

# THE CALL

Volume 14, Issue 6

July, 2010

## Promotional Items

Our new IHM coffee sleeves are waiting to be placed on coffee cups near you. Could you please help us in distributing these? If you know of a coffee shop that would be willing to use them, please let us know. Cafés catering to a mainly young adult clientele would be ideal!



## IHM Junior Companions

The **IHM Junior Companions Task Group** has set a goal of ten new groups for this coming 2010-2011 year. Girls from 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are the focus of this initial endeavor. Please consider being an IHM Junior Companion leader in your parish / school. Group leaders will receive information and materials to help start and guide the bi-monthly meetings. For information, contact S. Mary Glackin, mcglackin@juno.com.



## Vocation Happenings!



**(Top)** S. Patricia Long, S. Danielle Therese, S. Rose, and S. Jane Michael pose with the organizers of the Philadelphia **Theology on Tap.** **(Right)** S. Mary Glackin meets with two high school volunteers at the Girls of Goretti Vocation Conference held at Malvern Retreat House. **(Bottom)** S. Rosemary Walsh and S. Mary of the Sacred Heart take a break from cleaning to smile with the "Come and See" service participants at St. John Bosco Convent.



## CARA / NRVC Study - Best Practices

The fifth of the six **Best Practices** in vocation ministry according to the CARA/NRVC Study ([www.nrvc.net](http://www.nrvc.net)) is to have a **"Discernment Program."** The survey found that religious institutes that sponsor various discernment programs are more successful in attracting and retaining vocations. Discernment retreats and groups, "Come and See" experiences, and ministry/mission involvement all showed a positive correlation with institutes having new members. Interestingly, live-in experiences and discernment houses were related to institutes having members in initial formation but do not necessarily have an impact on retaining the newer members. The survey showed that offering multiple discernment programs is correlated with having new members in initial formation as well as with having higher numbers who enter and stay. As we plan for our "Come and See" days, our monthly discernment retreats, service projects and quarterly Sisters' Nights for this coming year, please plan on inviting young women to join us!

## Vocation Phone-a-Thon

The Five-Year Plan Task Group is helping us organize a vocation phone-a-thon on July 22nd. The evening will begin in the VMHS formation wing with a light supper at 5:15PM, 6PM Holy Hour, 7:15—8:30PM phone calls. If interested, please contact S. Rose, ihmvoc@aol.com.



## Invite, So Others May Experience!

July 17 Catholic Underground, Cathedral, Philadelphia  
 July 18 South American Commissioning Mass  
 11AM, VMHS  
 July 22 Phone-a-Thon, Vocation Office  
 August 8 Cleveland Diocese, "FEST," Vocation Fair  
 August 14 Rite of First Profession, 4PM Mass  
**Contact ihmvoc@aol.com, 610-889-1553 for more information!**



## New Life in Abundance

IHM Vocation Promotion Five-Year Plan

2007 - 2012

Pray

Evangelize

Experience

Mentor

Invite