



5TH GRADE VOCATIONS DAY STUDENT REFLECTIONS

"I learned on the Fifth Grade Vocations' Day that the Archdiocese needs more people to become priests and nuns. At Mass with Archbishop Gregory, I was inspired when he said that everyone is different. When I was listening to Sister Mary Jacinta, I was very careful to listen to every detail about the Dominican Sisters. I was very surprised to see all the different schools in Atlanta. All the students interacted with each other with kindness and respect. I am grateful to St. Joseph's, Archbishop Gregory, Sister Mary Jacinta, and all the others who made this day possible."

Kristina Jespersen, 5th Grade, St. John Neumann Regional Catholic School

"When I went to St. Joseph's Church, I was so excited! What I learned that day was that all people have a vocation in their life, and that we should fulfill them. The most important thing I learned that day was that vocations are in everyone's lives. Vocations are important to the Catholic Church, because they help people stay on task and to also know what to do in their life. The day was so fun. I hope to go back again!"

Alexandria Okafor, 5th Grade, St. John Neumann Regional Catholic School

"One of the most important things that I learned was that vocations are important to the Church. Well for one, matrimony is a vocation and without it the Church couldn't grow. There would be no children. We wouldn't be able to multiply. Without priests, deacons, seminarians, popes, bishops, archbishops, nuns, and sisters we would know very little about God. Sisters can also be teachers, so if there were no sisters, some schools might not even exist. Without priests, deacons, popes, bishops, and archbishops, there would be no Mass. The Church would be sort of lost and the Catholic Faith might even go extinct without vocations. So as you can see, vocations are extremely important to our Church."

Abigail Wood, 5th Grade, St. John Neumann Regional Catholic School

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"Last Thursday, I went to St. Joseph's for Vocation's Day. We learned many things, such as what a vocation is, when you "receive" your vocation (at Baptism) and what religious life is like. During the day, Bishop Gregory celebrated a beautiful mass, we listened to talks by Father Luke and a Dominican sister. We also enjoyed a wonderful lunch. In conclusion, it was a wonderful experience."

Ana Abbamonte, 5TH Grade, Queen of Angels Catholic School

"Sr. Mary Jacinta talked to us about being nuns and sisters. I learned from Sr. Mary Jacinta that nuns can only leave their mother house for emergencies, but sisters can leave and teach. Some people think it's not cool to become a nun or sister. I think it would be interesting."

Anya Mancinelli, 5th Grade, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

"I loved Vocation's Day. I like that Archbishop Gregory was there and said Mass. Fr. Luke and Deacon Dennis Dorner were a lot of fun. They made sense and seemed like they like being a priest and deacon."

Luis Aponte, 5th Grade, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

"Vocation's Day was a very good experience. It was really cool to see all of the 5th graders in the Archdiocese."

Claire Smith, 5th Grade, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

"Overall, Vocation's Day was great! I think it's important for the world to have more sisters and priests."

Camila Zimmerman, 5th Grade, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School

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"I loved the church! It was so cool! I also loved Archbishop Wilton Gregory. When he started the mass, his voice was so clear! Archbishop Gregory made some interesting points about vocations that really moved me, and I'm not Catholic. With his words and his interestingly understandable stories, I really considered taking on vocations. The lecture from Mr. Desmond also got my attention. The whole vocations day was planned very wisely, and I enjoyed it wonderfully!"

Josh Whalen, 5th Grade, St. Joseph Catholic School (Athens)

"I am a student at St. Joseph Catholic School in Athens, Georgia. I had the pleasure to go to Vocations Day with my fifth grade classmates. Mass was fantastic! It was one of the best masses I had ever been to. I really was interested and understood the mass, said by Archbishop Wilton Gregory. He talked about the bearded lizard. I loved the story. When Sr. Mary Jacinta talked about becoming a sister, I was very interested. I am very much considering it when I am 18 years old. Sr. Mary Jacinta was great and was patient. She answered all of the girls' questions. I would definitely love to visit again!"

Christine Cisco, 5th Grade, St. Joseph Catholic School (Athens)

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