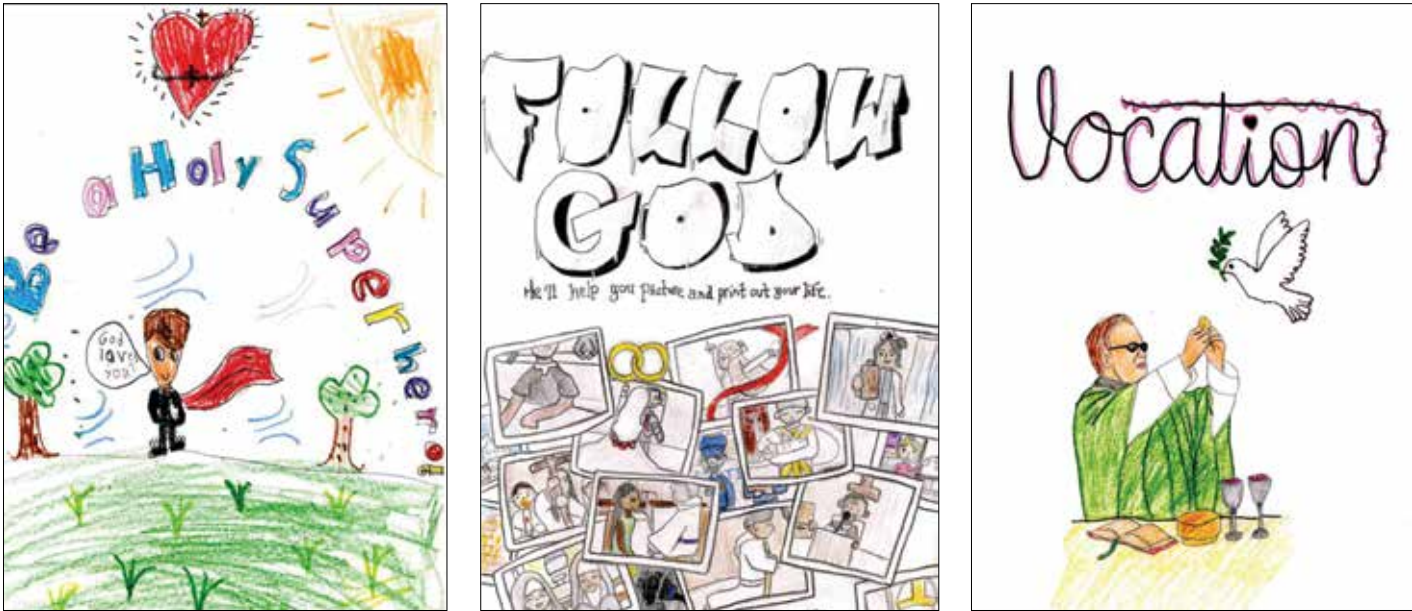




# Students Promote Vocations

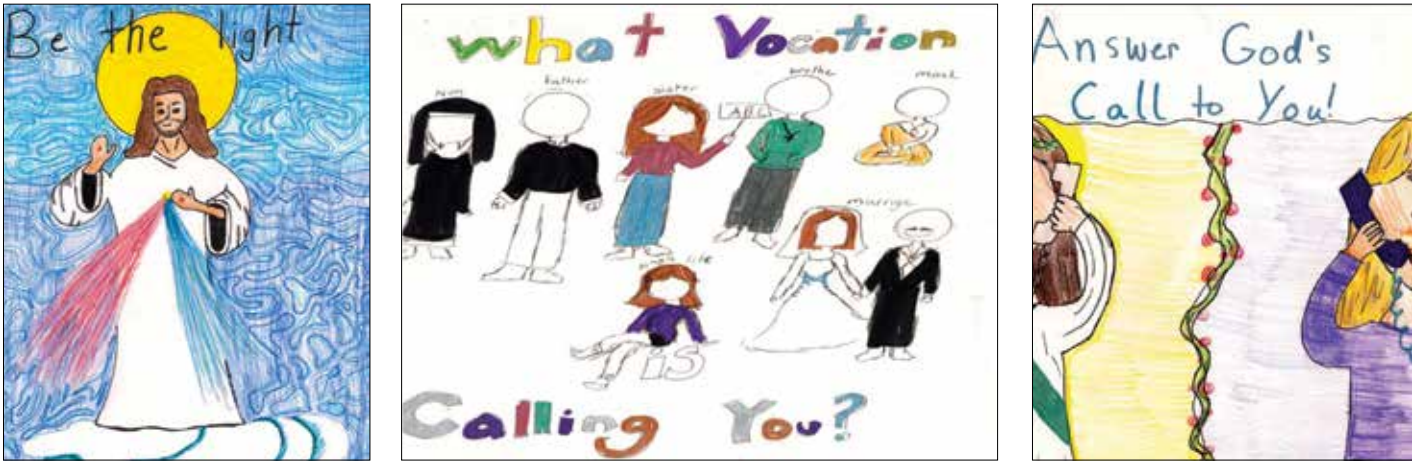
## ALGONQUIN St. Margaret Mary School

**From left:**  
**Amelia Zaniewski, 2nd grade:** “Be a holy superhero. God loves you!”  
**Ella Lee, 7th grade:** “Follow God: He’ll help you picture and print out your life.”  
**Victoria Sajdak, 6th grade:** “Vocation.”



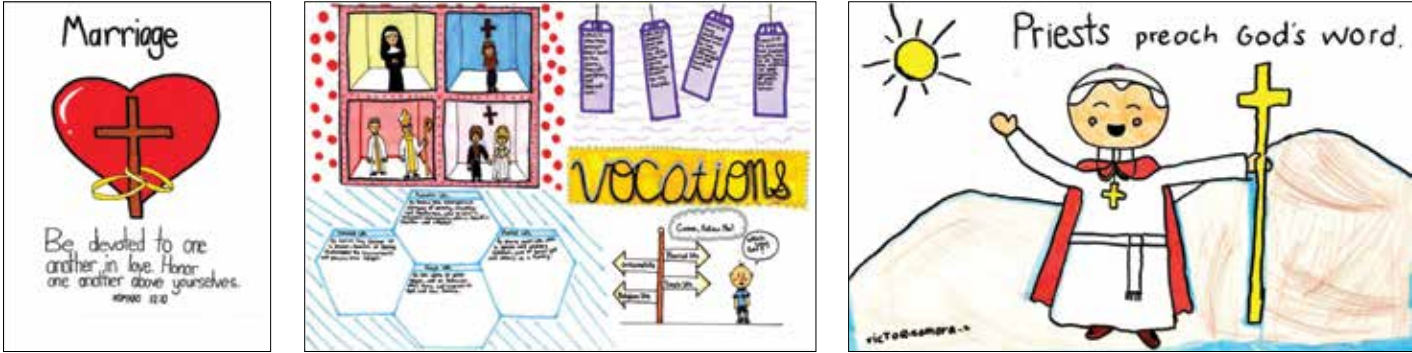
## AURORA Holy Angels School

**From left:**  
**Tatiana Voss, 6th grade:** “Be the light.”  
**Sadie Straus, 7th grade:** “What vocation is calling you?”  
**Leah Wicyck, 8th grade:** “Answer God’s call to you!”



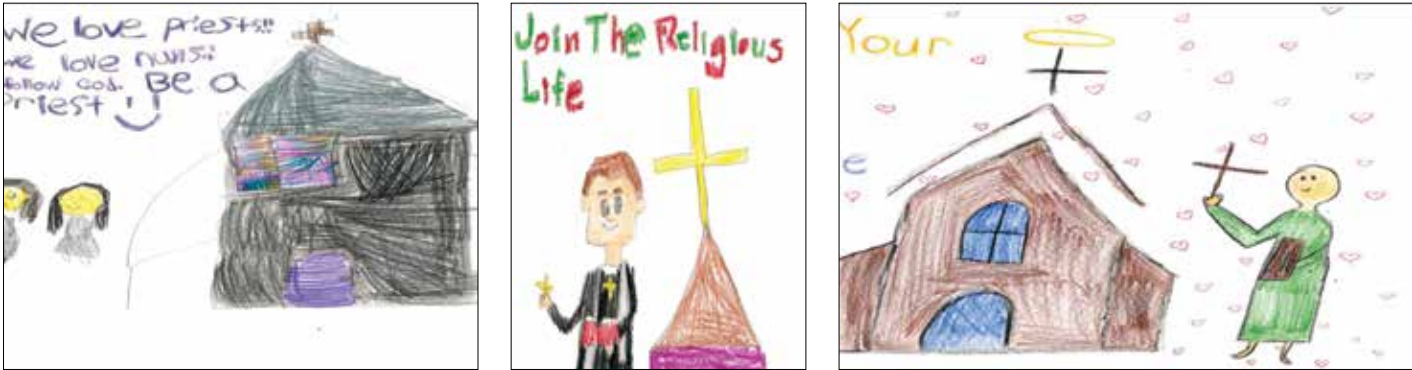
## AURORA St. Rita of Cascia School

**From left:**  
**Nayeli Torres, 4th grade:** “Marriage: ‘Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.’ (Rom. 12:10)”  
**Stephanie Zambrano, 8th grade:** “Ordained, religious, married and single life”  
**Victor Zamora-Zepeda, kindergarten:** “Priests preach God’s Word.”



## DIXON St. Anne School

**From left:**  
**Mattie Melendrez, 2nd grade:** “We love priests! We love nuns! Follow God. Be a priest.”  
**Gabe King, 3rd grade:** “Join the religious life.”  
**Ayla Hill, 5th grade**



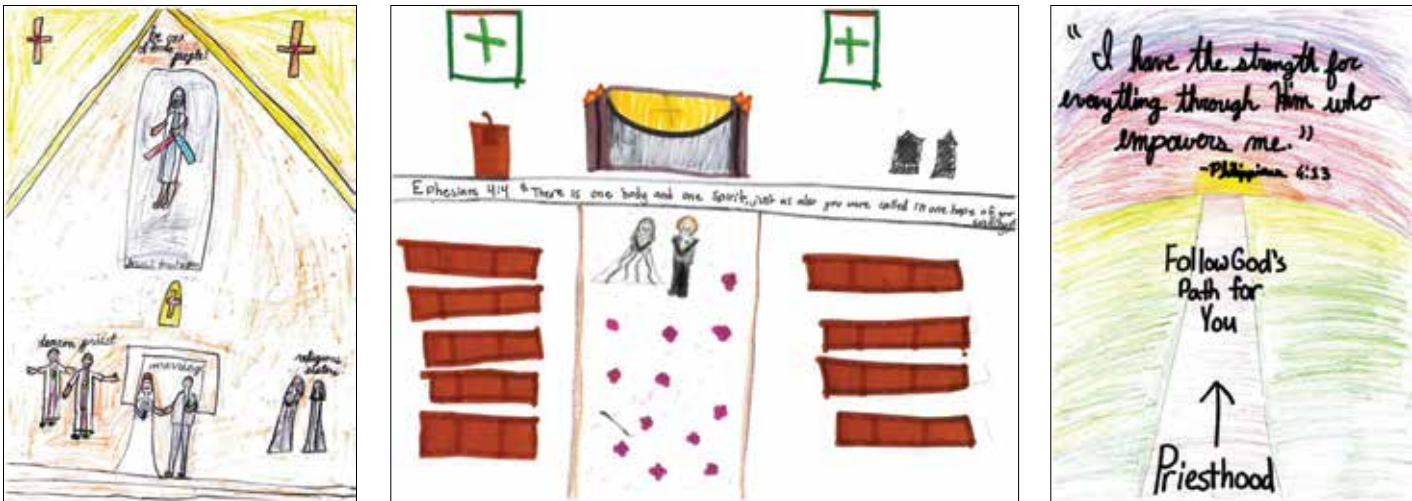
## DIXON St. Mary Elementary and Junior High School

**From left:**  
**Genevieve Billiet, 5th grade:** “Be not afraid to follow God, for He has great plans for you.”  
**Henry Setchell, 5th grade:** “Say YES to what God has planned for you!”  
**Raegan Ellis, 5th grade:** “Consider priesthood.”



## HAMPSHIRE St. Charles Borromeo School

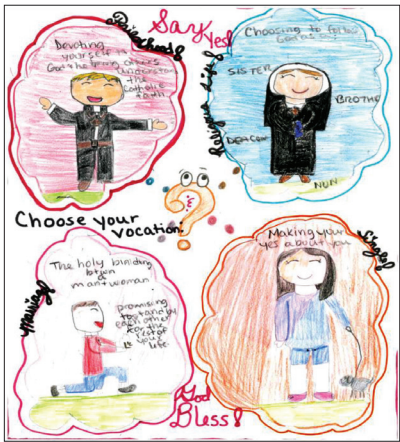
**From left:**  
**Natalia Kielczewski, 3rd grade:** “Be one of God’s people: deacon, priest, marriage, religious sisters.”  
**Lauren Bennett, 5th grade:** “There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling.” (Eph. 4:4)”  
**Andrew Taing, 7th grade:** “Priesthood: Follow God’s path for you. ‘I have the strength for everything through Him who empowers me.’ (Phil. 4:13)”



—Photos and names provided by the Diocese of Rockford schools and the Office of Vocations.

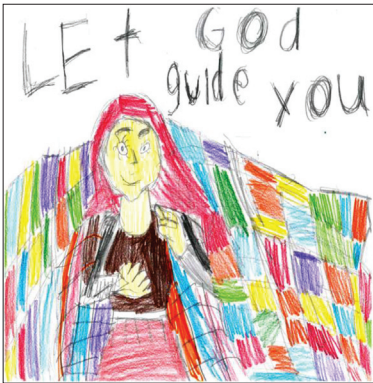
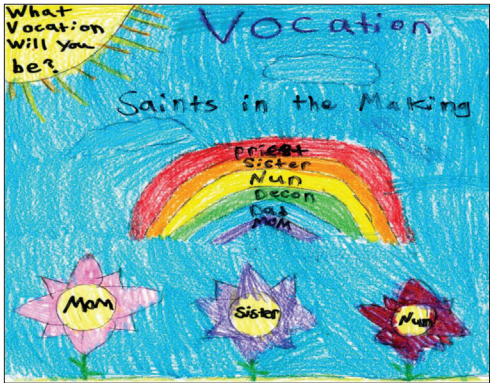


In October, the Rockford Diocese Office of Vocations invited students in kindergarten through eighth grade to promote vocations. Ahead of National Vocation Awareness Week Nov. 5-11, the students were called to use their God-given artistic gifts to imagine paths God might call them to follow. Top posters will be printed and distributed to their schools. Below are many of the contest’s standout posters and their artists.



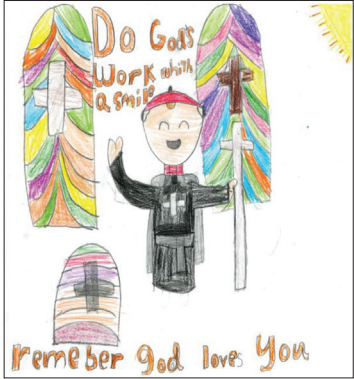
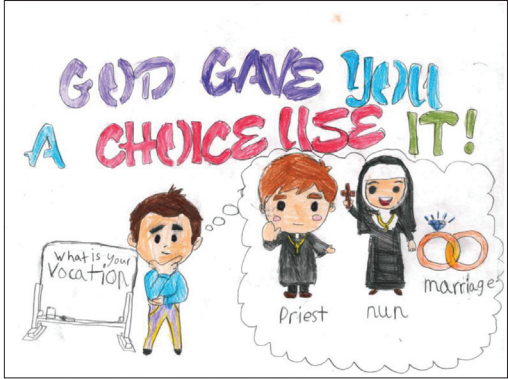
**LOVES PARK**  
**St. Bridget School**

**From center left:**  
**Khloe Heavin, 6th grade:** “Choose your vocation: priesthood, religious life, single, marriage. Say yes! God bless!”  
**Mateo Delgado, 2nd grade (Family Faith Formation):** “Discover your vocation: single life, priesthood, diaconate, consecrated religious life, marriage.”  
**Tillie Klein, kindergarten:** “Speak Lord your servant is listening.”



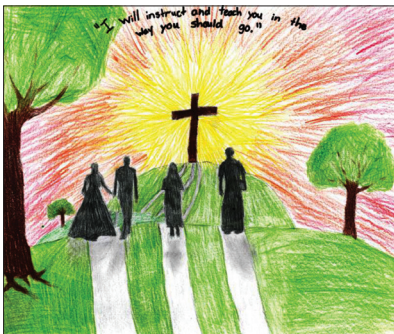
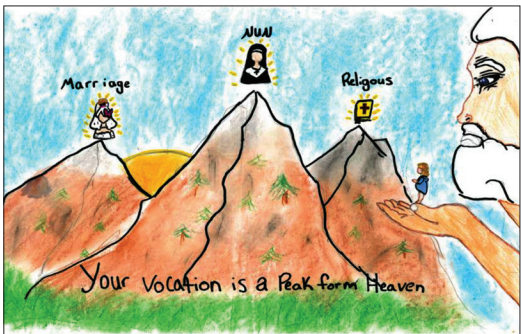
**MCHENRY**  
**Montini Primary Center and Montini Middle School**

**From center left:**  
**Maddie Lazicki, 5th grade:** “What vocation will you be? Vocation: Saints in the making.”  
**Paisley Thompson, 1st grade, and Philomena Sossong, 6th grade**  
**Tessa Fiedler, 3rd grade:** “Let God guide you.”



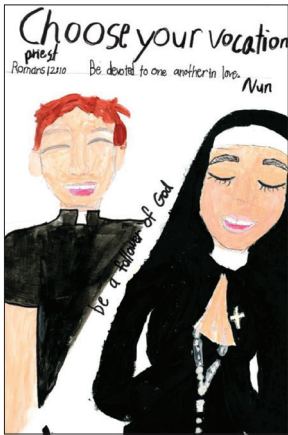
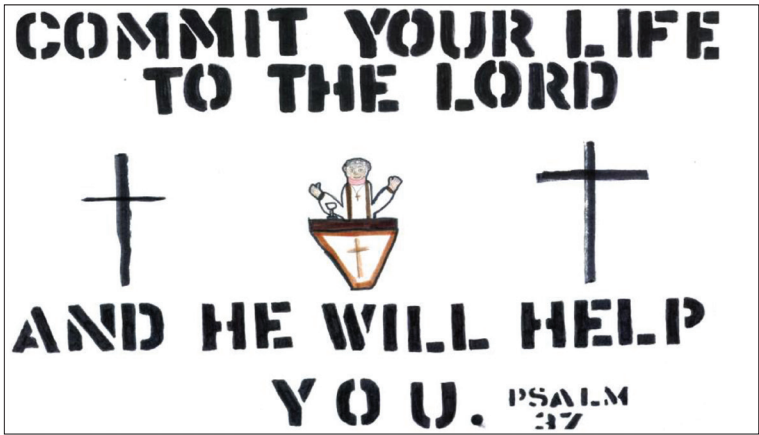
**ROCKFORD**  
**All Saints Catholic Academy**

**From center left:**  
**Ryan Vernia, 6th grade:** “God gave you a choice; use it!”  
**Sebastian Deleon-Luna, 4th grade:** “Do God’s work with a smile. Remember God loves you.”  
**Skylar Downing, 5th grade:** “Let’s live the vocations.”



**ST. CHARLES**  
**St. Patrick School**

**From center left:**  
**Kara Glenn and Lauren Pacheco, 8th grade:** “Vocations aren’t just a trend\*. Will you answer the call?”  
**Skylar Cattell, 7th grade:** “Your vocation is a peak from heaven.”  
**William Starkovich, 8th grade:** “I will instruct and teach you in the way you should go.”



**STERLING**  
**St. Mary School**

**From center left:**  
**Jameson Hanlon, 8th grade:** “Commit your life to the Lord and He will help you. (Psalm 37)”  
**Sophia Gutierrez, 6th grade:** “Choose your vocation. Be a follower of God. ‘Be devoted to one another in love.’ (Rom. 12:10)”  
**Veronica Haley, 8th grade:** “Wanted: to serve Jesus. Award awaits in Heaven.”



**WOODSTOCK**  
**St. Mary School**

**From center left:**  
**Elijah Hernandez, 2nd grade:** “Vocation.”  
**Alison Russel, 2nd grade:** “Vocation.”  
**Isabelle Czerkies, 2nd grade:** “Vocation: God is love.”

\*Glenn and Pacheco approved the crossed-out “trend” to improve readability.