

St. Edward the Confessor Vocation Committee

"Vocation Prayer Program"

Our prayers are working. The number of New Orleans Archdiocesan Seminarians has increased significantly over the past few years. But, this is no time to slow down. Jesus tells us in Mathew's Gospel, **"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."** So, as disciples of Jesus it is our responsibility to ask God, through prayer, to send the Catholic Church more laborers to lead His Church. For eight years now the St. Edward Vocation Prayer Program has been a tremendous success. Our program this year will be run the same as last year, through the homeroom classes.

If you were a "Prayer Family" last year, there is no need to do anything this year. We will assume that you will want to continue as a "Prayer Family" this year. If you were a "Prayer Family" and choose not to participate in the Program this year, simply fill out the form below and mark **"NO."** For new enrollees into the Vocation Prayer Program, or if you are not sure if you are enrolled, please fill out the form below and return it to the homeroom teacher as soon as possible.

- *Based on a rotation schedule of all the participants in the Prayer program, your family will periodically receive a Crucifix and a Vocation Prayer for a one-week period;*
- *Each week, in each homeroom classroom, a student will be selected to take the Crucifix and Vocation Prayer home;*
- *Please place the Crucifix in a prominent place in your home to remind everyone in your household to pray every day for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life;*
- *Pray the Vocation Prayer **together** at least once a day in front of the Crucifix with your entire family;*
- *Return the Crucifix and Vocation Prayer to the homeroom teacher on the first day of class the following week so it can be handed out to the next student on the list for that week.*

That is it! This simple prayer program will teach our children the **power of prayer** and how important it is to pray as a family. Together, we will all continue to see the tremendous fruits our prayers will bear for our Church.

If you have any questions about the Vocation Prayer Program, please call Keith Gourgues, St. Edward Parish Vocation Chairman, at 504-756-2004. Thank you, and may God bless you.

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Students' Name: _____ Home Room #: _____

Parents' Name: _____ Phone #: _____

_____ **YES**, I would like to participate; _____ **NO**, I do not wish to participate

PLEASE CUT AND RETURN THE BOTTOM OF THIS FORM TO YOUR HOMEROOM TEACHER ASAP