



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

May 15, 2011

FAMILY TAKE-HOME PAGE

Family Prayer

Gather for prayer. Light a candle. Take a moment of silence. Use the suggested format for prayer.

- Simple spontaneous prayer.
- Reading (1 Samuel 3:1-10, Mark 1:16-20, Luke 1:26-38, Luke 19:1-10 or another appropriate passage)
- Share reflections on the reading and/or do one of the following activities.
- Offer prayers of gratitude. What are you most grateful for in your life? What are you least grateful for in your life?
- The Lord's Prayer
- Sharing of peace
- Song (Optional)

Conversation Starters

Take time with your family to share conversation about the Christian vocation. These open-ended sentences can be used as conversation starters.

1. A person I really admire is . . . because . . .
2. What I like best about married life is . . .
3. I think single people make a difference in the Church because . . .
4. I have/not considered being a priest, brother, or sister because . . .
5. My baptism is important to me because . . .

Personal Contacts

- Invite your parish priest, a religious sister/brother, or deacon to dinner. Ask the person to share his/her vocation story.
- Write a letter of appreciation to someone who gives witness to Jesus. Possible people may include: pastor, teacher, religious sister/brother, deacon, youth minister, parent(s).

Vocation

Word Find

Find the words among the letters and circle them. Talk about what they mean.

Apostles

Baptism

Bishop

Brother

Call

Consecrate

Deacon

Good Shepherd

Holy Orders

Lay Minister

Love

Matrimony

Pray

Priest

Service

Single

Sister

Vocation

Vows

Witness

O	A	H	W	I	T	N	E	S	S	C	D	E	F	G
E	V	O	L	H	I	J	N	O	I	T	A	C	O	V
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D	E	O	P	F	I	O	G	H	L	I	P	C	J	E
K	W	R	R	L	T	M	N	O	E	O	P	O	Q	H
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B	C	M	A	T	R	I	M	O	N	Y	D	T	E	O
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Vocation Visit

- Check out what religious communities and seminaries are present within your diocese.
- Look in your diocesan paper to see if there are open houses or vocation fairs in which you could take part.
- Go on the web to learn more about these places and communities/seminarians.
- If possible, call and see if you could set up a visit.

Vocation Environment

- Purchase Christian art, books, and religious objects (e.g. rosary, statue).
- Celebrate holy days, baptism anniversaries, and sacraments.
- Pray at meals, when rising and going to bed.
- Create an “altar-like” space with bible, candle, cross and other symbols of faith.
- Set aside time to pray together as a family.