DIOCESE *of* BILOXI

CALLED BY NAME

PULPIT ANNOUCEMENT FOR OCTOBER 14-15

Please read aloud at all Masses

Next weekend throughout the diocese is Called By Name Sunday: an initiative of the Diocese of Biloxi to identify faithful young people who could have a vocation to priesthood or religious life.

Bishop Kihneman has written a letter to us about this campaign, which we encourage you to read in our bulletin or social media pages. Next weekend, at every parish in the diocese, our priests will share their vocation stories: how they listened and responded to God's call. As part of this special weekend, the bishop is asking you to participate in two ways:

First – Be open to God's call. For those who are able – open your heart to the possibility of priesthood or religious life. These vocations are beautiful gifts both to the Church and to those who are called. So be open and courageous if you hear the call.

Second – Think of someone who could be called. Spend time this week thinking about someone in our parish who God may be invited to the priesthood or religious life - someone with the qualities that you would want in your priest or religious sister.

Next week at all of the Masses, we will have envelopes in the pews for you to submit that person's name and contact information. Bishop Kihneman will then send them a letter of encouragement and support, and our Vocation Director, Fr. Braxton Necaise, will invite them to various events.

God is the one who calls, but He often uses our voice of encouragement to do so. With your help, we can make this Called By Name Sunday a great success that will bear fruit in our diocese for generations to come. Thank you for your openness and generous participation.