

and get a chance to talk with them. The celebration concludes with the awards assembly. The class that raised the most money this year was Mrs. Jane Kennedy's 5th Grade class with a total of \$1,349.00 in donations. The student who raised the most money was 7th Grader Francis Bright. He has accomplished this honor every year of the Sprint!



When asked to comment on his motivation, Francis said that he got the idea to get the top amount the first year, but wasn't sure he could do it. Knowing that the money he raised would go to the education and formation of our diocesan seminarians in their vocation as future priests was inspiring to Francis so he works hard at it each year. He really enjoys getting to see the seminarians when they visit on the day of the Sprint. Of the total \$8,600.00 collected that day, Francis himself raised \$256.00.

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FIAT DAY GATHERING

Holy Family Church was the site of the April 24th FIAT Day Gathering for 8th-12th grade young women. They and some of their parents met for Holy Mass at 10:00 celebrated by Fr. Brian Bashista. Afterwards girls were shepherded to the meeting room where a special craft project was set up for them. They made lovely rose petal and tissue paper-coated glass candle holders as surprise Mother's Day gifts. During the craft project, two sisters from the Servants of the Lord and the Virgin of Matara, the SSVM's, came to visit and speak about vocations.



One sister explained that everyone has the gift of three callings: to *existence*, to *holiness* and to *vocation*. She gave four helps to finding one's vocation. The first is to pray, then strive to be free from sin by keeping a strong sacramental life. The third was to be humble and truly ask in prayer to know the vocation God has planned. Finally she recommended making retreats from time to time. During the pizza lunch, the girls chatted and asked all kinds questions about their lives of being religious sisters in a missionary order. Father Bashista commended the young ladies for their willingness to discover more about growing in virtue and vocation awareness. He elaborated that the young women who are interested in FIAT events are those who are seeking to be open to God's will as was Our Blessed Mother, the model of every feminine vocation.

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DAVID DUFRESNE & JIM HINKLE TO BEGIN THEOLOGY STUDIES IN ROME



On June 19th, David Dufresne and Jim Hinkle were admitted to candidacy for Holy Orders prior to their upcoming departure for theology studies and formation at the Pontifical North American College in Rome, Italy next fall. David graduated from the Pontifical College Josephinum and Jim completed his pre-theology formation at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD. While joining Joe Bergida, Brendan Bartlett, Nicholas Barnes, Jeb Donelan, and Luke Dundon—in varying levels of formation—as NAC'ers, David will do his theology coursework at the [Gregorian](#) and Jim will

attend the [Angelicum](#).

Regarding their studies in the Eternal City, David commented *"I am humbled and honored that the Bishop would like me to continue my priestly formation in Rome. I look forward to utilizing this wonderful opportunity in order to be more closely configured to Christ. In particular, I can't wait to experience the history of Christian civilization that our ancestors have left as well as the current Christian culture that is present in my fellow seminarians from all over the world. I joyfully anticipate being visited by many family members and friends- not to mention, God willing, returning to serve the people of God in Arlington as a priest."*

Jim said he *"greatly enjoyed the opportunity to conduct my pre-theology philosophical studies at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary. The seminary boasts fantastic educators and many talented men from around the country - I look forward to keeping in touch with them in the future. I am privileged to have been asked to study next semester at the North American College (NAC) by Bishop Loverde. I am eager to begin my theology studies in Rome and hope to avail myself of all the educational opportunities that studying at the NAC has to offer seminarians. I pray that I may properly serve and represent the Diocese of Arlington at the NAC and thank the Bishop and the Diocese of Arlington for this incredible opportunity."*

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MEN'S & WOMEN'S DISCERNERS DINNERS WITH BISHOP LOVERDE



Bishop Loverde hosted the annual **Dinner for Men Discerners** and the annual **Dinner for Women Discerners & Sisters** again this year at the St. Thomas More Center. The Men's Dinner was on May 19th and was attended by men discerning the vocation to the priesthood, some of our seminarians and some parish vocation promoters. The Women's Dinner was held on June 1st and they were joined by two Little Sisters of the Poor, two Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist and four parish vocation promoters serving in the Diocese of Arlington. Bishop Loverde led Evening Prayer in the chapel prior to each dinner and gave an explanation of the architectural features which had been retained

from the original chapel of the Sister, Servant of the Immaculate Heart of Mary as well as the new sanctuary furnishings.

The dinners are an opportunity for Bishop Loverde to offer encouragement to the men and women who are seeking to discover the vocation to which the Lord is inviting them. In addition to a fine dinner and companionship, the evening gave the participants a chance to share ideas about how better to serve the men and women here in Arlington as they deepen their discernment. At each dinner Bishop Loverde offered all inspiring words of encouragement and the assurance of his prayers.



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QUO VADIS DAYS 2010 & FIAT DAYS 2010

The Diocese of Arlington Quo Vadis Days 2010 will be held at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD from Sunday, July 11 to Thursday, July 15. The camp gives an opportunity for high school age Catholic men to deepen their faith, learn more about the priesthood and to better discern God's call in their lives. The theme this year is "Put on the armor of God." The cost of attending Quo Vadis Days 2010 is \$75.00 with financial assistance available upon request.



The Office of Vocations is hosting its first annual Fiat Days camp for high school age Catholic women, including rising 9th graders. It will be held July 31st through August 2nd at Christendom College. The camp will aid the participants to grow in faithful discipleship by modeling their personal holiness on that of Our Lady. By doing so they will be better able to discover their own vocation invitation, whatever that may be, and make their own "fiat" or "yes" to the Lord. For more information about **Quo Vadis Days 2010** or **Fiat Days 2010**, call the Office of Vocations at (703) 841-2515. The registration packets for both the 2010 Quo Vadis Days and the 2010 Fiat Days can be found here: <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/vocations/vocations.php>

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BISHOP LOVERDE ORDAINS ONE NEW DEACON & THREE NEW PRIESTS



June is the month especially dedicated to devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. How fitting then that the Diocese of Arlington was blessed with Diaconate and Priesthood Ordinations on June 5th and June 12th respectively! Bishop Loverde ordained William Schierer as a transitional deacon. Deacon Will is assigned to Blessed Sacrament Church in Alexandria. Our three newly ordained priests are Father Ed Bresnahan, Father Mick Kelly and Father Jason Weber. Fr. Bresnahan's parochial vicar assignment is Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception in Fredericksburg. Fr. Kelly will be

in Alexandria at the Church of Saint Mary. The Cathedral of St. Thomas More, the parish where he did his diaconate service, will continue to be home to Fr. Weber. Please keep them and all the clergy in your prayers.

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