



VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE  
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD  
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA  
**HEED THE CALL**

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Dear Brother Priests and Deacons:

I thank you for the good work that goes into fostering vocations. We have the ability to significantly impact the future of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia through our efforts. Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood are necessary to ensure that each of us is able to continue to receive Jesus in the sacraments, especially Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation.

To create a culture of vocations, we must not only pray for vocations - which is always the first course of action - but we also must invite, encourage and evangelize men to consider the call to the priesthood.

To assist the greater Catholic community in the Archdiocese with ways to invite, encourage and evangelize others, the Vocation Office is hosting "Fuel the Flame" on **Monday, October 30th at 7 PM** in Vianney Auditorium at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. Mike Patin, national speaker with over 30 years of ministry experience, will use his motivational skills, knowledge of vocations and the Catholic Church, to lead participants in discussions, and practical ways for each of us to promote vocations and encourage men to consider whether God is calling them to the diocesan Priesthood.

Creating a culture of vocations is not possible without dedicated and committed individuals, so we ask you to join our office and Mike Patin for this important, lively, and energetic evening. We also ask you to invite the leaders of your parish - other clergy, teachers, catechists, youth ministers, daily communicants, etc. to join you that evening.

This is not just another meeting, but an opportunity for change and to partner with us and each other to revitalize the church of Philadelphia. There is no cost for this evening's presentation, but we ask you to register online at [heedthecall.org/event/fueltheflame](http://heedthecall.org/event/fueltheflame) or by calling our office at 610-667-5778.

We look forward to seeing you on October 30th! Fellowship and refreshments will be available following Mike's presentation.

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

Rev. Stephen P. DeLacy  
Vocation Director