

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

NOVEMBER 2-8, 2014

Ways for Schools & Educators to Participate

1. During the week, over the PA system, or in the classroom, pray for openness to discern God's call in your life. Pray for your personal vocation and also in gratitude for all who are authentically living their vocation (some as religious, but also your parents, teachers, coaches and others you recognize living out God's call in their lives.)
2. Share with your students about your vocation story: Where you went to college? Why? Who was your favorite teacher growing up? Why? What was your first job? What life event(s) led you to where you are? What from your high school experience influenced the vocation you live today?
3. Invite students to reflect on the people, events and decisions that have shaped who they are today.
4. Encourage a Brother, Sister, or Priest, on your campus to share how they discerned their call to consecrated religious life.
5. Reflect on De La Salle's story of "one commitment leading to another" in a way he did not foresee in the beginning. Does this ring true to your lived experience? How does understanding this shape thinking about where you are and your future?
6. Organize a group of faculty and students to pray monthly a novena (nine days-16th to 24th of the month) with other communities and ministries.
7. Connect your students with the retired Brothers of the District. Have them write letters letting them know you are thinking and praying for them, as they regularly pray for you.
8. Share a story from Scripture and/or other literature that is meaningful to you and something you have used to reflect during times of discernment and decision in your life.
9. Invite students to research the Brothers and other religious orders' spirituality and mission. Are there parts of the spirituality and mission that relate to your sense of passion, purpose and prayer?
10. Invite young people to consider religious life as a viable, life-giving and dynamic possibility for their future.