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Goellner explained we need Vocation Committee's in each parish for future religious vocations as there is a great need for new priest's , (the majority are over age 60 and only about 6 or 7 are below age 60.) Vocation Committee's can promote 31 Club activity where an individual will sign up normally on the day of their birthday so as not to forget to offer one mass a month for religious vocations. Other devotions consist of the Elijah Cup or traveling chalice in which a parish family takes home the sacred vessel after mass to say prayers at the family meal for an increase in Priestly and religious vocations . The guideline work book is so structured that the Pastor assigns a committee of 10 or 12 to serve and then steps aside and offers guidance and approval of programs to be undertaken in the parish . It requires little of the Pastor's s time beyond establishing the original committee and chairman who can follow the Parish Vocation Committee Handbook supplied by Serra and the Serra Club of Biloxi will coordinate Parish Committees at the Diocesan level .

Martianite Sister Rochelle Perrier

A former teacher at St. Alphonsus , Ocean Springs ,
reflects on family devotion for Religious Vocation's

A devotional practice that by all observation no longer exists was described by Sister Rochelle Perrier ,who taught years ago at St. Alphonsus , in an article this past November by Peter Finney Jr. , of the New Orleans Catholic newspaper, Clarion Herald . Sister related that her mother took her after a few days old and with the help of a Redemptorist priest conducted a brief ceremony , similar to Jesus being presented in the temple 40 days after his birth , placed her in a bassinet in front of the alter . Sister Rochelle younger sister was born a few years later and her brother followed , all unknowingly went through the same devotion . The three children were never told by their mother until years later of this devotion as she did not want to interfere with their future vocation in life. But guess what !! All three entered the religious life. Sister Rochelle's brother , Benedictine Father Thomas Eugene Perrier had passed away weeks earlier after a heart attack at St. Joseph Abbey. She wanted to share her love for him by describing his devotion to Christ and the church. He was the director of the Christian Life Center and the former longtime director of Camp Abbey for young people. He did extensive mission work in Mexico and excelled in giving talks to married couples , he touched the lives of many people and will be missed. Keep the Perrier family in your prayers and continue to pray for vocations. (Peter Finney Jr gave permission to print excerpts of his article)

Ignacio Jimenez Morales to be ordained to Traditional Diaconate

A reminder Ignacio Jimenez Morales will be installed as a traditional deacon in December at Nativity BVM December 19 th at 10 am . try to attend . Your Serra Club has ordered a (a book of Blessing's) and card to be given him. Also Christmas cards with a stipend will be sent to our eight seminarians . This is where some of your dues are going so if you have not paid your dues send them in also be thinking of others that we could invite to be Serra members.

Have a Blessed Christmas and New Year — pray for religious vocations