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St. Marys Deanery celebrates the Year of Consecrated Life

Press Release

Two special events will be held in the St. Marys Deanery to commemorate the Year of Consecrated Life. The St. Marys Deanery Office, the Missionaries of the Precious Blood and the Sisters of the Precious Blood are collaborating and planning the following events, which are open to the general public:

On Sept. 13 at 5 p.m., a dinner will be held at the Knights of St. John Hall in Maria Stein. Priests, brothers and sisters who live in this deanery, as well as those who are originally from a parish in thedeanery, will be invited to attend. After dinner, there will be presentations by Sister Joyce Lehman. president of the Sisters of the Precious Blood, and Father Stephen Dos Santos, representing the Missionaries. In addition, Nick Rentz from Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Montezuma will be speaking. A representative from the Serra Club, a local and international organization that promotes priesthood and religious life, will talk about their efforts.

In addition to the invited guests, the general public is welcome to attend and

can purchase a ticket for \$7. Tickets will be available through Aug. 30 at the offices of the clusters/parishes within the St. Marys Deanery, or call Precious Blood Sister Regina Albers at 419-925-5415.

On Oct. 18 at 2 p.m., there will be a Holy Hour at St. Charles Center in Carthegena. The event will provide the chance to gather and pray in gratitude for those who have dedicated their life to Christ, for those who are in formation, and for future vocations.

For many years the Knights of St. John of Maria Stein, have promoted vocations

to the priesthood and religious life. They are donating the use of their hall for the September event. Also, the Knights of Columbus Councils from Celina, Coldwater, Ft. Recovery, St. Henry, Minster and St. Marys give constant affirmation and support to priests and religious. They, too, will be represented. Likewise members of the local Serra Club, which promotes vocations, will be present. High school youth from several local parishes will volunteer their services in assisting with these events.