

upcoming events

the vocation centre runs or supports the following events

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| Fri 27 Jun | Leaven Hour 5.10—6.30pm at St Stephen's Chapel |
| Fri 27 Jun | Ordinations—Peter Gablonski and Jason Middleton 7.30 pm at St Stephen's Cathedral |
| Fri 27 Jun | 'the friday night gig' 8.30pm grounds of St Stephen's Cathedral |
| Sun 6 Jul | Young Adult Mass 7.30pm at St Stephen's Cathedral—1st Sun of each month |
| Thu-Sun 10-13 Jul | Youth Arise 2008 See website for details www.youtharise2008.com |
| Thu-Mon 10-14 Jul | Days in the Diocese, Brisbane See website for details www.wydbrisbane.org.au |
| Tue-Sun 15-20 Jul | World Youth Day, Sydney See website for details www.wyd2008.org |
| Fri 25 Jul | Leaven Hour |
| Sun 3 Aug | Young Adult Mass |
| Sun 3 Aug | National Vocations Awareness Week Universal call to holiness |
| Sun 10 Aug | National Vocations Awareness Week Vocations of Priesthood and Religious Life |
| Sun 10 Aug | Y-Walk 12noon @ St Stephen's Cathedral |
| Sun 10 Aug | 'the sunday arvo gig' 2.00pm grounds of St Stephen's Cathedral |
| Sun 10 Aug | Evening at Holy Spirit Seminary |
| Fri 22 Aug | Archbishop's Vocations Dinner |

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"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses"

Acts 1:8

A Brief Note...

We here in the office are excited by the events that have happened and that are about to happen. The opening of Holy Spirit Seminary was a great occasion with many people effected by the experience. Coming up on Friday the 27th of June are the ordinations of Peter Gablonski and Jason Middleton at St Stephens Cathedral which will be a night to remember. I don't think that these two occasions are a coincidence with the onset of WYD08 and the theme that accompanies it. The Holy Spirit is indeed at work in the life of our Church here in Brisbane and we look forward to sharing the experience with you in the coming months.

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

June 2008

ORDINATION OF TWO GREATLY ANTICIPATED



The Archdiocese of Brisbane is looking forward to the ordination of deacons Peter Gablonski (33 years) and Jason Middleton (26 years) on Friday 27 June 2008.

As WYD08 (World Youth Day 2008) fast approaches these young men, in living out their calling in life echo the theme for WYD08 "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8)

This great occasion in the life of the Brisbane Church will be the culmination of seven years of discernment, study, formation and training by these impressive young men.

Come early and attend Leaven Hour to pray for Peter and Jason and also for those that are discerning a call to priesthood and religious life. Leaven Hour, is held regularly, 5:10pm to 6:30pm in the St Stephen's Chapel, on the 4th Friday of the month.

Following the ceremony, stay on for 'the friday night gig' to celebrate the ordinations of Peter and Jason. The gig will commence at 9:00pm. 'the friday night gig' is held regularly, on a bi-monthly basis, in the grounds of the St Stephen's Cathedral.

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A Pilgrims Prayer

We pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on World Youth Day.

We pray for pilgrims to experience the love of Christ, transforming their hearts and minds, inspiring them to be witnesses of God's power, grace and mercy.

WYD08 DATE CLAIMERS

THU-SUN 10-14 July 2008:

Days in the Diocese, Brisbane

SATURDAY 12 July 2008:

Heart of the City event, Roma Street Parklands, Brisbane

MON-SUN 15-20 July 2008:

World Youth Day, Sydney

For information, go to www.wydbrisbane.org.au or call 3336 9341



MEET A SEMINARIAN

Nigel Sequeira

41 years old

2nd Year Seminarian



I'm 41 years old and had been running away from the idea of priesthood for some time. However, The Lord has been patient with me and has opened my eyes to the beauty of this special relationship with him. I remain hopeful that I may be used as an instrument of God's Love.

Before coming to the seminary, I worked for the Red Cross in Kuwait, a television news producer and cameraman for an International News Agency in the Middle East, produced and filmed a documentary for EWTN and did free lance corporate video news releases.

I was born in Africa, studied and worked in Asia and Europe before arriving in Australia last year.



**YOU
are invited**

**to the
Ordination**

of

Peter Gablonski

&

Jason Middleton

at

**St Stephen's Cathedral,
Brisbane**

Friday 27 June 2008

7.30pm

WYD MESSAGE FROM THE HOLY FATHER

Excerpt from Message to the young people on the occasion of WYD08, dated 20 July 2007, Pope Benedict XVI, (#7)

http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/messages/youth/documents/hf_ben-xvi_mes_20070720_youth_en.html

You young people, through World Youth Day, are in a way manifesting your desire to participate in this mission. In this regard, my dear young friends, I want to remind you here of some key truths on which to meditate. Once again I repeat that only Christ can fulfil the most intimate aspirations that are in the heart of each person. Only Christ can humanise humanity and lead it to its "divinisation". Through the power of his Spirit he instils divine charity within us, and this makes us capable of loving our neighbour and ready to be of service. The Holy Spirit enlightens us, revealing Christ crucified and risen, and shows us how to become more like Him so that we can be "the image and instrument of the love which flows from Christ" (*Deus Caritas Est*, 33). Those who allow themselves to be led by the Spirit understand that placing oneself at the service of the Gospel is not an optional extra, because they are aware of the urgency of transmitting this Good News to others. Nevertheless, we need to be reminded again that we can be witnesses of Christ only if we allow ourselves to be led by the Holy Spirit who is "the principal agent of evangelisation" (cf. *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 75) and "the principal agent of mission" (cf. *Redemptoris Missio*, 21). My dear young friends, as my venerable predecessors Paul VI and John Paul II said on several occasions, to proclaim the Gospel and bear witness to the faith is more necessary than ever today (cf. *Redemptoris Missio*, 1). There are those who think that to present the precious treasure of faith to people who do not share it means being intolerant towards them, but this is not the case, because to present Christ is not to impose Him (cf. *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 80). Moreover, two thousand years ago twelve Apostles gave their lives to make Christ known and loved. Throughout the centuries since then, the Gospel has continued to spread by means of men and women inspired by that same missionary fervour. Today too there is a need for disciples of Christ who give unstintingly of their time and energy to serve the Gospel. There is a need for young people who will allow God's love to burn within them and who will respond generously to his urgent call, just as many young blessed and saints did in the past and also in more recent times. In particular, I assure you that the Spirit of Jesus today is inviting you young people to be bearers of the good news of Jesus to your contemporaries. The difficulty that adults undoubtedly find in approaching the sphere of youth in a comprehensible and convincing way could be a sign with which the Spirit is urging you young people to take this task upon yourselves.



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VocationsNews-join@lists.catholic.net.au

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"the friday night gig"

"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 a enthusiastic all ages crowd.

Youth groups, families, couples and individuals are encouraged to attend the next gig from 8.30pm on Friday 27 June in celebration of the ordinations of Peter Gablonski and Jason Middleton.