



(Media Release)

THOUSANDS READY TO START PRAYER CRUSADE

Over 14,000 Catholics around Australia have already agreed to participate in the 5th Knights of the Southern Cross National Prayer Crusade for Vocations, which will take place from 4 September – 26 November 2011.

A Papal Blessing has been granted to all who participate in the Crusade.

The Prayer Crusade aims to pray for an increase in vocations generally, but more particularly that more priests and deacons will be released to provide badly needed military chaplains for the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Catholic members and their families number about 40,000.

The national co-ordinator for the Crusade, Bob Perkins, is very pleased with the support coming from schools, colleges, members of the Knights of the Southern Cross, the Catholic Women's League, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, religious Orders and parishioners. It is obvious that Catholics certainly care about vocations (particularly chaplains for our Armed Forces) and are committed to praying for more people to respond to God's call. The power of prayer is something all Catholics believe in and they know that prayers are answered. Since the start of the 1st Crusade in 2005, seminaries have experienced increased numbers of vocations and 7 prospective chaplains have entered training.

If all the schools, colleges and Catholic organisations from last year again take part, we should have over 25,000 participants in 2011.

As the total commitment is to say the special Crusade Prayer every day for 1 week during the Crusade period, everyone can join!

To take part in the KSC Prayer Crusade for Vocations, email Bob Perkins, National Executive Officer, Knights of the Southern Cross, at neo@ksca.org.au or call (02) 6247 2977 (Mon, Wed & Fri). Copies of the Registration Form can also be obtained from the National Website – www.ksca.org.au - under "What's New" .