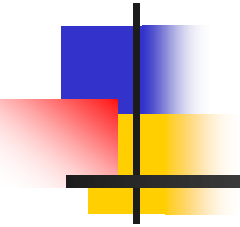




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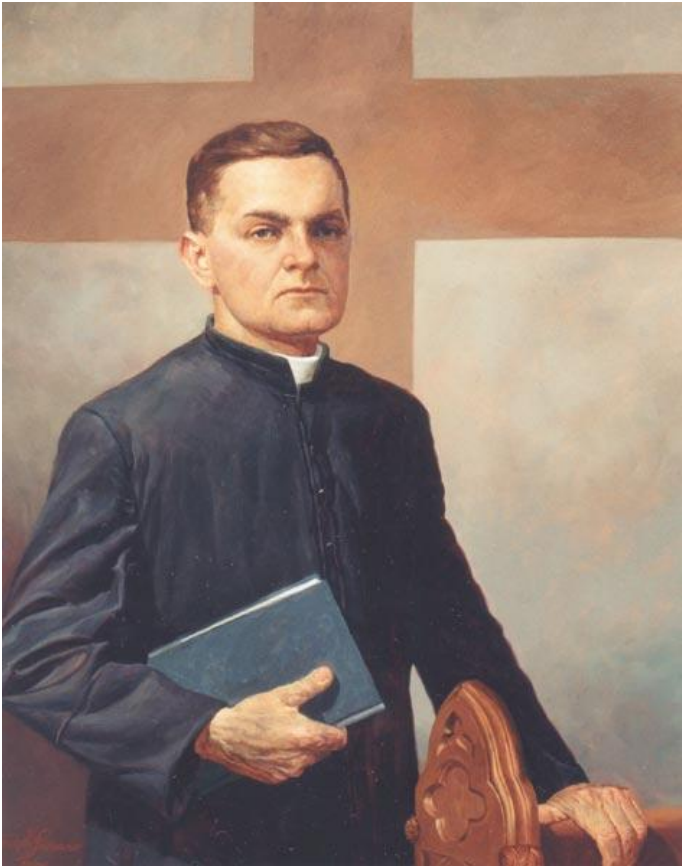
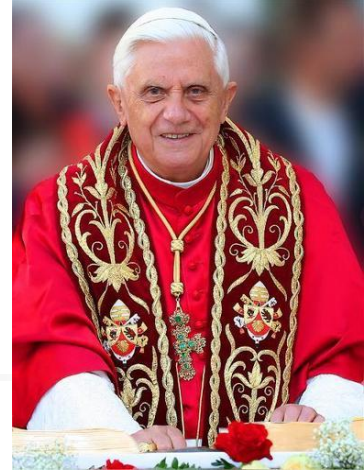


Bishop's Vocation Dinner





Opening of Presentation



- PRAYER for Vocations



Prayer for Vocations



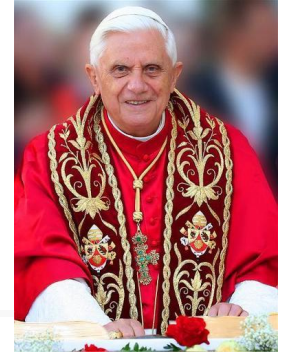
- O Holy spirit, Spirit of Wisdom and divine love, impart Your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God. Give them courage and strength to follow God's holy will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service.
- Amen



AGENDA



- History of Oakland Chapter Vocation Dinners
- Basic purpose of the 2011 Vocation Dinner
- 2011 Vocation Dinner Objectives
- Responsibilities of the District Deputy
- Responsibilities of the Grand Knight
- Q and A
- Prayer for Vocations



History of the Oakland Vocation Dinners

Historically, the chapter would have a vocation dinner and invite the Bishop.

There would be a parade of Grand Knights with each council contributing to vocations. There would usually be 60-200 Knights and guests in attendance. Main objective was to raise money for vocations.

In 2009 the Vocation dinner was changed to not just raise money but, to show our appreciation of our priests and increase awareness for Vocations.

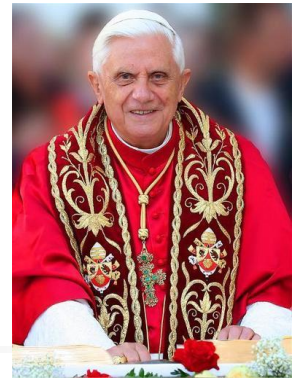
The Bishop chose 2 Priests for us to honor for their achievements as a Priest.



History cont'd



- Also invited were Altar Servers from each Parish who were selected to represent their parish based on their good works.
- There were over 400 Knights and guests, over 60 altar servers and many priests from our parishes in attendance.
- Several speakers shared their thoughts on vocations to the priesthood.



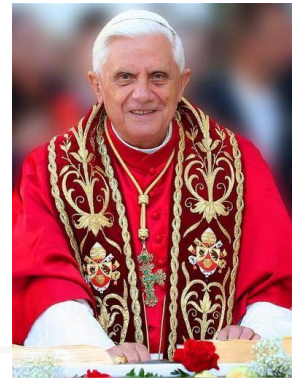
Basic purpose of this dinner

- Honor our outstanding priests
- Recognize our seminarians
- Acknowledge our outstanding altar servers
- Improve the visibility and acceptance of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



2010 Vocation Dinner Objectives

- Establish the Seminary Club as a way for individuals to donate to the effort
- Required donation is \$100 and the donors name will be listed in the dinner program
- For a \$150 donation the donor and guest will be invited to a private reception with the Bishop before dinner
- Do not have to be a Knight to donate or to attend the dinner.



Objectives, cont'd

- Each council is encouraged to donate \$1000 to the Bishop's Vocation effort
- Fund raisers will help defray the cost
- The attendance goal is 400-500
- Dinner cost will be \$30 per person
- Beverage bar will be no host with all profits going to vocations
- Raffle, with proceeds to Vocations



Responsibilities of the District Deputy

- Ensure that each council sells at least one table of ten to their members and/or guests
- Guests could include an altar server with parents and the Council Chaplain
- If anyone in the Council Parish has expressed an interest in the religious life, they should also be invited
- Each DD will be given 10 tickets per each Council in their District (\$300)



Responsibilities of the Grand Knight

- Upon receipt of the tickets, immediately assign a Director (probably Church director) the job of establishing a plan...
- Talk to the Council Chaplain
- Talk to the person in charge of the altar servers
- Present to the council
- Establish a fund raiser if needed
- Get dinner ticket proceeds turned-in to DD



Question...



Who here can say that they are not better Catholics today-then when they first joined the Knights of Columbus!

That was Fr. McGiveny's vision for our organization!





Vocations



- As Knights we have chosen our Vocation
- Let us allow others who may have a strong inclination to the religious life a chance to experience their Vocation
- The vocation dinner is a means to support and advance Vocations
- You are challenged to do your part in helping our Bishop with **Vocations!**

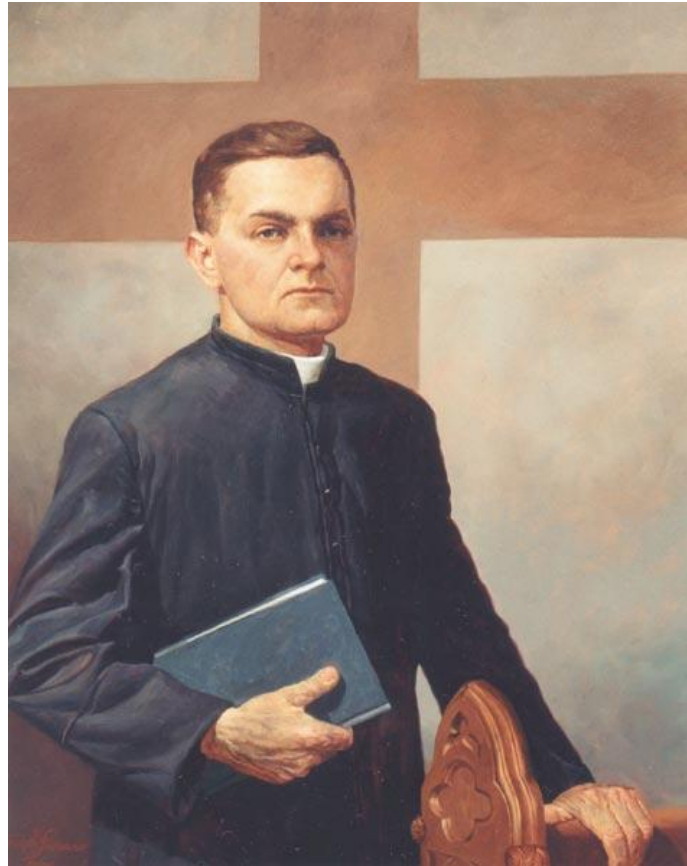
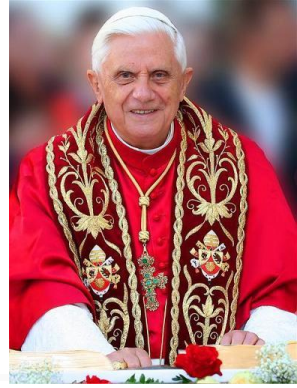


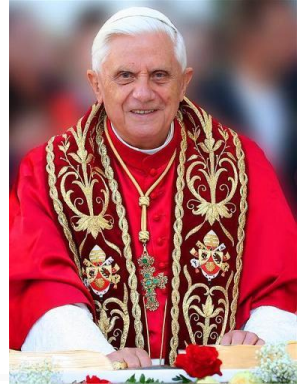
OPEN FORUM – QUESTION & ANSWER





PRAYER for Vocations





Prayer to the Blessed Mother for Vocations

- Most Holy Virgin, certain of your intercession we pray that the mysteries of the Risen Christ and of the Holy Spirit may enlighten many persons to become willing and generous servants of the Church. We pray for our youth to whom the Lord addresses a special invitation of closer fellowship with Himself. May they refuse to be carried away by the things of this world, but open their hearts instead to the friendly voice that calls them. We pray for all Christian families, that they may provide a favorable atmosphere for their youngsters and help them make the right choices. We beseech you that all priest and religious be an example to our youth by their availability and humble readiness to accept the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May they be able to extend to all, the fruits of love and peace.
- Amen



Vocations for Life



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