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Inspired by the Spirit — Women Respond to God's Call



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To: Parish Presidents, Council Christian Family Life Chairs
From: Joyce Cotter, 2nd Vice President/Christian Family Life Chair

*“All vocations are intended by God to manifest His love in the world.”
–Thomas Merton, No Man Is an Island*

We celebrate the many men and women who follow Jesus by embracing the Gospel, serving the Church, revealing to us the Holy Spirit and giving witness to God's love and mercy. They dedicate their lives to serving the Lord with joy. They see this as a progression of their prayer life and their love of Christ. We are thankful for their unfailing service and may their grace and witness be our example to live the Gospel more fully.

As members of the Catholic Women's League, we must recognize the call for religious vocation has diminished and we need to create an awareness of the importance of encouraging God's people to serve as priests, sisters, brothers, permanent deacons and lay ministers.

Some of the people in our family and parish may have a call from God but are unable to hear or understand what our Lord is asking us to do. Let us pray and encourage each individual to hear this call.

The Annual Vocations Mass is Sunday September 16, 2018 at Immaculate Conception Parish, Formosa at 2:00pm. This is a beautiful Mass and a wonderful chance to offer support and affirm those men and women who already serve our Church, so that they will continue to find in their vocation a fulfilling way of life. Please join us at this special Mass.