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*Monthly Newsletter from the Vocations Office*

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- **Andrew/Miriam Dinner held at Newman Center**

The Newman Center hosted an Andrew/Miriam dinner on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September for 15 men and women who are interested in a Vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Fr. Bart Hutcherson and Sr. Angelica Velez prepared a sumptuous Middle Eastern meal which was greatly appreciated. Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas D. D. facilitated the conversation that had everyone deeply thinking about God's invitation.

- **The Next Andrew/Miriam Dinner to be held at Our Mother of Sorrows**

Arrangements have been confirmed that Our Mother of Sorrows Parish will host the next Andrew/Miriam Dinner on Wednesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of November at 6:00PM at the Dining Room of the Cahalane Parish Activity Center. The address is 1800 S. Kolb Rd., Tucson, 85710. We are calling on all Youth Ministers and Directors of Religious Education to invite men and women to attend. All those interested may call the Vocations Office, Mrs. Marty Hammond and Mrs. Mercy Ortiz at telephone number (520) 838 2531. **(NOTE: We would like to request all pastors to please include this announcement in your parish bulletins and inform your Youth Ministers and DRE's.)**

- **Vocations Director Celebrates Mass for Ss. Peter and Paul School and All Saints School**

The Vocations Director, Fr. Ricky Ordoñez, recently celebrated the school masses for Ss. Peter and Paul School in Tucson and All Saints Catholic School in Sierra Vista. To realize that one has a vocation to the priesthood or religious life begins at a very young age when "seeds" are planted and nurtured by the family, school and parish. Fr. Ricky looks forward to having the opportunity to celebrate school masses.

- **National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors (NCDVD) held in Dallas**

The NCDVD held its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention in Dallas, Texas. Mundelein Seminary Rector and "Word on Fire" presenter, The Rev. Robert Barron, delivered the first Keynote Address and spoke brilliantly on "Proclaiming Christ to a Secular Culture". The Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, H.E. Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, delivered the second Keynote Address entitled "Be Transfigured". Hundreds of Vocations Directors and

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Vocations key personnel from the United States, Canada, The Philippines and Australia attended this yearly event.

- **Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas, D.D. attends Candidacy of Four of our Seminarians**

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, four seminarians of the Diocese of Tucson namely: Callistus Iyorembor, Martin Moreno, Edson Elizarraras and Alan Valencia were admitted to “Candidacy” at Mundelein Seminary during the Mass of the Holy Spirit. As this coincided with the seminary Board Meeting, Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas, D. D. was able to concelebrate at the mass presided by His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago. The following day, Bishop Kicanas had a private mass with our seminarians. Aside from the four earlier mentioned, we also have Bill Duffert, Tom Quirk, Marco Carrasco and Albert Miranda at Mundelein Seminary. Two of our seminarians, George Holley and John Gonzales, drove down to Mundelein from Hales Corners, Wisconsin where they attend Sacred Heart School of Theology for this event.

- **Episcopal Council of Mt. Angel Seminary to meet this month.**

Every year, the Episcopal Council of Mt. Angel Seminary meets for a daylong conference. Presided over by the Archbishop of Portland, the Council composed of Bishops whose dioceses have seminarians enrolled in the seminary, the progress of the seminary formation program is discussed. It is also a chance for Bishops and Vocations Directors to have quality time with the men undergoing formation. The Vocation Director for the Diocese of Tucson, Fr. Ricky V. Ordonez, will be representing Bishop Kicanas.

- ***MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The Diaconate Ordination will be held on Saturday, December 21, 2013 at 10:00 AM at the St. Augustine Cathedral in Tucson. The candidates for ordination are Marco Antonio Carrasco and Albert V. Miranda.***