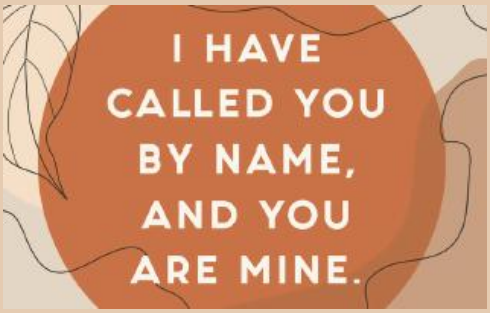


From the Desk of Father Peter

Called by Name

Each year the month of November is a time of REMEMBRANCE in our life cycle as Catholics. In this month we remember the feasts of All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day, our nation's Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day and the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – before we enter into the season of Advent.

We are called and invited to remember all those who have touched us in our lives in the past and present and pray for them. For us, during this month of November, our Bishop, Most Reverend John S. Bonnici, is calling on each of us to PRAY FOR VOCATIONS to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and lay ministry in our DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER with specific attention to our own baptismal call to be teachers of the faith to all.



We just celebrated the 100th Anniversary of World Mission Sunday with the theme: One in Christ; United in Mission. Blessed Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was the National Director of the Propagation of the Faith from 1950 to 1966. During that period his mission was to evangelize the world and grow the Church in the formation of seminarians, priests, brothers, sisters, and lay people in ministry. He did likewise here in Rochester as the Sixth Bishop of Rochester from 1966 to 1969.

My attention was recently drawn to the fact that when Bishop Sheen arrived in Rochester for his installation, he stayed with

seminarians and the staff at St. Bernard's Seminary on Lake Ave. It is through the generosity/nuturing of families and the quiet work of priests, the religious and laity of our churches that vocations are born and nurtured. So, for the month of November Bishop Bonnici has initiated the CALLED BY NAME program. He is calling upon each of us to look within ourselves and to pray INTENTLY for vocations. ***Our 7 parishes of Greece, Charlotte, and Hilton will gather for a Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, Nov 12 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM at Saint Lawrence Church.*** *If you don't generally come to a Holy Hour, I place the challenge before you to please do so and if possible, bring someone along with you.*

Throughout the month of November, with patience, faith, and vision, we will sow seeds of ideas and remember our own journey of faith in Christ Jesus yesterday, today and into tomorrow as we gather the fruits and scars that teach us. Hence, as your Pastor, I will be offering reflections pertaining to Called by Name, involving everyone so we can grow the faith we have received, restore its importance, and give back to our church community what we have received from our parents and grandparents and share it. Consequently, Bishop Bonnici is encouraging each of us to look, pray, search, find and name or recommend someone you know who, in your mind, may be a candidate for the priesthood or diaconate here in our diocese. Bishop Bonnici himself will make the contact; one should not be intimidated by his outreach. On the slip provided, entitled Called by Name, please write the name and phone number of the person you are recommending.

We pray, through the intercession of Blessed Fulton J. Sheen, that our Diocese of Rochester will be blessed with vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.



Peace to all,
Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu