

## upcoming events 2009

the vocation centre runs or supports the following events

**Sun 3 May**      **Young Adult Mass**

**Sun 3 May**      **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

**Sun 17 May**      **Fuel**

**Fri 22 May**      **Leaven Hour**

**Sun 7 Jun**      **Young Adult Mass**

**Sun 21 June**      **Fuel**

**Fri 26 Jun**      **Leaven Hour**

**Sun 28 Jun**      **'the sunday arvo gig'**

**Sun 5 Jul**      **Young Adult Mass**

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## HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY WELCOMES NEW RECTOR

New rector of Queensland's Holy Spirit Seminary Monsignor Tony Randazzo was installed during a Mass at the seminary on Monday February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Auxiliary Bishop Brian Finnigan of Brisbane presided at the Mass which was celebrated in the chapel of the seminary at Banyo in Brisbane. Seminary spiritual director Fr Gerry Kalinowski concelebrated and seminarians were among those attending. Msgr Randazzo succeeds Fr Michael McCarthy, whose term as rector finished at the end of last year.



Sacred time: Bishop Brian Finnigan (centre) presides at the mass for the installation of Holy Spirit Seminary's new rector Monsignor Tony Randazzo (Left).

*"Anyone who loses  
his life for my sake,  
will save it"  
Luke 9:24*

### A Note...

Welcome to the first edition of 'The Call' for 2009. If you were involved in any of the goings on in our Church in 2008 I am sure that you will have memories that will last with you a life time. The Vocation Office has been busy with many people seeking the office out to talk about their call, mission and purpose in the light of WYD. Over the coming year there will be many opportunities for people to better understand their calling through initiatives such as 'Leaven Hour' and discernment weekends. Also happening from the Vocation Office are opportunities to engage with others on a social level with 'the friday night gig', 'Y Walk' and "the sunday arvo gig". Anyone is welcome to attend all or any of these offerings. See back page for details.

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## Lose your life?

Luke 9:24

Jesus warned us in Luke 9:24 that “Anyone who wants to save their life will lose it; but anyone that loses their life for my sake will save it”.

The word that Jesus uses for life is the word *psyche* which points not to the physical but to our soul, our inner self, our heart. A lot of the time our false self gets in the way of us becoming all that God created us to be. In the lyrics of “Steel Bars”, Andy Gullahorn sings “And this is how it feels when I know the man that I say I am is not the man that I am when no one’s around”.

Being a Christian, being Catholic, becomes even more clear when we give our lives to God. This is what is meant by ‘losing our life’ we find it in this daily relationship with God. We put off the false self and start to become all that we were created to be and do.

For some of us, that is priesthood.

## MEET A SEMINARIAN

### Augustine Ifeanyi Obi



My name is Augustine Ifeanyi Obi. I am a Nigerian citizen from Uzuakoli in Bende Local Area of Abia State. I am 28 years old. As a

young boy, I was fascinated and thrilled by the crucibles the Irish Missionaries passed through in order to implant the gospel of Christ in Nigeria. I really admired their costly missionary sweat which softened the soil to produce what we have today in Nigeria. I really wanted to walk in their footsteps.

In order to fulfil my dream, I joined the seminary in Nigeria, and obtained a Bachelor degree in Philosophy from Urban University, Rome, and a Bachelor of Arts Sciences from Imo State University, Nigeria. In 2007, I was sent to Australia by my Bishop to continue my seminary formation in the Holy Spirit Seminary, Brisbane.

I am proud to confess that I am a living testimony of God’s steadfastness. God has always been a wonderful companion on my journey to the priesthood. I so much believe that getting alone with God, and staying alone with God as long as necessary in seeking Him is the best option in life.

# THE POPE & VOCATION

“The Church especially needs the gifts of young people, all young people. She needs to grow in the power of the Spirit who even now gives joy to your youth and inspires you to serve the Lord with gladness.



Open your hearts to that power!

I address this plea in a special way to those of you whom the Lord is calling to the priesthood and the consecrated life. Do not be afraid to say “yes” to Jesus, to find your joy in doing his will, giving yourself completely to the pursuit of holiness, and using all your talents in the service of others!”

*Eucharistic Celebration on the Occasion of the 23rd WYD.*

*Homily of His Holiness Benedict XVI*

*Randwick Racecourse. Sunday, 20 July 2008*



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## VOCATIONS ON FACEBOOK



Head on over to our website’s ([www.catholicpriesthood.com](http://www.catholicpriesthood.com)) Events pages to find links to new Facebook groups. Join the Leaven Hour and ‘friday night gig’ groups for updates and reminders on upcoming meetings and shows.

Also, please explore the group *Prayer for Vocations*. This group is for people committed to praying one prayer a day for Vocations for the Roman Catholic Church in Australia.

Prayer for Vocations webpage:

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=62964835518>