

Vocation Newsletter

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You were buried with him in baptism,
in which you were also raised with him. (cf. Col 2: 12)

Peace and all good to you! We hope that you have been well and that this new year has been kind to you so far.

We've had a lot going on these past two months with two [FOCUS conferences](#), the beginnings of the return sessions in our Ministry Development program for our employees, February retreat and our new postulant. Yes, I said New Postulant! Please keep Elisabeth in your prayers, that she may persevere in responding to God's call for her.

Lent is fast approaching and the Holy Father has delivered a [lenten message](#). (The quote at the top of the page is the title of that message.) In it, he focuses on the gift of our Baptism. The following quote is taken from the concluding paragraph of his message. "*Dear Brothers and Sisters, through the personal encounter with our Redeemer and through fasting, almsgiving and prayer, the journey of conversion towards Easter leads us to rediscover our Baptism. This Lent, let us renew our acceptance of the Grace that God bestowed upon us at that moment, so that it may illuminate and guide all of our actions.*" I hope you take the time to read his letter and meditate on it in preparation for Lent. It is easy to overlook Baptism and the grace God has given us through this Sacrament.



Again this year the Institute on Religious Life is offering you a great opportunity to learn about religious life and meet men and women religious from all over the country. Their national meeting will be held at Mundelein Seminary just outside of Chicago and the theme this year is, "[Go Make Disciples, Utilizing the New Media for the New Evangelization.](#)" This meeting is held every year over the Divine Mercy weekend. In 2005 while we were there, we received the news that Pope John Paul II had died. This year, Pope John Paul II will be beatified on the last day of this meeting, which is Divine Mercy Sunday and the first day of the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Attendance for youth and young adults (aged 13-30) is free on Saturday with lunch included. We hope to see some of you there.

Our Sisters continue to pray for you.
We wish you a blessed Lenten Season.

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