

upcoming events

the vocation centre runs or supports the following events

Sunday 2 Sept	Young Adult Mass 7:30pm at St Stephen's Cathedral <i>Celebrated on the 1st Sunday of each month.</i>
14-16 Sept	Quo Vadis Weekend <i>A retreat for young men. Where is God calling you?</i>
Sunday 16 Sept	Fuel 7:00-9:00pm at St Patrick's Church, Fortitude Valley <i>Praise and worship, prayer, teaching & Reconciliation.</i> <i>Run by Emmanuel Youth Outreach (EYO).</i>
Friday 28 Sept	Leaven Hour 5:10-6:30pm at St Stephen's Chapel <i>Eucharist and Eucharistic Adoration for young adults</i>
6-7 Oct	LifeWalks Retreat Weekend (Sr. Rosa) 5pm Saturday to 4pm Sunday at Canossa Complex, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Road, Oxley <i>Retreat weekend for young adults 18-35.</i>
Sunday 7 Oct	Young Adult Mass
Sunday 21 Oct	Fuel
Friday 26 Oct	Leaven Hour
Sunday 4 Nov	Young Adult Mass
Sunday 18 Nov	Fuel
Friday 23 Nov	Leaven Hour
24-25 Nov	LifeWalks Retreat Weekend

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Y-WALK

Hundreds gathered on the lawn at St Stephen's Chapel on Saturday 19 August for the beginning of Y-Walk. An annual event hosted by the Vocations Office, Y-Walk is a city pilgrimage in the footsteps of holy people from Brisbane's past. This year in preparation for World Youth Day 2008 Y-Walk focussed on the World Youth Day Cross and Icon.

Bishop Joe Oudeman led the opening prayers for renewed grace in all our relationships and to love one another as Christ loves us. Y-Walk then commenced with the World Youth Day Cross and Icon being carried by pilgrims including seminarians from Holy Spirit Seminary. Stopping traffic along the way, the colourful procession advanced through the rainy city streets stopping at the Botanic Gardens where prayers were offered that we might more deeply understand our vocation and calling in life.

Finally, the walk continued, returning to the Francis Rush Centre in the Cathedral grounds, where we gave thanks that each one of us is part of the body of Christ and that we have a vocation, a role, within that body.



HE SAID TO THEM,
"COME AFTER ME,
AND I WILL MAKE YOU
FISHERS OF MEN."

AT ONCE
THEY LEFT THEIR NETS
AND FOLLOWED HIM
MATTHEW 4: 19-20

A Brief Note...

Hi! My name is Andrea Barton and I have just started work, with Mark and Fr Ian, at the Vocations Centre, taking over from Luke Plant.

Sadly for the team, after nearly 5 years with the Vocations Centre, Luke has left to take up an expanded position with Emmanuel Youth Outreach. We wish Luke well in his new role and hope to keep in touch him, perhaps at an upcoming EYO run Fuel event.

Hope you enjoy this my first edition of The Call. Should there be any items you would like to see covered in upcoming newsletter editions please send your suggestions to us at vocation@bne.catholic.net.au

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The Call of the Twelve

Matthew 10:1-7

Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon the Cananean, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him. Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

Reflection:

Do you believe in the power of God's kingdom? Jesus commissioned his disciples to carry on the works which he did -- to speak God's word and to bring his healing power to the weary and oppressed. In the choice of the twelve apostles we see a characteristic feature of God's work: Jesus chose very ordinary people. They were non-professionals, had no wealth or position. They were chosen from the common people who did ordinary things, had no special education, and no social advantages. Jesus wanted ordinary people who could take an assignment and do it extraordinarily well. He chose these men, not for what they were, but for what they would be capable of becoming under his direction and power. When the Lord calls us to serve, we must not think we have nothing to offer. The Lord takes what ordinary people, like us, can offer and uses it for greatness in his kingdom. Do you believe that God wants to work through and in you for his glory?

"Lord, you have chosen me to be your disciple. Take and use what I can offer, however meagre it may seem, for the greater glory of your name."

Source: <http://daily Scripture.net/>

MEET A SEMINARIAN



Michael Grace
26 years old
3rd Year Seminarian

Hi, my name is Michael Grace and I have been studying at Holy Spirit Seminary since the beginning of 2004.

I was born in Grafton NSW, but I've spent most of my life living in either Sydney or Brisbane.

Before entering the seminary I completed an apprenticeship as an electrician and worked on many large construction sites.

Among my many interests I enjoy travelling (I have travelled most of the east coast of Australia and spent eight weeks in Europe), camping with friends, motorcycle riding, playing touch football, sailing, playing the clarinet and guitar and writing music.

I am greatly enjoying my studies here at the seminary.

WYD08 DATE CLAIMERS

SATURDAY 27 OCTOBER 2007:

Clairvaux MacKillop College,
Klump Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt

WYD08 TRAINING DAY - 10am-5pm

A training day for anyone appointed as or interested in taking an active WYD08 role in their parish, school or community group.

For information or to register, contact the Brisbane WYD08 Secretariat:
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PASTORES DABO VOBIS—Part 1 of 3

The following excerpt is from 'Pastores Dabo Vobis' an Apostolic Exhortation from Pope John Paul II. This is the first of a three part series taken from #8 entitled 'Young People: Vocations and Priestly Formation. This has helped me to reflect on my call and that of the call to priesthood and the obstacles that we all face in western society with regards to living out our faith authentically; I pray that it does the same for you. — Mark Lysaght

"8. The many contradictions and potentialities marking our societies and cultures - as well as ecclesial communities - are perceived, lived and experienced by our young people with a particular intensity and have immediate and very acute repercussions on their personal growth. Thus, the emergence and development of priestly vocations among boys, adolescents and young men are continually under pressure and facing obstacles.

The lure of the so - called "consumer society" is so strong among young people that they become totally dominated and imprisoned by an individualistic, materialistic and hedonistic interpretation of human existence. Material "well - being," which is so intensely sought after, becomes the one ideal to be striven for in life, a well - being which is to be attained in any way and at any price. There is a refusal of anything that speaks of sacrifice and a rejection of any effort to look for and to practice spiritual and religious values. The all - determining "concern" for *having* supplants the primacy of *being*, and consequently personal and interpersonal values are interpreted and lived not according to the logic of giving and generosity but according to the logic of selfish possession and the exploitation of others."

Source: http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/apost_exhortations/documents/hf_jp-ii_exh_25031992_pastores-dabo-vobis_en.html

LEAVEN HOUR
A Place for Youth and Young Adults to Experience Growth and Energy
Through the Power of Mass+ Adoration

EUCCHARIST
5.10pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
(Prayer... Song... Scripture... Silence...)
5.40pm - 6.30pm

NEXT DATE IS: 20 September

St Stephen's Chapel every fourth Friday



Dates for 2007: 20 February, 20 March, 27 April, 25 May, 22 June, 20 July, 24 August, 20 September, 28 October, 20 November.