

General Intercessions for Vocations

For Weekly Use on Sundays of the Year



VOCATION OFFICE FOR THE
DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD
ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
HEED THE CALL

1. That Mary, the Mother of God and of vocations, will nurture, guide, and protect all those called to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.
2. For all families, that they may have a positive regard for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we pray to the LORD.
3. For all seminarians, especially those in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, that they may be blessed as they prepare for a lifetime of service in the Church, we pray to the LORD.
4. For all priests, deacons, and religious, especially those in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, that they may provide an example of holiness and fidelity to all young people, we pray to the LORD.
5. For youth ministers, may they find creative ways to help our youth to know their vocations and to respond with generosity, we pray to the LORD.
6. For all who actively support the promotion of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, that they may see the fruit of their efforts in a rich harvest of vocations, we pray to the LORD.
7. For the clergy and religious of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, that their example may be an encouragement for young people to consider a vocation in service to the Church, we pray to the LORD.
8. For all who support the work of promoting vocations through their prayers, sacrifices, and good works, we pray to the LORD.
9. For all parents who, by prayer and example, nourish the call of God in their children, we pray to the LORD.
10. For all religious congregations serving the Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and throughout the world, may their lives of prayer and service be for us a vibrant support in our spiritual lives, we pray to the LORD.
11. That all Christians will acknowledge their equal dignity as children of God, received through Baptism, and accept their call to live in holiness and service, we pray to the LORD.
12. That the priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, through their lives of prayer and service, may present a strong model of priesthood to young men in our schools and parishes, we pray to the LORD.

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13. That the life and mission of men and women in consecrated life may be a means of sanctification for them and of building up the Kingdom of God, we pray to the LORD.
14. That all priests and seminarians will be blessed for their gift of generous service to the People of God, we pray to the LORD.
15. For all baptized persons who are preparing to make a permanent commitment through vows—in Holy Matrimony, Holy Orders, or religious life—that they may grow daily in their experience of joyful service, we pray to the LORD.
16. For all parents in our parish, that they may instill in their sons and daughters a spirit of respect and admiration for the priesthood and religious life as vocations through which God blesses His Church, we pray to the LORD.
17. For those called to a vocation with the Church, that they will be filled with the courage and faith needed to respond wholeheartedly, we pray to the LORD.
18. That parents will be courageous and pray ‘the difficult prayer,’ that one or more of their sons and daughters might hear and follow God’s call to a vocation in service to the Church, we pray to the LORD.
19. For those who will be ordained this year to the priesthood and transitional diaconate, that God’s grace and blessings will be generously poured out upon them, we pray to the LORD.
20. For our newly ordained priests, in thanksgiving for their ordination and that their years of service in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will be filled with joy and growth, we pray to the LORD.
21. That every Catholic mother will make a home for the Lord in her heart and in her family, welcoming God’s call in the lives of her children, especially should He honor them with vocations to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.
22. In gratitude for the Blessed Virgin Mary’s example, that young people will look to her as a model of saying “yes” to being chosen by God for a special mission within the Kingdom of God, we pray to the LORD.
23. For our parish family, that we might be intentional in inviting the young men and women in our midst to share their gifts and enthusiasm with our Church, we pray to the LORD.

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24. For all fathers, who are especially called to manifest the love of the Blessed Trinity in their families and the world, may they encourage vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life among their children, we pray to the Lord.
25. That the minds and hearts of young men and women would be open to hearing and responding generously to God's invitation to help build up the Kingdom of God on Earth, we pray to the LORD.
26. In thanksgiving for families and parish communities that encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we pray to the LORD.
27. For all who work to promote vocation awareness within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and throughout the wider Church, we pray to the LORD.
28. That parents, by their lives and example, might encourage Church vocations among their children, we pray to the LORD.
29. For all young men and women who wish to follow Christ, that they may respond generously to God's graces, trusting that He is leading them in their discernment, we pray to the LORD.
30. That today's youth may courageously respond to Our Lord's call and make wise decisions, particularly in choosing their vocation in life, we pray to the LORD.
31. For the young men of our parish, that many would be generous in considering service to the People of God as a diocesan priest, we pray to the LORD.
32. For a spirit of gratitude for the gift of priesthood in the Church, and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we pray to the LORD.
33. For all pastors and parish priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, that they will recognize and help to call forth those young people who are being called to ordained ministry or consecrated life in the Church, we pray to the LORD.
34. For all priests, deacons, and religious men and women who serve our Church, that they will be attentive to those who are discerning a vocation at this time, we pray to the LORD.
35. For our parish families, that their joyful faith will encourage young people to answer Christ's call to a life of ministry and service, we pray to the LORD.

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36. For all who promote a culture of vocations within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, that they will grow in appreciation of the call to holiness and in confidence that the seeds of awareness they plant will grow to maturity through prayer, we pray to the LORD.
37. That many young men will be open to Christ's call to the priesthood, serving the many needs of our local Church, we pray to the LORD.
38. That many young women would be open to Christ's call to consecrated life, serving the many needs of the Church and of the world. We pray to the LORD.
39. For all young people in our parish who are making life choices, may they realize that the joy, love, and community they desire is best found in the vocation to which God is calling them, we pray to the Lord.
40. For those who guide and support our seminarians at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, may they inspire our future priests to be generous and humble servants, we pray to the LORD.
41. For all those who seek to know God's will for their lives, that they will listen deeply and respond trustingly, we pray to the Lord.
42. For all men and women preparing for the priesthood or consecrated life, that their days of formation will be filled with joy, peace, and the certainty of God's unconditional love, we pray to the Lord.
43. For all those now discerning their vocations, that they will be attentive in prayer and active in their response to Christ, the Eternal Word who calls them by name, we pray to the Lord.
44. That the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and all of Christ's Church may be blessed with priests who are devoted to the Gospel in worship, preaching, and service, we pray to the Lord.
45. For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, that young people will be open to God's call in their lives and respond generously by giving their lives to Him in the service of the Church, we pray to the Lord.
46. That all those who are discerning their vocation will find the direction they need and the peace of Christ through the sacramental ministry of priests, we pray to the Lord.
47. That the power of the Body and Blood of Christ will encourage those who are being called to the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life to respond with confidence and joy, we pray to the Lord.

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48. For all our seminarians, and for all men and women in formation for religious life, may they persevere in their studies and grow in their relationship with the God who calls them, we pray to the LORD.
49. That all Catholics might come to a deeper awareness of their responsibility to foster vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life through prayer and invitation, we pray to the Lord.
50. For the grace of confidence in prayer for all those who are discerning their vocations as priests, deacons, and religious, that they will be faithful to the voice of the Good Shepherd, we pray to the Lord.
51. For all those who experience opposition in the discernment of their vocations, that they will be blessed with the grace of perseverance and encouragement, we pray to the Lord.
52. That prayer, hard work, and generous service will prepare many young people to answer the Lord's call to follow Him as priests and religious, we pray to the Lord.