



## HOMILY “TALKING POINTS”

*(For priests and deacons)*

### **CALLED BY NAME WEEKEND I:**

#### **NOVEMBER 1, 2015, SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**

- Saints are those who do God’s will. When we pray the “Our Father,” we pray that “Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.” In our expression of being the Father’s children, we imply that we will do God’s will in our own personal lives as it is in Heaven.
- Through our vocations we say, “Yes” to God. Our vocation does not answer the question, “What do I want to do with my life?” but rather answers the question, “Who does God want me to be?”
- The Greek word for “blessed” in the Gospel is *makários*, which has the connotation that in obeying God we receive God’s favor. Happiness = Obedience to God.
- Highlight the great need in our Church for religious vocations and the great number of priest and religious saints.
- An announcement should be made to indicate where the CALLED BY NAME response cards have been placed and to invite people to prayerfully consider names of potential candidates. Remind the assembly that the cards will be collected the following week.

*Please note: These are offered as suggested talking points and not an actual outline that must be followed.*

### **CALLED BY NAME WEEKEND II:**

#### **NOVEMBER 8, 2015, 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*The homily this week simply asks the priest to tell his vocation story and show how happy he is in his ministry as a priest. Here are some suggested talking points:*

- How long have you been a priest?
- Describe the call/when did you know you wanted to be a priest?
- When did you first think about it? How old were you?
- What did you want to do before you became a priest?
- Who helped you to choose this vocation?
- Were you afraid?
- What did your family say?
- What makes you happy as a priest?
- What do you do as a priest?