

# ANDREW DINNER FOR VOCATIONS with BISHOP OCHOA and our SEMINARIANS Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> + 5:30PM + St. John's Cathedral

## **WHAT IS A ST. ANDREW DINNER?**

St. Andrew Dinners afford priests the opportunity to invite individuals whom they might think have a priestly vocation or the qualities needed in a good priest to have dinner with the bishop in a relaxed, "no pressure" atmosphere. There is the opportunity for discussion and dialogue about the life of a priest and a priestly vocation that would normally not be afforded in the parish setting. They provide the accompanying priests the chance to share their vocation stories as well as to hear the vocation story of the bishop. This also gives the bishop the opportunity to interact with those who are considering the priesthood and to encourage them to follow the Lord's call. Time for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament will also be included.

## **WHY ARE THEY CALLED ST. ANDREW DINNERS?**

In the Eastern Church, St. Andrew is known as the *Protokletos* ("First Called") as John the Baptist invited him to follow Jesus. After doing so, Andrew then brought his brother Simon Peter to the Lord. (John 1:38-41) Similarly, it is not enough for priests to be satisfied with their own priestly vocations. Like Andrew the Lord is asking priests to bring others to Him so that they may discover their vocations as well.



## **WHAT DOES A PRIEST NEED TO DO?**

Priests simply invite those individuals from their parishes or respective ministries whom they feel might have a priestly vocation or possess the qualities needed to be a good priest. They should make sure that anyone they bring is of sufficient maturity and moral character. Likewise, all local diocesan norms regarding the transportation of minors should be adhered to.

Do you have any young men (14+) in your parish discerning a call to the priesthood? Ask them to join the Bishop and our seminarians for dinner on **Friday, July 20th at 5:30pm**, followed by adoration at **St. John's Cathedral**. The dinner will be in the Cathedral basement and it is free!

Please email seminarian James Tasy ([jamestasy@hotmail.com](mailto:jamestasy@hotmail.com)) with the information below by **Sunday, July 15th**.

<b>First Name:</b>	<b>Last Name:</b>
<b>Age:</b>	<b>Parish:</b>
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<b>Pastor's Name:</b>	