

DEACONS FOR LIFE : 2012 HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

Cardinal Sean has encouraged all deacons to take a leading role in organizing the Holy Hour For Life in their parish. Here are some suggestions for answering the question:

How Can I Involve More Parishioners In The Holy Hour For Life?

Personal Invitations to Witness Invite the parish leadership and service organizations to provide public witness by attending. (Parish Pastoral and Finance Council Members, Commission Members, Staff, and Catechists, The K of C, The Catholic Daughters, The Daughters of Isabella and any other service group affiliated with your parish.) Ask them to note the Holy Hour on their group calendar. Perhaps one or more of these groups would host a very brief reception following the Holy Hour.

Your Preaching Preach on the sanctity of life and mention the **2012 Holy Hour For Life** during one of the post Christmas feasts such as the Feast of the Holy Family, The Feast of The Holy Innocents, or The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Youth Involvement **The Holy Hour For life will be on Sunday evening for the next two years.** You might consider altering the middle school and/or high school programs at your parish to coincide with the **2012 Holy Hour For Life.**

Sacrament of Reconciliation Offer parishioners an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Prepared Materials For Your Use We will send to you in December a number of items to assist you including: bulletin announcement, flyers, posters, intercessory prayers, and a one page bulletin insert explaining what a Holy Hour consists of and how and why we participate in Eucharistic Adoration.

Your Idea We would appreciate your letting us know what plans you might have to involve your parishioners and make the **Holy Hour For Life** on Sunday, January 22nd a permanent tradition in your parish. We would like to share those ideas with other parishes. Please email us at DeaconsForLife@RCAB.org or telephone John Burkly at 508-651-1900.