



## **National Vocation Awareness Week K-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Poster Contest**

Individual students are invited to create a poster no larger than 11” x 17” to promote vocations. The poster will be judged based on creativity, craftsmanship, effort, and overall vocation message. Students are encouraged to use Scripture verses, slogans, catchy phrases, or other words to highlight the promotion of vocations. All entries are must be submitted by **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** and sent or dropped off to the Regional Vocation Director. Announcements of winners will take place in January.

### **Archbishop Gomez on Promoting Vocations (One of his Pastoral Priorities)**

Every life is a calling, a vocation. We would not be here, we would not have been born, unless God called us into existence. God calls us into being from his very heart. And he calls us into being for a reason. Jesus calls each of us by name and he calls each of us to conversion. He calls us to live — not for ourselves, but to glorify God and to serve our brothers and sisters. Following Jesus means listening to his voice and his example. He is like a bright light who walks before us in the darkness. Jesus wants to draw everything in our ordinary lives into the light of his divine life. Each of us is called to radiate his divine light in a unique way. Your life belongs to him, just as my life belongs to him. But every life is different and what Christ is calling you to do in this life — he is asking this of you, specifically. He is asking something specific of me, too. This is true for everyone. Some are chosen by Jesus for a special calling, to conform their lives more closely to his image of Jesus. Some he chooses for his priesthood. Some he chooses to follow him in one of the many forms of religious and consecrated life in the Church. So we have to listen for the voice of Christ and we have to respond to his call with all our hearts and all our strength. A vocation always has a context and that context is always the Church. So our task in the Church — at every level — is to welcome and accompany people and to open their hearts to know God’s calling in their lives.

### **ADLA Religion Standards related to vocations**

- Profession of Faith
  - Church Structure and History
  - Creed
- Celebration of the Christian Mystery
  - Sacraments
  - Liturgy



**Rubric (to assist you in your grading):**

	Creativity	Craftsmanship	Effort	Message
<b>Excellent</b>	Student explored several choices, tried various combinations, connected previous knowledge.	Artwork beautifully and patiently done; as good as hard work would produce.	Project was continued and completed throughout time allotted; gave effort far beyond required; has pride in work.	Vocation message is emphasized, clear and understandable.
<b>Great</b>	Student explored few ideas, based his/her work on someone else's.	With a little more effort, work could have been outstanding; lacks finishing touches.	Student worked hard and completed project.	Vocation message is stressed and readable.
<b>Good</b>	Student tried an idea, but it lacked originality.	Student showed average craftsmanship, not as good as it could have been.	Student completed project, but could have been improved with more effort.	Vocation message is confusing.
<b>Average</b>	Student completed assignment, but gave no evidence of anything unusual.	Student showed average craftsmanship, lack of pride in finished work.	Project completed with minimum effort.	Vocation message is hardly present.
<b>Below Average</b>	Student showed no evidence of original thought.	Student showed poor craftsmanship; evidence of lack of understanding or laziness.	Work not finished adequately.	There is no message relating to vocations.