

upcoming events

the vocation centre runs or supports the following events

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| Sun 13 Apr | World Day of Prayer for Vocations |
| Fri 18 Apr | Leaven Hour |
| Fri 18 Apr | 'the friday night gig' |
| Sun 20 Apr | Fuel |
| Sat 26 Apr | Blessing and Opening of New Seminary |
| Sun 4 May | Young Adult Mass |
| Fri-Sun 9-11 May | Quo Vadis Weekend |
| Sun 18 May | Fuel |
| Fri 23 May | Leaven Hour |
| Fri-Sat 23-24 May | Careers Expo at Brisbane Exhibition and Convention Centre |
| Sun 1 Jun | Young Adult Mass |
| Sat 14 Jun | World Youth Day Training Day |
| Sun 15 Jun | Fuel |
| Fri 27 Jun | Ordinations Peter Gablonski and Jason Middleton |
| Fri 27 Jun | Leaven Hour |
| Sun 6 Jul | Young Adult Mass |
| Thu-Sun 10-13 Jul | Youth Arise 2008 www.youtharise2008.com |
| Thu-Mon 10-14 Jul | Days in the Diocese, Brisbane |
| Tue-Sun 15-20 Jul | World Youth Day, Sydney |

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ORDINATIONS AND OPENING OF HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY

Apart from WYD08 there are two massive dates that you need to put in your calendar and make sure that you get along to. First on the list is the Blessing and Opening of Holy Spirit Seminary on Saturday 26th April. The Bishops of Queensland are confident that young men are being called to the priesthood and have built a state of the art facility for training and formation to accommodate that need. Head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Cardinal William Levada from the Roman Curia will preside over the official ceremony at Banyo.



The second date for your calendar is the ordination of Peter Gablonski (33yrs) and Jason Middleton (26yrs) to priesthood for the Archdiocese of Brisbane! This great occasion will be celebrated on Friday the 27th of June at St Stephen's Cathedral. These young men are impressive to say the least. Seven years of discernment, study, formation and training have made these men – men. It was great to have lunch with them both the other day – they are ready and up for the fun, challenge and service that awaits them in their priesthood. Keep them in your prayers in the coming months.

You did not choose me;

no, I chose you

Jn 15:9-17

A Brief Note...

Lent has come and gone for another year and we are in the period of Easter again. We pray that you had blessed time over the Easter weekend and found some time to reflect on what happened so many years ago but which is so relevant today. I (Mark) found myself in Adelaide a few weeks ago and was inspired by some young guys that used part of their Good Friday, running and walking up and down hills and climbing the occasional cliff. They said that they wanted to do something different, to feel actual pain and exhaustion. So they said a prayer "Jesus like you did battle for us today, we are going to do battle for you" and they set off. So be inspired by the Holy Spirit this Easter season and do something for God!

With blessings from Fr Ian, Mark and Andrea at the Vocations Office

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The image and the likeness of God

“As Christians, we believe that we bear the image and the likeness of God inside of us and that this is our deepest reality. We are made in God’s image. However we tend to picture this in a naïve, romantic, and pious way. We imagine that somewhere inside us there is a beautiful icon of God stamped into our souls. That may well be, but God, as scripture assures us, is more than an icon. God is fire – wild, infinite, ineffable, non-containable.” Ron Rolheiser, June 26, 2006

WYD08 DATE CLAIMERS

SATURDAY 14 June 2008:

Clairvaux MacKillop College, Klump Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt

WYD08 TRAINING DAY

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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MEET A SEMINARIAN

Anthony
Onyemuche
EKPO

27 years old

5th Year Seminararian



My name is Anthony Onyemuche Ekpo. I was born on 24th September, 1981 at Umudike, Umuahia, Abia State, Nigeria. I am the 6th of the 8 children of Mr. Martin Ekpo and Mrs. Justina Ekpo. I had my primary school education in Umudike Community School.

During my primary school the desire to become priest grew very strong in me that I opted to go the junior seminary. I passed through Immaculate Conception Seminary Abiaeke, Umuahia after which I did my one year apostolic work of helping out to form younger brothers in the junior seminary. This was followed by one year of studies and prayer at Nativity Spiritual Year Seminary, Ozu-Abam. I did my philosophical studies in Seat of Wisdom Seminary and Imo State University which lasted for four years. I also studied at International Institute of Journalism, where I attained a National and Higher National Diploma in Journalism.

Presently, I am studying theology at Holy Spirit Seminary and my zeal for the sacred priesthood is strong.

YOU
are invited
to the
Solemn Blessing and Opening
of the
New Holy Spirit Seminary
at
487 Earnshaw Road, Banyo
Saturday 26 April 2008
10am

CALLED TO SERVE, CALLED TO PRAY, CALLED TO LEAD

Called to Serve...

Diocesan Priests are called to serve in the local parish community. Like Jesus they are encouraged to reach out to all and walk with them in their journey through life. Through their service they encourage their faith community to strive to be a living sign of Jesus’ presence and action in the world. Are you ready to journey with people through their hopes, fears and dreams? Are you ready to go out and meet people where they are: in their homes, hospitals, prisons and workplaces? Are you ready to be Jesus’ hands and feet?

Called to Pray...

Priests are called before all else to be heralds of the Gospel. They find their constant nourishment in God’s Word, and assist the parish community in hearing God’s Word and living it in their daily lives. Priests are called to continue Christ’s work among his people through the celebration of the Sacraments – welcoming, healing, forgiving, strengthening and uniting – and most particularly in the celebration of the Eucharist. Are you ready to find God wherever you are? Are you ready to look at how you relate with self, others God and the World? Are you ready to gather God’s people around the table of the Eucharist?

Called to Lead...

Through the life and ministry of priests, God continues to nourish the faith community, especially through Word and Sacrament. The diocesan priest has a key role in assisting the faithful to apply Christian values to the world in which they live, and encouraging all Christians to be active in the world. Are you ready to inspire others to change the world? Are you ready to stand with the oppressed and marginalised? Are you ready to preach the Word that gives life, and frees people to be fully alive; to be a prophetic voice crying in the wilderness?



"the friday night gig" is a free bi-monthly concert where up and coming music artists from around South East Qld get to show off their talent. Held in the prayerful and safe environment of the St Stephen’s Cathedral grounds the first gig, on 29 February was a great success, attended by an enthusiastic all ages crowd.

Youth groups, families, couples and individuals are encouraged to attend the next gig from 7pm to 9pm on Friday 18 April and enjoy the music of ‘Into the Brightness’ and ‘Coram Deus’.

‘Into the Brightness’ (www.intothebrightness.com) is a band that has been evolving over many years. From 1999-2003 some of the members played in a high-school punk band called ‘Customa’ and a rock band ‘The Bigger Picture’. From 2003-2006 they played again with some new members in ‘The Stackhats’, but now the band is... ‘Into The Brightness’

Band member, Paul Curtis says, “We have come from a similar location, and have been influenced with similar music tastes... We have put much thought and prayers into the idea of reforming over this past year and have felt that we are all ready for a fresh new start... to bring our lives back into the music, and to share a little of God’s creativity with the world”

Also appearing will be ‘Coram Deus’, hailing from the East side of Brisbane this band is hard at work making a name for themselves in the Christian Band scene. Check out some of their tunes before Friday the 18th on: <http://www.myspace.com/coramdeus>