

**Vocation General Intercessions**  
**First Sunday of Advent 2019 to Feast of Christ the King 2020**  
**Cycle A**

**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 1, 2019***

As we look to the birth of our Savior, that many will be called to follow in His footsteps to minister to His flock, we pray to the Lord.

***Second Sunday of Advent -- December 8, 2019***

That the Holy Spirit will call men and women, in the same way he called John the Baptist, to follow Christ as priests and religious sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

***Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary—December 9, 2019*** [Not a Holyday of Obligation]

That, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, many will be called to serve in the religious life, we pray to the Lord.

***Third Sunday of Advent -- December 15, 2019***

That the Lord will call members from our flock to “bring glad tidings to the poor and heal the brokenhearted” as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister, we pray to the Lord.

***Fourth Sunday of Advent -- December 22, 2019***

That many will answer the call to serve Christ as a priest, sister or brother, just as Joseph did as the Angel commanded, we pray to the Lord.

***Christmas -- December 25, 2019***

That young men and women will answer the call to bring the word of God to his flock as priests and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

***Feast of the Holy Family -- December 29, 2019***

For all Catholic families, that they will esteem the grace of each child’s vocation and prayerfully encourage their children to consider being a priest or religious sister or brother, we pray to the Lord.

***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -- January 1, 2020*** [Holyday of Obligation]

That Mary, the Mother of God and patroness of Vocations will nurture, guide and protect all those called to the priesthood and the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

***The Epiphany -- January 5, 2020***

That, just as the Magi were inspired by the Holy Spirit, young men and women will be inspired to follow in the footsteps of the Lord as priests and consecrated religious, we pray to the Lord.

***The Baptism of the Lord -- January 12, 2020***

That, like John the Baptist, all those called by the Lord to serve His church will accept his invitation, we pray to the Lord.

***Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 19, 2020***

Lord, we know that You call us to our vocation from the moment of our baptism. Help young men and women answer this call most faithfully, we pray to the Lord.

***Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 26, 2020***

For all men and women called by Jesus to teach the Gospel as priests and consecrated religious, that the joy of the Lord will remain their strength during their discernment, formation and mission, we pray to the Lord.

***The Presentation of the Lord -- February 2, 2020, World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life***

For those called to service for the Lord as priests, sisters and brothers, that they will be encouraged to follow the Lord and faithful to His choice of them, we pray to the Lord.

***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 9, 2020***

For all men and women called by Jesus to teach the Gospel as priests, sisters and brothers, that the joy of the Lord will remain their strength during their discernment, formation and mission, we pray to the Lord.

***Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 16, 2020***

That all those called to follow Jesus in the priesthood or consecrated life will allow the Holy Spirit to strengthen them daily in their vocation, we pray to the Lord.

***Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 23, 2020***

For perseverance in sincere prayer on the part of the faithful, asking the Lord for holy vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

***Ash Wednesday—February 26, 2020***

That men and women will answer the call of their vocations, denying themselves, taking up their crosses, and following Christ, we pray to the Lord.

***First Sunday of Lent -- March 1, 2020***

That prayer, penance and almsgiving will dispose 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 – March 8, 2020***

For all our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the sacraments, we pray to the Lord.

***Third Sunday of Lent – March 15, 2020***

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.

***Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 22, 2020***

That like the man born blind, we will allow Jesus to open our eyes and hearts to His will and to inspire more men and women to respond to His call to serve Him and His Church as priests and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

***Fifth Sunday of Lent – March 29, 2020***

That priests and consecrated religious, who, for the sake of Christ, have suffered the loss of all things, will be strengthened in their vocations to bring many souls to the knowledge of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

***Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – April 5, 2020***

For all those being called to share in the passion of Christ as priests and in the consecrated life, that they will echo His Eternal Words of love and mercy in their own faithfulness to the Father's will, we pray to the Lord.

***Easter Sunday -- April 12, 2020***

That the Risen Lord, made known to us through apostolic witness, will bestow upon us more men and women to answer the call to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests and consecrated religious, we pray to the Lord.

***Second Sunday of Easter -- April 19, 2020 - Divine Mercy Sunday***

That we may be blessed with priests and consecrated religious to serve as messengers of God's divine mercy, we pray to the Lord.

***Third Sunday of Easter -- April 26, 2020***

For prayerful openness in our young people, that they will see their vocation discernment as a call to love the Lord and respond generously to His choice of them, we pray to the Lord

***Fourth Sunday of Easter -- May 3, 2020 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations***

That like the man born blind, we will allow Jesus to open our eyes and hearts to His will and to inspire more men and women to respond to His call to serve Him and His Church as priests and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

***Fifth Sunday of Easter -- May 10, 2020 – Mother's Day***

That all Catholic mothers will draw close to Mary and nurture openness to the Holy Spirit in the Lord's call to their children, especially should He honor them with vocations to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

***Sixth Sunday of Easter -- May 17, 2020***

That the Holy Spirit will guide and comfort men and women discerning their vocations, we pray to the Lord.

***The Ascension of the Lord -- May 24, 2020***

That Christ, from his seat in heaven, will bless and guide all those called to serve Him as priests or consecrated religious, we pray to the Lord.

***Pentecost Sunday -- May 31, 2020***

That those now discerning their vocations will be guided by the Holy Spirit to respond to the Lord's call with generous hearts, we pray to the Lord.

***The Most Holy Trinity – June 7, 2020***

That those chosen to share the mercy of God as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers will be faithful to the Spirit of Truth who has called them and guides them, we pray to the Lord.

***The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ -- June 14, 2020 [Corpus Christi]***

That all Catholics will adore the great gift of the Holy Eucharist given to them by Jesus Christ in the hands of His priests to nourish them with His body, and that the Holy Spirit will inspire many more to follow Him, we pray to the Lord.

***Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 21, 2020 – Father's Day***

That Catholic fathers will foster vocation awareness among their children, knowing that they will be helping to reveal the Heavenly Father's love by their prayer, guidance and example, we pray to the Lord.

***Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 28, 2020***

That men and women called to proclaim the kingdom of God as priests and in the consecrated life, will be given the strength to overcome every obstacle to their response through prayer and the practice of virtue, we pray to the Lord.

***Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 5, 2020***

For an increase in laborers to the Lord of the Harvest in response to our prayers for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life, and for the holiness of all those now serving the people of our diocese in these vocations, we pray to the Lord.

***Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 12, 2020***

That all those now discerning their vocation will be attentive in prayer and active in their response to Jesus the Eternal Word who calls them, we pray to the Lord.

***Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 19, 2020***

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

***Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 26, 2020***

That the Holy Spirit will give inspiration and guidance to all those discerning their vocation in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 2, 2020***

That those who desire to be “rich in what matters to God” and are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life will be enriched by the Holy Spirit, we pray to the Lord.

***Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 9, 2020***

That those who have been given their vocations as priests and consecrated men and women will be guided to imitate the Lord’s generosity as they live that gift, we pray to the Lord.

***Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary -- August 13, 2020*** [Not a Holyday of Obligation]

That through the intercession of our Heavenly mother, we will be blessed with abundant vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

***Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 16, 2020***

For all those who are troubled in the discernment of their vocation, that they will be blessed by the Holy Spirit with encouragement, insight and the grace of perseverance, we pray to the Lord.

***Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 23, 2020***

That trusting in Christ’s words to Peter, all those called to follow the Lord as priests 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 -- August 20, 2020***

That all men and women pursuing a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life will have the discipline and perseverance to follow in the path of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

***Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 6, 2020***

For the faithful response of all those being called by Christ to take up their crosses and follow Him as a priest or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

***Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 13, 2020***

That those who are called by God to be instruments of His love and mercy in this world will have the courage, generosity and strength to say yes, and that they will receive the support of their families and friends, we pray to the Lord.

***Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 20, 2020***

That there will be an abundance of laborers chosen by the Lord to serve as priests 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 27, 2020***

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 4, 2020***

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 or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

***Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 11, 2020***

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

***Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 18, 2020***

For a growth in reverence for the gift and mystery of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and a readiness to give to God what is God's in response to His call, we pray to the Lord.

***Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 25, 2020***

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

***All Saints -- November 1, 2019 (National Vocation Awareness Week)***

That, through the intercession of all the saints, the Lord will grant holy men and women of our community vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

***Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 8, 2020***

That young people will be open to God's call in their lives, and respond generously to give their lives to Him in the service of the Church, we pray to the Lord.

***Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 15, 2020***

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

***Solemnity of Christ the King -- November 22, 2020***

That Christ the King, who brought peace through his death on the cross, will choose many men and women to preach His love as priests and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.