

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Leader: God is good.

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Let us Pray:

Lord, Our God

**we know that You are Goodness itself,
for you have given us your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ
to be our Savior.**

**Through Christ you have given us the Church,
and in the Catholic Church you have given us the Life of Grace
through Baptism.**

**Throughout history you have called forth ministers of Word and Sacrament
to lead, guide, and serve your people as priests.**

**We join with our Bishop in praying
for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese.**

**We ask you, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
to stir up in the hearts of teenagers, college students, and adult men in our parishes
a desire to serve your Church in the priesthood of Jesus Christ.**

**Help them to hear and respond generously
to your quiet call deep within their hearts
to join with those who through the centuries
have built up your Church, the Body of Christ,
through the celebration of the Sacraments.**

**O God of Love and Mercy,
we pray that you will inspire our dedicated priests to continue
to share the joy and the happiness of their ministry at Your Altar
and in the Christian community.**

**Prompt parents, grandparents, and teachers to realize that
sometimes you call future priests to your service by a word of encouragement
from those who see in them the faith and talents of a good priest.**

We pray especially for our seminarians.

**We ask you to help them to be
the best human beings,
the best Christians,
and the best priests they can be.**

**Graciously hear our prayer through the intercession of Mary,
the Mother of priests, and in the Name of Jesus who is Christ the Lord. AMEN**

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