

IDEAS FOR PROMOTING WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Mass Announcement:

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations when we ask you to pray for more vocations, especially to the priesthood and consecrated life. Please pray that more men and women will generously say yes to God's call in their lives and that their parents will support them.

Prayers of the Faithful

For young men and women; That God may give them the gift of understanding to discern their service in the Church, the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life; And for the gift of courage to follow His call. We pray to the Lord. . . .

For young people; That they may know the personal love of the Lord for them, and respond to His call with open and generous hearts. We pray to the Lord. . . .

That the People of God, may increasingly respond to God's call. Let us implore the light of the Holy Spirit, so that all of us may find our proper place and give the very best of ourselves in His great divine plan! We pray to the Lord.

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we pray that God will supply holy shepherds for the Church. We pray to the Lord

For all Catholics struggling to discern their vocations, that the Holy Spirit give them wisdom and peace. We pray to the Lord.

Bulletin, Flocknote or Newsletters

For Sunday, April 14

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, April 21, 2024. Also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday," the purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or

secular institutes. Resources for promoting vocations can be found at <https://worlddayofprayerforvocations.com/>

For Sunday, April 21

World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

Pray for Vocations. As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.

Everyone Has a Divine Vocation. “Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit.” – *From a Vocations Homily by Saint John Paul II*

For parents to Teach Your Children. After Mass today, have a conversation with your children, asking, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” After a few moments of discussion, ask, “Who do you think God wants you to be when you grow up?” Emphasize to your children that God has a specific plan in mind for them, and that following God's plan is the surest way to happiness. Every life decision—which college to attend, who to date, which job to pursue, whether to enter seminary, whom to marry—should be undertaken only after praying for God's guidance.

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- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.