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Dear Pastors and Principals,

Today, in Rome, Pope Francis canonized 5 new saints for our Church – 1 lay woman, 3 religious sisters and 1 priest/cardinal. Most known of this group is St. John Henry Newman who once said, “Learn to do thy part and leave the rest to Heaven.” As men and women in this world, it is important that we discover what God has planned for us, what our part is as we continue to grow live out our call to holiness.

It is with great pleasure that the Office for Vocations invites your parish school to participate in an Archdiocesan wide **Vocation Poster Contest**. This contest will be part of the annual **National Vocation Awareness Week** celebrated on **November 3rd to 9th**. This week has been designated as an opportunity to be aware of and pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. We are writing to encourage your school to 1) pray for vocations, 2) promote vocations, 3) establish a culture of vocations and 4) participate in the contest where your students have the opportunity to be recognized for exceptional work.

Each poster should be done by an individual student. We encourage a lesson on vocations to be conducted as part of the contest. Resources can be found at <http://www.lavocations.org>; archla.org/poster; www.serraspark.org; www.vianneyvocations.com, and <https://carmelitesistersocd.com/vocation-curriculum/>

Each individual parish school is encouraged to present awards for the best poster per class. Once the best posters per class are determined, please submit only the **top 5 for each class**. Each school may submit 5 posters for each class which would be a total of 45 posters for grades K-8. On a regional level, the winners and a guest will be invited to a special lunch hosted by the Vocations Office. All posters must be submitted by **Friday, December 13th**.

All submissions may be mailed to or dropped off to the Regional Vocation Directors listed on the following page. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us 213-637-7248 or email us. We look forward to your participation and continuing to build a **culture of vocations**.

In Christ,

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