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## Prayers of the Faithful

### 1. For the Universal Call to Holiness

- For all the baptized, that we may recognize our vocation to holiness and live as faithful disciples of Jesus in our families, parishes, and communities, we pray to the Lord.

### 2. For Families and Married Couples

- For married couples and families, that they may joyfully live their vocation of love and stewardship, nurturing one another in faith and witnessing God's love to the world, we pray to the Lord.

### 3. For Priests, Religious, and Consecrated Persons

- For priests, deacons, and all men and women in consecrated life, that they may be strengthened in their vocation and inspire others to give their lives generously in service to God's people, we pray to the Lord.

### 4. For Single Disciples and Young People

- For single men and women, especially the young, that they may discover their vocation in the Church and live it with courage, generosity, and joy, we pray to the Lord.

### 5. For Vocations in Daily Life

- For all people in their daily work and responsibilities, that they may see their labor and service as part of their vocation to build up the Body of Christ and care for God's creation, we pray to the Lord.

### 6. General Intentions

- That more men and women may courageously answer the call to priesthood, religious life, and lay ministry, we pray to the Lord.
- For young people discerning God's plan for their lives, that they may be open to His voice, we pray to the Lord.
- That families may be schools of faith where vocations are nurtured and supported, we pray to the Lord.

## **Pulpit Announcement**

### **Announcement 1**

This month, our parish is focusing on Stewardship of Vocation.

Each of us has a vocation — a unique call from God to live as His disciple. For some, that call is marriage and family life. For others, it is the single life, priesthood, or religious life. No matter our state in life, every vocation is a gift and a responsibility, meant to be lived generously for the good of the Church and the world.

In the pews today, you will find a QR Code for Stewardship of Vocation Commitment Card.

Please take a moment now, or later at home, to fill out your card.

Let us remember: when we live our vocations faithfully, our whole parish family is strengthened.

### **Announcement 2**

Vocation is not only about priesthood or religious life — it is also about how we live our faith in family, work, school, and parish. When we share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure, we live out our vocation as faithful stewards.

### **Announcement 3**

God calls each of us to holiness in daily life. As parents, students, workers, grandparents, or ministers, our vocation is lived in the ordinary moments when we choose love, service, and faithfulness. This is stewardship in action.

### **Announcement 4**

The Church flourishes when each of us lives our vocation well — married, single, consecrated, or ordained. Stewardship of vocation is not only living our call, but also supporting and encouraging others in theirs. Let us pray for one another as we live out our vocations with joy.

## Bulletin Inserts

- Stewardship of vocation means living your God-given call well. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, priest, religious, student, or single disciple, your vocation is a gift to be nurtured and shared. Ask this week: How am I living my vocation with gratitude and generosity?
- Take 5 minutes today to ask: Lord, what are you calling me to?
- Prayer to Know God's Plan – Father, I believe you have a special plan for my life that will make me happy and lead me to heaven. I believe in You, I love You, and I promise to follow You always. Help me to listen to Your Son's voice, so I can discover my vocation: the way He wants me to serve others. Mary, Mother of God, and my mother, pray that I can know and follow God's plan for me. Amen.
- "Every one of us has a vocation. We must think of ourselves as designed for some definite purpose." (St. Francis de Sales – Letters to Persons in the World)

## Weekly Email Series

### Week 1: What is Stewardship of Vocation?

**Subject:** God calls each of us by name

**Body:** Every person has a vocation — a call from God to live faithfully as a disciple of Jesus. Some are called to marriage, some to religious life or priesthood, some to live as single disciples, and all are called to holiness in daily life.

Stewardship of vocation means embracing this call with gratitude and living it generously for others. It is not only about “what we do” but “who we are” in **Christ**.

**Reflection Question:** How am I saying “yes” to my vocation right now?

**Call to Action:** Pray this week: “Lord, help me live my vocation with joy and generosity.”

Share how you support or are discerning a vocation on your Commitment Card: [Insert link or QR]

### Week 2: Vocation in Family and Marriage

**Subject:** Our family, our first vocation

**Body:** For many, the first vocation is lived in family life — as husband or wife, parent or child. Marriage and family are schools of love, where we learn to give and receive as Christ gave Himself for the Church.

When we nurture one another in faith, forgive generously, and serve with love, we live stewardship of vocation right at home.

**Reflection Question:** How can my family serve God more faithfully this week?

**Call to Action:** Share a meal as a family and name one way each person lived their vocation today (as student, parent, spouse, sibling, friend).

Share how you support or are discerning a vocation on your Commitment Card: [Insert link or QR]

### **Week 3: Living Vocation in Daily Life**

**Subject:** Your work is holy

**Body:** Our vocation is not limited to Sundays or sacraments — it extends into every part of life. Whether you are a student, teacher, nurse, retiree, or business leader, God calls you to bring His love to your work and relationships.

Stewardship of vocation means seeing our daily responsibilities as opportunities to serve God and others.

**Reflection Question:** Where can I bring God's presence into my work, studies, or service this week?

**Call to Action:** Offer one concrete act of stewardship in your vocation — an extra kindness, patient listening, or a prayer for those you serve.

Share how you support or are discerning a vocation on your Commitment Card: [Insert link or QR]

### **Week 4: Discerning and Encouraging Vocations**

**Subject:** Supporting every vocation in the Church

**Body:** The Church flourishes when each of us lives our vocation faithfully. That includes married life, single life, consecrated life, priesthood, and diaconate. Stewardship of vocation calls us not only to live our own call, but also to encourage others.

Parents, teachers, mentors, and friends all share in the responsibility of helping one another discover God's call.

**Reflection Question:** Who in my life needs encouragement to live their vocation more fully?

**Call to Action:** Pray for vocations this week and encourage one person — a child, friend, or parishioner — in their unique call.

Share how you support or are discerning a vocation on your Commitment Card: [Insert link or QR]

## Vocation Commitment Card and Directions

"I have called you by name; you are mine." – Isaiah 43:1

God has a plan for each of us—a vocation to love and serve in a unique way. As stewards of our calling, we commit to prayerfully discern our vocation and support others in theirs, especially those pursuing priesthood, religious life, marriage, or dedicated single life.

### 1. My Vocation Journey

(Select all that apply)

- ☐ I am open to discerning my vocation more intentionally
- ☐ I am considering the priesthood or religious life
- ☐ I am married and strive to live my vocation faithfully
- ☐ I am single and seek to live a life of joyful service
- ☐ I am called to lay leadership or ministry in the Church

### 2. How I Will Support Vocations

- ☐ I will pray regularly for vocations
- ☐ I will offer a Holy Hour or Rosary for vocations
- ☐ I will encourage young people to consider priesthood or religious life
- ☐ I will support seminarians, sisters, and discerners with notes or donations
- ☐ I will participate in or promote National Vocation Awareness Week
- ☐ I will share my own vocation story or journey with others

### 3. Parish Involvement

- ☐ I'd like to join the parish vocations committee or prayer team
- ☐ I'm interested in helping with vocation events, dinners, or awareness activities
- ☐ I would like to learn how to talk with youth about vocations
- ☐ I want to help support families in fostering vocations at home

### 4. Optional: My Prayer Commitment for Vocations

I will pray:

- ☐ Weekly Rosary for vocations
- ☐ Monthly Holy Hour
- ☐ Daily prayer for seminarians or those discerning
- ☐ For my children and family to know and follow God's call

### 5. Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parish Directions for Stewardship Commitment Cards

### 1. Primary Method – Online Submission

- Parishioners should be directed to complete their stewardship commitment card online through the diocesan website via the qr codes or website
- Please ensure your parish bulletin, announcements, and website/social media link directly to the diocesan stewardship commitment page.

### 2. Printed or Handwritten Cards

- If a parishioner completes a printed or handwritten commitment card, the parish should collect the card and promptly send it to the Diocese (Office of Development and Stewardship).
- Please do not retain cards at the parish for processing. Follow similar protocol for the Annual Appeal cards.

### 3. Diocesan Follow-Up

- Once received (online or printed), the Diocese will:
- Send a personalized follow-up to each individual with suggestions for how they can fulfill their commitment.
- Connect them with the appropriate diocesan office, parish ministry, or contact person related to their pledge.
- Provide links to relevant resources and websites to support their ongoing stewardship.

### 4. Parish Follow-Up

- The parish is encouraged to personally follow up with parishioners who have submitted commitments.
- A simple thank-you, personal contact, or invitation into the related ministry is an important part of building stewardship at the local level.
- Pastors and parish leaders should help ensure parishioners find opportunities within their own parish that align with their commitments.



## Letter/Email from the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This month, our parish is reflecting on Stewardship of Vocation. Each of us has been called by God through baptism to live as His disciples. That call — our vocation — is unique to every person. Some are called to marriage and family life, others to the single life, still others to serve as priests, deacons, or in religious life. All of us share the universal call to holiness.

Stewardship of vocation means recognizing this call not as a burden, but as a gift. It is God's invitation to live our lives with gratitude and generosity, offering our time, talent, and treasure for His glory and the good of His Church. When we live our vocation faithfully, we strengthen not only our families and communities, but the whole Body of Christ.

I invite you to take time this month to reflect on your own vocation. Ask yourself:

- How is God calling me to live my faith more intentionally?
- How can my vocation — whether as a spouse, parent, student, grandparent, single disciple, priest, or religious — be lived as a gift for others?
- How am I encouraging the vocations of those around me?

Please use the QR code provided in today's bulletin and on our parish website to complete the online Stewardship of Vocation Commitment Card. Take time to prayerfully discern your answers.

Let us pray for one another, that each of us may say "yes" to God's call with courage and joy. And let us also pray for new vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, so that the Church may continue to grow and flourish.

May the Lord bless you as you live your vocation with love, gratitude, and faithfulness.

In Christ,

[Pastor's Name]

Pastor, [Parish Name]

## Follow up Letter/Email from the Pastor

Dear [Name],

Thank you for prayerfully filling out your Stewardship of Vocation Commitment Card. By taking time to discern where you are on your vocation journey and write down your responses, you are saying “yes” to God’s call in your life. Your willingness to live your vocation more intentionally strengthens not only your own faith, but also our parish family.

From your card, you shared that your current vocation is [insert vocation: parent, spouse, student, single disciple, etc.] and that you hope to live it more deeply this year by [insert their response, e.g., praying daily with family, volunteering in parish ministry, serving classmates with kindness, etc.].

To help you in this commitment, here are some resources you may find helpful:

**Prayer & Reflection:** A daily prayer card for vocations is available at [link or parish office].

**Parish Opportunities:** You mentioned an interest in [example: serving in ministry / praying more / learning more about religious life]. We invite you to explore:

[List specific parish ministries, small groups, or opportunities that match their interest.]

[If religious life/priesthood was checked: include diocesan vocation director contact + vocation office link.]

[If family/marriage was checked: include parish marriage enrichment program or family resources.]

**Learning & Formation:** For deeper growth in your vocation, visit [insert diocesan or parish resource page, e.g., “Stewardship of Vocation” webpage, FORMED.org, USCCB vocation resources].

Please know of my prayers as you continue to discern and live your vocation. I encourage you to keep this commitment before God in prayer and to revisit it often during the year.

Together, as each of us lives our call faithfully, our parish will continue to flourish as a community of disciples.

In Christ,

[Pastor’s Name]

Pastor, [Parish Name]

## Stewardship of Vocation Parish Activity Ideas

- Vocations Awareness Sunday

Invite a retired priest, seminarian, religious sister, or lay minister to speak after Mass about their vocation and how they discerned it.

- Parish Vocation Wall

Create a bulletin board that celebrates vocations: list parishioners in seminary or religious life, highlight married couples, and include Scripture on calling.

- Holy Hour for Vocations

Host an evening of Eucharistic Adoration dedicated to praying for vocations, with intercessions for youth, families, clergy, and discerners.

- “God Is Calling” Bulletin Series

Each week, print a short reflection on how Catholics can discern and live their vocation—whether married, single, religious, or ordained.

- Vocations Prayer Weekend: Include vocation-themed prayers of the faithful and bulletin inserts
- Sponsor a Seminarian: Invite families to spiritually “adopt” a seminarian
- Utilize the Diocesan Office of Vocations as a resource