

Prayers to Foster Vocations

“Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on you.”
– St. Augustine

Prayer for the Family

Bless married couples with the gift of faith. May they hunger to teach their children by word and example about the mysteries of the Catholic Church. May they also receive the grace to encourage their children to serve Christ in their lives. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Openness to God’s Call

A pray for those who are discerning their vocations

Lord help me, to know what vocation you have planned for me. Enlighten my heart and speak to me, so I may know what your will is. Inspire me with the wisdom to respond to your invitation to serve you as a Priest, Religious, Married or Single Person. I ask this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Prayer from Pope John Paul II

Lord Jesus, once You called the first disciples in order to make them fishers of men.

Continue to let resound today Your sweet invitation: “Come and Follow Me.”

Grant to young men and women the grace of responding promptly to Your voice. Sustain our bishops, priests, and consecrated souls in their apostolic work. Give perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are fulfilling the ideal of a life of total consecration to Your service.

Enkindle in our communities a missionary zeal. Send, Lord, workers into Your fields and do not let mankind be lost because of a lack of pastors, missionaries, and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel.

Mary, Mother of the Church, Model of Vocations, help us say “Yes” to the Lord Who calls us to collaborate in the divine design of salvation. Amen.

Prayer for our Seminarians

Gracious God, bless our seminarians, may the Holy Spirit inspire and give them the courage and enthusiasm for their vocation. Guide them to become prayerful and holy Priests, men with hearts like our Lord, prepared to serve the Church and give their lives for Christ. We ask this pray through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those You have called to the married state and those You have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son so that in Him, with Him and through Him we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

“Truly I say to you whatever you ask the Father in My Name He will give you...” [John 16:23](#). God of love you sustain your Church and give it life through the dedicated service of our Priests and Religious. Trusting in your Providence we ask you, Lord, to send your Holy Spirit to fill Your Church with a spirit of courage and love so that men and women may answer the call to serve you. Our diocese of Hamilton is in urgent need of Priests to continue in your Church the saving ministry of Christ. Loving God, in your generosity hear our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen

Look kindly, we pray, O Lord, on our Diocese. Enkindle in the hearts of many men and women a deep desire to serve you. May they be open to your call to become dedicated holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons. Give them courage to overcome their fears and the wisdom to hear your special call for them. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for Priests

Lord Jesus Christ, you promised always to give your Church shepherds. In faith, we know your promise cannot fail. Trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit at work in the Church, we pray you raise up sacred ministers from your holy people, that the sacrifice in which you give your body and blood may be daily renewed in the world until we come

to that kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

Daily Prayer for Priests

Eternal Father, thank you for all priests, here in our Parish, in our Diocese and throughout the world. Thank you for the way they preach the Gospel, celebrate the Eucharist and care for Your people. Sanctify, heal and guide them. Incline them to constant Adoration and Thanksgiving. Mould them into the likeness of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest. Send Your Holy Spirit to keep the joy and enthusiasm of their Ordination Day alive in their hearts. We ask you to bless our Bishop, our Priests and Seminarians of our Diocese. We ask for a special blessing on N. May their witness to Christ inspire other men to offer their lives to you and your Church. Amen.

Saint John Vianney, pray for all priests.

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Prayers of the Faithful

1st Sunday of Advent

That men and women may be open to the call of God to serve His people as priests and religious, we pray to the Lord.

2nd Sunday of Advent

For the Church, may we encourage those among us who may have a call to priesthood or the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

3rd Sunday of Advent

That Catholic families will pray for and nurture the gift of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from among their children, we pray to the Lord.

4th Sunday of Advent

For our seminarians, that they will experience our love and support as they follow their calling, we pray to the Lord.

Christmas

For the family the seed bed for vocations that it will continue to nurture and encourage their children to follow the call to serve the church, we pray to the Lord.

Holy Family

That Catholic mothers and fathers will help to grow the faith and foster an openness to vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from among their children, we pray

to the Lord.

Epiphany

That our young people will learn to open the treasure of their unique vocation through prayer and adore Christ the King by their faithfulness to His call, we pray to the Lord.

Baptism of the Lord.

For all the faithful that the grace of our baptism may guide us in our vocation, we pray to the Lord.

1st Sunday in Lent

For the seminarians studying for the priesthood for our diocese, may they dedicate themselves to serve God generously, we pray to the Lord.

2nd Sunday in Lent

For those discerning a call to the priesthood or religious life, may they be open to the voice of the Lord, we pray to the Lord.

3rd Sunday in Lent

That many young and older men may hear and respond to God's call to serve Him as priests and deacons, we pray to the Lord.

4th Sunday in Lent

That many may hear and answer the call to become priests, deacons, and religious brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

5th Sunday in Lent

That the Church will be blessed with many vocations after the model of Christ the Good Shepherd, we pray to the Lord.

Palm/Passion Sunday

That the Lord will open the hearts of our young people to the possibility of a calling to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, we pray to the Lord.

Holy Thursday

May many more men, with the support and encouragement from their families and parish, hear the call to the priesthood and become for us our future priests to shepherd and teach like Jesus, we pray to the Lord.

The Easter Vigil

May the risen Lord inspire many to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life for our Diocese, we pray to the Lord.

Easter Sunday

For those seeking their vocation in life, that they consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, we pray to the Lord.

2nd Sunday of Easter

For those being called to ordained ministry, may they recognize and follow the voice of the Lord, we pray to the Lord.

3rd Sunday of Easter

For those discerning a vocation to the priesthood, may they recognize and heed God's call, we pray to the Lord.

4th Sunday of Easter. Good Shepherd Sunday

Celebrant: With trust in the Good Shepherd that he will provide for the harvest, let us offer Him our petitions this Vocations Sunday.

Leader:

For the staff of Holy Cross Seminary, may they grow in appreciation of the task entrusted to them, of encouraging and fostering vocations to the priesthood, we pray to the Lord.

For an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life for our diocese, that many will respond generously to the call to serve the Church, we pray to the Lord.

That all Catholics will recognize, that they are entrusted to pray and foster vocations, and so beg the Holy Spirit to guide them, we pray to the Lord.

That families will pray for, and nurture the gift of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from their children, we pray to the Lord.

For the priests of our diocese, that they will recognize and invite men who have the aptitude for priestly service, we pray to the Lord.

For the seminarians studying for the priesthood for our diocese, may they dedicate themselves to serve God with generosity, we pray to the Lord.

For those discerning a vocation to the priesthood, may they have the courage to heed God's call, we pray to the Lord.

That the faithful departed, especially the priests and religious of our diocese, rest in the loving embrace of the Lord, we pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: God our Father, you call us each by name and give us an unique plan for our lives. In your great providence listen to our prayers and answer them, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

5th Sunday of Easter

For those considering a call to the priesthood or religious life, may they listen with their hearts to the voice of the Lord, we pray to the Lord.

6th Sunday of Easter

That many may hear and answer the call to become priests, deacons, and religious brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

Ascension Sunday

That all Catholics will recognize that they are entrusted to pray and foster vocations and so beg the Holy Spirit to guide them, we pray to the Lord.

Pentecost Sunday

For those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, may they be guided by the promptings of the Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord.

Ordinary time

The Most Holy Trinity

For our seminarians studying for the priesthood, that they will continue to form themselves in the image of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

That all those now discerning their vocations will be alert and responsive to the invitation of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary time

For the priests of our diocese, that they will recognize and invite to priesthood men of their parishes who have the aptitude for priestly service, we pray to the Lord.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary time

For all candidates for the priesthood in our diocese, that they may have the courage to overcome their fears and trust in the Lord and respond to the invitation to discover their vocation, we pray to the Lord.

4th Sunday in Ordinary time

For the faithful that they may instill a positive regard for the priesthood as a wholesome vocation for their sons to consider, we pray to the Lord

5th Sunday in Ordinary time

For the staff of Holy Cross Seminary that they will grow in appreciation of the task

entrusted to them, of encouraging and fostering vocations to the priesthood and that the Holy Spirit will work through them daily, we pray to the Lord.

12th Sunday in Ordinary time

For the seminarians studying for the priesthood in our diocese, that they may dedicate themselves to God with generosity, we pray to the Lord.

13th Sunday in Ordinary time

For those who are frightened by God's call, may they believe that God will give them the grace they need to follow him in a vocation to the Priesthood, we pray to the Lord.

14th Sunday in Ordinary time

For people discerning a call to priesthood or the consecrated life that they may have the support and encouragement they need, we pray to the Lord.

15th Sunday in Ordinary time

For all the newly ordained priests, may they inspired many men to follow their example and consider the priesthood or religious life as a wholesome vocation, we pray to the Lord.

16th Sunday in Ordinary time

For a full appreciation of the gift of ministry within the Church, and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we pray to the Lord.

17th Sunday in Ordinary time

That men and women will respond to the call of God to the priestly and religious life, we pray to the Lord.

18th Sunday in Ordinary time

We pray in gratitude for the gift of Eucharist and ask that the Church will continue to be blessed with dedicated priests, we pray to the Lord.

19th Sunday in Ordinary time

That the Lord will inspire more men to become priests and thus continue to feed the Bread of Life to the Church, we pray to the Lord.

20th Sunday in Ordinary time

For all those who are discerning a vocation in their life, that they will be open to the signs of the presence of God in their lives, we pray to the Lord.

21st Sunday in Ordinary time

That all Catholics will recognize that they are entrusted to pray and foster vocations

and so beg the Holy Spirit to guide them, we pray to the Lord.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary time

For an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst, we pray to the Lord.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary time

That more men and women will joyfully answer the call of the Lord to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

24th Sunday in Ordinary time

That God will rise up from this very community men and women to serve the church as priests and religious, we pray to the Lord.

25th Sunday in Ordinary time

For all men and women who wish to follow Christ, that they may respond generously to God's graces, trusting to lead them into His service as priests, deacons or religious, we pray to the Lord.

26th Sunday in Ordinary time

That many may hear and answer the call to become priests, deacons, and religious brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

27th Sunday in Ordinary time

For the parents of our parish, that they will encourage their children to serve Christ in their lives and they will not be afraid to encourage and foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we pray to the Lord.

28th Sunday in Ordinary time

For our seminarians may they find the courage and strengthen to respond to Jesus' call in a vocation to the priesthood, we pray to the Lord.

29th Sunday in Ordinary time

That the Lord of the Harvest may open the hearts of our young people to the possibility of a life in priesthood, diaconate or religious life, we pray to the Lord.

30th Sunday in Ordinary time

For all parishioners who have made a commitment to pray intensely for vocations, that their intercessory prayer for an increase of candidates for priesthood in our diocese will be fruitful for the Church and they will be blessed for their efforts, we pray to the

Lord.

31st Sunday in Ordinary time

That parents, by their lives and example, may encourage Church vocations among their children, we pray to the Lord.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary time

That the Lord of the Harvest may open the hearts of our young people to the possibility of a life in priesthood or religious life, we pray to the Lord.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary time

That men and women may find joy in sacrificing personal gain for the service of others in a Church vocation, we pray to the Lord.

Feast of Christ the King

That Christ the King will draw all men and women to the truth of their vocations by listening to His voice in prayer and then actively following His call to the praise of His glory, we pray to the Lord.