

VOCATION INTERCESSIONS

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First Sunday of Advent 2015 to Feast of Christ the King 2016 Cycle C

First Sunday of Advent – November 29, 2015

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

Second Sunday of Advent -- December 6, 2015

That the Lord, who is beginning the good work of choosing from among us men and women to follow Him as priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, will bring it to completion through our prayers and sacrifices, we pray to the Lord.

Third Sunday of Advent -- December 13, 2015

For men and women called by the Lord to be messengers of salvation as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, that Christ's peace will guard their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

Fourth Sunday of Advent -- December 20, 2015

That the faithful response, "Behold, I come to do your will, O Lord," will be voiced by each person discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, we pray to the Lord.

Christmas -- December 25, 2015

That like Mary who pondered the mystery of Jesus' birth, Catholic families will pray for and treasure vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life among their children, we pray to the Lord.

Holy Family -- December 30, 2015

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, religious sister or brother, we pray to the Lord.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -- January 1, 2016

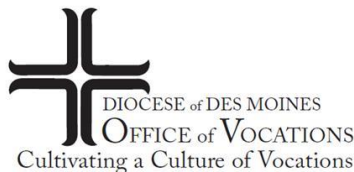
That Mary, the Mother of God and of Vocations will nurture, guide and protect all those called to the priesthood, diaconate and the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

The Epiphany -- January 3, 2016

That all those called to share the promise of the Gospel of Christ Jesus through their vocations as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, will do so with humble confidence in the commission of God's grace which has been given to them, we pray to the Lord.

Baptism of the Lord -- January 10, 2016

That those who live in celibacy for the sake of the Kingdom of God as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, will be blessed on earth for their witness to the resurrection of the body in the life to come, we pray to the Lord.



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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 17, 2016

That all those especially chosen by Christ for the unique paths of holiness as priests, deacons or in the consecrated life, will heed our Blessed Mother's counsel to do whatever He tells them in loving obedience, we pray to the Lord.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 24, 2016

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 31, 2016

For those called to the more excellent way of celibacy for the sake of the kingdom as priests, sisters and brothers, that they will be encouraged to follow the Lord, faithful to His choice of them, we pray to the Lord.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 7, 2016 - World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life

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

First Sunday of Lent -- February 14, 2016

For all men and women being chosen by Christ to follow Him as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, that they will persevere in the face of temptations against faithfulness to their call, we pray to the Lord.

Second Sunday of Lent -- February 21, 2016

That all our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the sacraments will be strengthened in their life and mission, we pray to the Lord.

Third Sunday of Lent -- February 28, 2016

That like Moses, our young people will enter more deeply into conversation with the Lord in prayer as they seek to discover their vocations in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

Fourth Sunday of Lent -- March 6, 2016

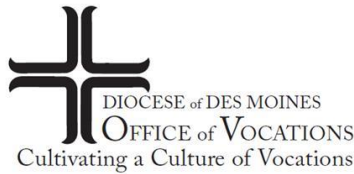
For the faithful response of all persons now being called to seek out those who are lost and bring them back to life in Christ by serving Him and His Church as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

Fifth Sunday of Lent -- March 13, 2016

That priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who, for the sake of Christ have suffered the loss of all things, will flourish in their vocations and bring many souls to the knowledge of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion -- March 20, 2016

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



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Easter Sunday – March 27, 2016

That the Risen Lord, made known to us through apostolic witness, will grace many more men and women to answer the call to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

Second Sunday of Easter -- April 3, 2016

That the gift of Christ's peace will remain with all priests, deacons and those in the consecrated life who, sent in His name, proclaim the victory over the world through faith in Him, we pray to the Lord.

Third Sunday of Easter -- April 10, 2016

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 -- April 17, 2016 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

For grace of confidence in prayer for all those discerning their vocation as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, that they will be faithful to the voice of the Good Shepherd, we pray to the Lord.

Fifth Sunday of Easter -- April 24, 2016

That the coming of the new heaven and new earth will be hastened through the holy lives and faithful witness of all those called to serve the Lord as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

Sixth Sunday of Easter -- May 1, 2016

That men and women discerning their vocation will not let their hearts be troubled or afraid, but rather will find comfort and guidance in the Holy Spirit.

Seventh Sunday of Easter -- May 8, 2016 - Ascension of the Lord – Mother's Day

That Catholic mothers will make a home for the Lord in their hearts and in their families, welcoming His call to their children, especially should He honor them with vocations to the priesthood or the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Pentecost Sunday -- May 15, 2016

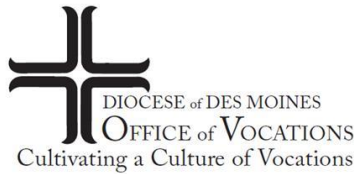
That one with the Blessed Virgin Mary, in whose company the Apostles received the Holy Spirit, those now discerning their vocations will grow in their ability to recognize the Lord's call and respond with generous hearts, we pray to the Lord.

The Most Holy Trinity -- May 22, 2016

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 – May, 29, 2016

That the power of the Body and Blood of Christ will encourage those being called to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life to respond with confidence and joy, we pray to the Lord.



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Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- June 5, 2016

That men and women will hear the call to proclaim the gospel “not of human origin” through their vocation.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- June 19, 2016 - Father's Day

For all fathers, who are especially called to manifest the love of the Blessed Trinity in their families and the world, will encourage vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life among their children, we pray to the Lord.

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- June 26, 2016

That men and women called to proclaim the kingdom of God by their lives of service as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, will have the determination 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 3, 2016

For an increase in our dedication to keep the Lord of the Harvest's command to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate 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 10, 2016

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 17, 2016

That like Mary of Bethany, all the priests, deacons and men and women in the consecrated life will listen to the Lord in the silence of prayer, faithful to their choice of that better part, we pray to the Lord.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 24, 2016

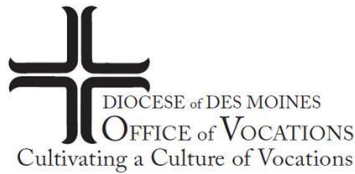
That with every “Our Father” we will be mindful of His generous goodness and ask that the Holy Spirit be given to all those discerning their vocation in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 31, 2016

For a deepening conviction that each of us hidden with Christ in God makes His merciful love manifest through every vocation faithfully lived in Christ, to the glory of God and the salvation of His people, we pray to the Lord.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 7, 2016

That those who have been given so much in their vocations as priests, deacons and consecrated men and women will imitate the Lord's generosity as they live that gift, we pray to the Lord.



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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 14, 2016

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.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 21, 2016

That all those striving to enter heaven through the narrow gate of celibacy for the sake of Christ's kingdom will find strength and peace in their freely chosen discipline, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 28, 2016

For a deeper sense of gratitude for the profoundly beautiful mystery celebrated at every Mass and for all our priests, who humbly make Christ present by the power of the Holy Spirit through the grace of ordination, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 4, 2016

For the faithful response of all those being called by Christ to take up their cross and follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 11, 2016

For the holiness of all those called to be examples to those who would come to believe in Christ for eternal life as priests, deacons and consecrated men and women, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 18, 2016

For all those especially dedicated to making supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving on behalf of God's people, that they will be strengthened in their vocations as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 25, 2016

That the pursuit of righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness will mark the lives of all those discerning our Heavenly Father's will, especially those considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 2, 2016

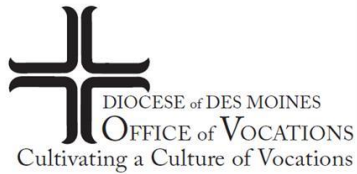
That by the power of the Holy Spirit, every Catholic called to the priesthood and consecrated life will guard the treasure of their unique vocation in Christ and fan into flame their love for Him, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 9, 2016

For an increase in gratitude among God's people for the mercy shown them through the holy vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in their midst, and that more men and women will faithfully respond to His call, we pray to the Lord.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 16, 2016

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



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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 23, 2016

That all men and women chosen to fight the good fight of proclaiming faith in Jesus Christ as priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, will find encouragement in our prayers and support, we pray to the Lord.

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 30, 2016

That the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in all those chosen to follow Him as priests, deacons or in the consecrated life and that they in turn will be glorified for their faithfulness to His call, we pray to the Lord.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 6, 2016 - National Vocations Awareness Week

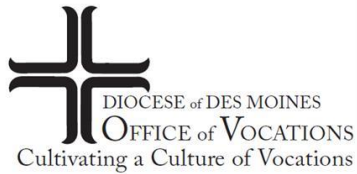
That during National Vocations Awareness Week, which begins today, all Catholics will deepen their responsibility to foster vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life among our young people through prayer and by inviting them to consider that call, we pray to the Lord.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 13, 2016

That prayer, hard work and generous service will prepare many young men and women to answer the Lord's call to follow Him as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King -- November 20, 2016

That Christ the King, who has brought peace through the blood of His cross, will choose many men and women from our midst to preach redemption by the forgiveness of sins as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.



MONTHLY VOCATION PRAYER INTENTIONS

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JANUARY: That men and women may answer the call to share the light of Christ, we pray to the Lord.

FEBRUARY: That all those in consecrated life be empowered to serve and blessed with radiant joy, we pray to the Lord.

MARCH: That we may share each other's burdens and celebrate each other's joys in our journey from Lent to Easter.

APRIL: That we may proclaim Christ Risen through lives of prayer and service, we pray to the Lord.

MAY: That Mary's example of care for others and faith in God may inspire many women and men to serve the Church and help heal the world, we pray to the Lord.

JUNE: That all priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated seculars may bring hope and reconciliation into the lives they touch, we pray to the Lord.

JULY: That all those in Church ministry may be blessed with a balance of contemplation and action as they serve others, we pray to the Lord.

AUGUST: That we always be open the call to discipleship and respond with zeal, we pray to the Lord.

SEPTEMBER: That we may strive to become a prayerful people of deep compassion, we pray to the Lord.

OCTOBER: That we gratefully cherish and exercise our stewardship of creation, we pray to the Lord.

NOVEMBER: That the witness of the saints may spur us on to follow Jesus and live the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

DECEMBER: That the Holy Family may guide and protect all families and inspire us to serve others, we pray to the Lord.