



October 14, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last year's Called by Name campaign was a tremendous success! With your help, we identified hundreds of young men and women in our diocese who may be future leaders, perhaps even Priests or Religious Brothers or Sisters.

From among those identified, about 70 young men gathered with me at the Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist for a special Holy Hour and dinner. I was deeply impressed with their faith and devotion. We have some truly amazing young Catholics in the Diocese of Savannah!

**This year, we are holding our Called by Name campaign on November 9-10, 2024.** I invite you to think deeply about the teens and young adults in your parish who you believe could be faithful leaders in the Catholic Church of the Diocese of Savannah. These young people do not necessarily need to desire to become Priests or Sisters; we also need leaders in the vocation of marriage. They need to desire Jesus Christ! They need to desire to bring others to Him.

Please submit the names of at least one (but hopefully several!) faithful young people you know. **You can use the card provided at Mass or online at [savannahvocations.org](http://savannahvocations.org).** If you submit the name of a person under age 18, please include the names of his or her parents.

This initiative is near to my heart, and I ask you to please participate thoughtfully so that it will bear much fruit throughout the diocese. I also ask you to join me in praying that the Lord will raise up many new leaders for the future of the Church!

May we meet each day in our prayers and *Rejoice in the Lord always!*

In Christ,

+ *Stephen D. Parkes*

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