

St Andrew's Dinner



June 20, 2024

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless Your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons and brothers and sisters. Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, with Him and through Him we may love more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Summer 2024

Vocations Newsletter



We have had an exciting few months at the vocations office. On June 20th we hosted a **St Andrew's Dinner** at Stella Maris Parish. You can read more about it by clicking the link above. It was a great success and we plan to make it an annual event. We also visited **Our Lady of Guadalupe parish** and signed up 83 more prayer partners!

In July we spent the weekend with 500+ young people at **Stuebville Atlantic**. 17 young men and women signed up to receive more information on discerning a religious vocation. Praise God!

And we are now **230 prayer partners** from 5 parishes!

We are so grateful for your prayer support.



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Halifax-Yarmouth Vocations Office

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Prayer
Partners

and counting!

St. Andrew's Dinner 2024

On June 20th the Vocations Team for the diocese of Halifax-Yarmouth hosted a St. Andrew's Dinner at Stella Maris Parish.

WHAT ARE ST. ANDREW DINNERS?

St. Andrew's Dinners afford priests the opportunity to invite individuals whom they might think have a priestly vocation or the qualities needed in a good priest to have dinner with the archbishop in a relaxed, "no pressure" atmosphere of discussion and dialogue about the life of a priest and a priestly vocation. They provide priests and/or seminarians the chance to share their vocation stories as well as to hear the vocation story of the archbishop. This also gives the archbishop the opportunity to interact with those who are considering the priesthood and to encourage them to follow the Lord's call.

WHY ARE THEY CALLED ST. ANDREW DINNERS?

In the Eastern Church, St. Andrew is known as the Protokletos ("First Called") as John the Baptist invited him to follow Jesus. After doing so, Andrew then brought his brother Simon Peter to the Lord. (John 1:38-41) Like Andrew the Lord is asking priests to bring others to Him so that they may discover their vocations as well.

The Vocations Team and volunteers hosted a turkey dinner (on the hottest day of June!!) for Archbishop Dunn, 13 priests and deacons, 4 seminarians and 9 young men who are open to discerning religious life. These young men had the opportunity to hear the testimonies of our 4 diocesan seminarians as well as Fr Craig Cameron's (Vocations director) and ArchBishop Dunn's vocation testimonies. The food, content and conversations were all well received.

Thank you to all who attended.