

Vocation General Intercessions

First Sunday of Advent 2017 to Feast of Christ the King 2018 Cycle B

Attn: Pastors and Parish Vocation Promoters

The following intercessions are provided for your use to support the development of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese. They are keyed to the liturgical calendar. Please consider including them in your mass intentions.

First Sunday of Advent – December 3, 2017

That the hearts and minds of those called to serve the Lord as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life will be enriched in Christ and prayerfully graced with abundant spiritual gifts to serve Him, we pray to the Lord.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—December 8, 2017

That young men and women will accept the call of the Lord as Mary responded to the angel Gabriel, we pray to the Lord.

Second Sunday of Advent -- December 10, 2017

That those chosen by Christ to "prepare the way of the Lord" as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters will answer His call, we pray to the Lord.

Third Sunday of Advent -- December 17, 2017

For men and women called by the Lord to be priests, deacons and consecrated religious, that the peace of Christ will guide their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation to His people, we pray to the Lord.

Fourth Sunday of Advent -- December 24, 2017

For a deeper trust and openness to the Holy Spirit in people discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest deacon or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Christmas -- December 25, 2017

That, as Joseph and Mary welcomed the gift of the Child Jesus, all mothers and fathers will prayerfully nurture their children's vocations in Christ and especially welcome His call for priests, brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

Feast of the Holy Family -- December 31, 2017

That Catholic mothers and fathers will help their children grow strong in their faith, filled with the wisdom of God and encourage openness to vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -- January 1, 2018 [not a Holyday of Obligation]

That, through our Blessed Mother's intercession, all those called to holiness as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, will find joy and fulfillment in their vocations, we pray to the Lord.

The Epiphany -- January 7, 2018

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

The Baptism of the Lord -- January 8, 2018 [not a Holyday of Obligation]

That all those initiated by baptism to be followers of Christ may discern and live out the vocation to which Christ is calling them, we pray to the Lord.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 14, 2018

That all Catholics will recognize their responsibility to discover their vocation in Christ and follow Him, especially those chosen for the special calling to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 21, 2018

For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and for a deeper gratitude for the priests and religious now serving our diocese, we pray to the Lord.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 28, 2018

That all those discerning or pursuing a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life will find encouragement through our prayers and sacrifices on their behalf, we pray to the Lord.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 4, 2018 - World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

For those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience, that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment to the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits, we pray to the Lord.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 11, 2018

That the Holy Spirit will assist all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life to discover the truth of God's call, we pray to the Lord.

First Sunday of Lent -- February 18, 2018

That prayer, penance and almsgiving will enable more men and women to follow the Holy Spirit as He leads them to discover their vocations in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

Second Sunday of Lent – February 25, 2018

That those considering a call to the priesthood or consecrated life will answer the call of the Lord unhesitatingly like Abraham, we pray to the Lord.

Third Sunday of Lent -- March 4, 2018

For those considering a call to the priesthood or consecrated life, that they will answer the call and proclaim Christ crucified, we pray to the Lord. [Year B readings]

For all those thirsting to know their vocations in Christ, that they will be open to the waters of prayer and drink fully of the Holy Spirit who leads them, we pray to the Lord. [Optional Year A readings]

Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 11, 2018

That we may have faithful priests and consecrated religious to guide us just as Jesus was the light that came into the world, we pray to the Lord. [Year B readings]

That like the man born blind, we will allow Jesus to open our eyes and hearts to His will and bring more men and women to respond to His call to serve Him and His Church as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord. [Optional Year A readings]

Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 18, 2018

For all those being called to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, that they may deepen their faith in Christ who calls them to glorify God in a profoundly personal way through their vocations, we pray to the Lord.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – March 25, 2018

For the faithful response of all men and women called to follow Christ and His passion through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Easter Sunday -- April 1, 2018

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.

Second Sunday of Easter -- April 8, 2018 - Divine Mercy Sunday

For all our priests, deacons, sisters and brothers whom God has sent in the name of Jesus to serve the people of Arlington, that they will be blessed with continued faithfulness to Him and inspire many more to consider a vocation to consecrated life and ordained ministry, we pray to the Lord.

Third Sunday of Easter -- April 15, 2018

For an increased awareness among our young people of the closeness of the Lord in their vocation discernment, we pray to the Lord.

Fourth Sunday of Easter -- April 22, 2018 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter -- April 29, 2018

For a deeper faith, hope and love among all Christians in Jesus, the Way, the Truth and the Life, and among those He is calling to His works as a priest, deacon or consecrated religious, we pray to the Lord.

Sixth Sunday of Easter -- May 6, 2018

That men and women accept Jesus' call to "love one another" by accepting vocations to the priesthood or religious life, we pray to the Lord.

Seventh Sunday of Easter -- May 13, 2018 - Ascension of the Lord; Mother's Day

That, seated at the right hand of His Father in heaven, the Lord will share His wisdom with those discerning their vocation and open their eyes and hearts in faithfulness, we pray to the Lord.

Pentecost Sunday – May 20, 2018

For an increased devotion to the Holy Spirit among our young people, as He leads them in their prayerful discernment to discover their vocation in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

The Most Holy Trinity – May 27, 2018

That the mystery of the love of the Blessed Trinity will strengthen many men and women to respond to that love as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – June 3, 2018 [Corpus Christi]

That all Catholics will adore the great gift of the Holy Eucharist given to them by Jesus Christ through the hands of His priests and that those chosen as priests will inspire many more to follow Him, we pray to the Lord.

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- June 10, 2018

That we may have priests and consecrated religious to show us the Lord's kindness, we pray to the Lord.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- June 17, 2018

For a growing trust in the presence of the Lord and His call to men and women to serve Him and His Church as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Nativity of Saint John the Baptist—June 24, 2018

That, in the spirit of John the Baptist, we may have priests and consecrated religious to lead us to the Lord, we pray to the Lord.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 1, 2018

For the faith to accept the healing power of Jesus, who wants to remove every obstacle to the response of men and women chosen to follow Him as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 8, 2018

That all men and women will answer the Lord with humble obedience when they are called to serve Him and His people as priests, deacons or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 15, 2018

That the call to serve Christ and His Church in the priesthood and consecrated life will fall on the rich soil of hearts prepared by prayer, hard work, and generous service to others, we pray to the Lord.

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 22, 2018

That with dedicated spirits, we ask the Lord of the Harvest to provide an abundance of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese to help gather the wheat of souls into His barn, we pray to the Lord.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 29, 2018

For a greater appreciation of the richness of every vocation to love Christ and that more men and women will respond to His invitation to follow Him as priests, deacons and consecrated religious, we pray to the Lord.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 5, 2018

That those called to help Christ feed the multitude will not be held back by what they see as their limitations, but will rely on Jesus, to feed those to whom they are sent as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 12, 2018

For all those called to priesthood and consecrated life that they will trust in Him and His choice of them, we pray to the Lord.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15, 2018

That, guided by the example of Mary, men and women will accept the call of the Lord to the priesthood and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 19, 2018

That more men and women will hear God's call in their lives and respond with love for the Savior by following Him as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 26, 2018

That, trusting in Christ's words to Peter, all those called to follow the Lord as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life will recognize the gift of their call and follow Him faithfully, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 2, 2018

That none of us will be a hindrance to those men and women called to take up their cross and follow Jesus as priests, deacons or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 9, 2018

For a deeper participation of families in prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from among their children, knowing that Christ is in their midst, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 16, 2018

For all those chosen to take up their cross in union with Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, so that others might have eternal life, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 23, 2018

That there will be an abundance of laborers chosen by the Lord to serve as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life in this vineyard of the Diocese of Arlington, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 30, 2018

For the graces of clarity and active response in the discernment of our Heavenly Father's will for all those considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 7, 2018

That men and women will be open to the voice of the Lord, asking the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help them recognize and answer His call to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 14, 2018

That from the many called to holiness in Christ, those chosen to follow Him in the priesthood and consecrated life will respond with humble readiness, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 21, 2018

For a growth in reverence and acceptance for the gift and mystery of a vocation to the priesthood and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 28, 2018

That men and women will be encouraged to love God and their neighbor and follow Him generously when chosen to serve others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated religious life, we pray to the Lord.

All Saints -- November 1, 2018

That we may have ample priests and consecrated religious to lead us to the heavenly banquet, we pray to the Lord.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 4, 2018

For a readiness to give to God what is God's in response to His call to the priesthood or consecrated religious life, we pray to the Lord.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 11, 2018

That those called to serve the Lord and His people as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life will be blessed with holy zeal in their prayers and apostolates, we pray to the Lord.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 18, 2018

That the Church will be continuously blessed with good and faithful servants following Christ as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

Solemnity of Christ the King -- November 25, 2018

For a deepening understanding among those discerning their vocation that the One who calls them is Jesus Christ the King, we pray to the Lord.