

Little Flower Catholic Elementary School -- Newsletter for Friday, February 13, 2015

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During this special **2015 YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE**, everyone is invited to say thank you to those in consecrated life for their lives, their love, and their witness. One way we can express our thanks locally is to help the Sisters here in Rugby celebrate their Consecrated Life at their **Open House** on this Sunday. (See the poster on the back side of this newsletter.)

Below are some more THOUGHTS OR QUOTES related to the Consecrated Life:

AT LAST I HAVE found my vocation: My vocation is love. —Saint Thérèse of Lisieux [the Little Flower] (1873- 1897)

ALREADY DEDICATED to him through Baptism, the person who surrenders themselves to the God they love above all else thereby consecrates themselves more intimately to God's service and to the good of the church. —Catechism of the Catholic Church, *no. 931*

INVITED TO LEAVE EVERYTHING to follow Christ, you, consecrated men and women, no longer define your life by family, by profession, or by earthly interests, and you choose the Lord as your only identifying mark. Thus you acquire a new family identity. —Homily of Pope Saint John Paul II, Jubilee of Consecrated Life, February 2, 2000

RELIGIOUS ORDERS are not formed for the purpose of gathering together perfect people but those who have the courage to aim at perfection. —Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622)

At the INVITATION OF A NUN to read scripture daily (and a specific resource to do that) my life was reset on a course that helped me recognize and realize the awesome opportunities I had to serve God in my vocation of married life and motherhood. During this time, while in a religious education position at my local church, I was learning to help build God's kingdom. I was fortunate to meet many in the religious life and be influenced by their genuine selfless and loving spirits as they carried out their mission in their call to the consecrated life. Most of them will never know how many lives they touched, but I am extremely grateful for their inspiration. — Faith Chyle Knutson (2015)

This year WE CELEBRATE THOSE WHO HAVE SAID YES TO GOD by serving the world through their religious vows! We pray God's Spirit be with them as they continue to live out their calling. May we all draw inspiration from these women and men to continually seek God's light in our own lives.

+++++ **Additional Information for You To Know** +++++

+++ Monday, Feb. 16th the **lunch menu at LFS** will be sub sandwiches and chips. This is due to a funeral. Thanks.

+++ **Ash Wednesday** is Feb. 18 with Mass at 9:00 a.m. Your child will bring home a Lenten box. Please encourage them to give on their own accord in the spirit of the Lenten season.

+++ **The First Reconciliation Retreat** is on Saturday, February 21st from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the parish basement. At this retreat your child will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Haaland Home Service Project will follow the retreat and will be from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. If you have any questions contact Glenn Gigandet at 776-6388 or via email at stlfreled@gmail.com. Thanks and see you there!

+++ **2014-2015 Eagles Art Contest winners:** 4th Grade -> 3rd Place: Bryceton Deplazes; 5th Grade -> 3rd place: Katelyn Duchscher; 4th place: Amber Selensky.

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