Adoration 5:40-6:30pm



The largest Catholic youth conference in Australia for young adults, teens & kids

**IGNITE 06:
REGENERATION**

28 September to
1 October 2006

Contact: 07 3394 4333
ignite@eyouth.com.au

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HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY
OF QUEENSLAND

DATECLAIMER:

Evening at Holy Spirit Seminary
Thursday 14 September 2006

A chance to find out about seminary life.
Details soon...



QUO VADIS - MENS VOCATION WEEKEND

16-17 September 2006

It's time to ask, "Quo Vadis" - "where are you going?"

A vocation weekend for men at any stage of considering the Priesthood.
Mark the date in your diary now. Full details in the next edition of *The Call*.