



## Hello, my name is...

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Greetings faithful readers of VOCARE! My name is Fr. Ron Schock. I am blessed to be assigned as the Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Toledo. As I was pondering, “Where do I begin?” I felt a little history of myself might be helpful.



First I was born March 26, 1960, to Anthony and Lucille Schock. Dad and Mom have been farmers their whole lives and have lived near the small town of Attica in Seneca County. I have two brothers Roger and Ray and three sisters, Rebecca, Regina and Ruth. I am also blessed with two sisters-in-law and two brothers-in-law as well as twelve nieces and nephews. On my day off (Friday), one can usually find me on the farm.

I graduated from Seneca East High School in 1978. From July 1978 until December 1988 I worked as a Custom Applicator/Sales Representative for a local fertilizer company in Attica. During that time I also received my auctioneer’s license as well as my real estate license. After a conversion experience in 1983 (Long story), I wanted to learn more about my faith. I enrolled in the lay Ministry classes offered by the Diocese of Toledo so that I might learn more about my faith. Through that experience I was led by the Holy Spirit to consider priesthood. I entered college seminary on January 6, 1989 at Saint Meinrad Seminary. I graduated from college in May of 1991 and then entered theology in the fall of 1991 at Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary in Cincinnati. I was ordained a priest on June 8, 1996 and served my

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first assignment as Associate Pastor at Findlay, St. Michael. In July 1998, Bishop Hoffman assigned me as the Director/Chaplain of Youth and Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese of Toledo. I served in that office until July 2002 when I was assigned as the Associate Pastor of Sacred Heart, Holy Rosary and St. Stephen Parishes on the East Side of Toledo. I was there for one year when I was assigned as the Pastor of St. Boniface, New Riegel; St. Nicholas, Frenchtown; and St. Peter, Alvada in July of 2003. During my pastorate there, our three parishes merged to form the new parish of All Saints. I served there until Bishop Blair assigned me as the Director of Vocations as well as the part-time Associate Pastor of Saint Rose of Lima in Perrysburg, Ohio.

Where has God led you on your journey so far?

*John the Baptist introduced Andrew and John to Jesus. Andrew introduced Simon Peter to Jesus. Philip introduced Nathanael to Jesus.*

*Who have **you** introduced to Jesus lately?*

## Teach Me to Be Generous

*Lord, teach me to be generous.  
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;  
to give and not to count the cost,  
to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil and not to seek for rest,  
to labor and not to ask for reward,  
save that of knowing that I do your will.*

*(Saint Ignatius)*

I encourage you to commit yourselves without reserve to serving Christ, whatever the cost. The encounter with Jesus Christ will allow you to experience in your hearts the joy of His living and life-giving presence, and enable you to bear witness to it before others.

*(Pope Benedict XVI, August 18, 2005)*

### CATHOLIC CATECHISM CORNER

## Assumption

*The dogma which recognizes the Blessed Virgin Mary's singular participation in her son's Resurrection by which she was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when the course of her earthly life was finished (966).*

### SIGHTINGS ON THE WEB

A newly revised web site for the Office of Vocations will be coming soon with many new resources. Don't miss it!

## Did You Know?

- August 15, the solemnity of Mary's assumption, is a special day of celebration at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio.
- There are 57 men and women from/in the Diocese of Toledo who are in formation for diocesan priesthood or consecrated life.

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