



National Vocations Awareness Week/Vocation Poster Contest
Virtual Plan
November 1st – November 7th

National Vocations Awareness Week will take place from November 1st to 7th. The purpose of this week is to highlight and promote vocations specifically to the priesthood and religious life. As part of this week's festivities, the Office for Vocation launches its annual Vocation Poster Contest with the Department of Catholic School and Office of Religious Education

With the current pandemic and distance learning being implemented in our Catholic Schools and Religious Education, our Office has devised a virtual plan consisting of live and prerecorded talks and presentations to help our students deepen their faith and discipleship in Christ and be open to their vocational call through prayer. Below is outlined the various events that will take place during National Vocations Awareness Week as well as events leading up to it. Our Live Virtual Event will take place on Tuesday, November 3rd, will be recorded and can be watched at a later time. These events are geared towards grades 5th-8th.

The Live Virtual Event will feature both a religious sister and a priest. It will consist of music, a talk on the theme, a vocation story of the presenters, Q&A with the presenter (based on student submitted questions), and a prayer activity to close the day.

Preceding NVAW, our Office will provide 5 pre-recorded lessons for 5th-8th graders with an activity. These resources will be provided on our website. Also, grades K-4th can access vocation lessons on our webpage under resources: www.lavocations.org. Resources are provided for "Archdiocese of Los Angeles Vocation Resources for Catholic Schools" and "Archdiocese of Los Angeles Vocation Resources for Directors of Religious Education."

National Vocation Awareness Week:

Monday, October 26th - Recorded Video (10 min);

- Introducing the importance of NVAW
- Introduce the speakers
- Introduce ways that the students can prepare for this week
- Q&A contest - students submit questions for the Live Virtual Event
 - o Teachers will email questions by students to fmikeperucho@la-archdiocese.org including the Name, Grade and Name of School of the student who submitted it
 - o If the student's question is asked during the live session, they will receive a prize determined at a later date.
 - o Questions must be received by **Monday, November 2nd by 4PM**

Sunday, November 1st – Solemnity of All Souls - Encourage Priests/Pastors (especially of schools participating) to preach on Vocations. We become saints by living a life of holiness. We become holy by doing God's will. We do God's will by answering yes to our vocation.

Tuesday, November 3rd – Live Virtual Event

- Theme: God's Plan - Discovery and Response
- Vocation Story – Religious Sister and Priest
- Questions and Answers
- Adoration

The Live Events would be live on our YouTube Page. Teachers conduct their regular zoom class, connect to the live feed on YouTube and then share their screen so that all their students are watching. Registration requested for us to anticipate participation. From registration, link is provided.

To register for the live event, please the following form:

<https://forms.gle/AYiwqB8KZLwvtLGm9>

The live event will be saved on our YouTube Page and likewise can be used for future use. Teachers can conduct their regular zoom class, view the recorded event and share their screen so that all their students are watching. No registration for this is needed.

For more information or any questions, please contact Maria Vargas at 213-637-7248

At the conclusion of the event, the annual Vocation Poster Contest will officially begin. More information on specifics of contest to follow.

Weekly Lesson Leading up to NVAW

The following pre-recorded weekly lessons will be given by a variety of individuals (priests, religious, seminarians, others). These videos are made for 5th-8th graders. The video will be about 20 minutes in length and will be an opportunity for the speaker to introduce themselves, and focus on the particular topic. Discussion questions or an activity will be included to allow students to process the information. Following each presentation, information about NVAW will be given.

The pre-recorded will be launched Monday evening and can be used by the teacher whenever they would like for the week or at a later time. Teachers may also choose which talks to present to their class; although all topics are pertinent and lead up to the larger event of NVAW.

Week of September 28th - Faith - *Sr. María Leticia De Jesús De Alba Vera, mc*

Sr. Lety will speak on the gift of faith received in baptism and how faith invites us to live our lives.

Week of October 5th – Holiness – *Fr. Mike Perucho*

Fr. Mike will talk about the universal call to holiness to be saints of God using examples of young saints and how to be saints now.

Week of October 12th - Discipleship – *Br. Iñigo Riola, FSC*

Br. Iñigo will talk about our call to discipleship in our words and our actions and how following Christ sometimes goes against what others or the world wants of us.

Week of October 19th - Prayer – *Sr. Elizabeth Miles, S.deM.*

Sr. Elizabeth will talk about the importance of prayer, hearing God's voice, and ways to pray to help us know what God wants of us.

Week of October 26th - Eucharist – *Fr. Miguel Angel Ruiz*

Fr. Miguel will talk about the Eucharist as the *Source and Summit of our Faith* and in being close to the Eucharist we understand more about Christ and our vocation