



Pray also for your Priests

“I encourage you to pray for priests,” he said, “for your parish priest, for those who are close to you and you know ... so that through your prayer, the Lord strengthens them in their vocation and comforts them in their ministry, and that they always be ministers of the Joy of the Gospel for all people.”

*Pope Francis
Wednesday Audience 17th June 2020*



Prayer For Vocations

Lord Jesus we believe that you continue to scatter the seeds of vocation in the hearts of young people today. Help us to nourish those seeds with encouragement and support so so that they will take root, grow, & bear fruit.

Give to all who are called the courage they need

to take a first step on a journey of discovery which will lead them to that place where they will encounter you Lord

& discern the road you invite them to follow. Lord fill young hearts with a spirit of loving service

care and respect for themselves and others. Provide your Church in Ossory with humble shepherds who will work with their Sisters & Brothers in a spirit of co-responsibility for your Church.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary the Mother of Jesus, St Kieran and all the Saints of Ossory.

Amen

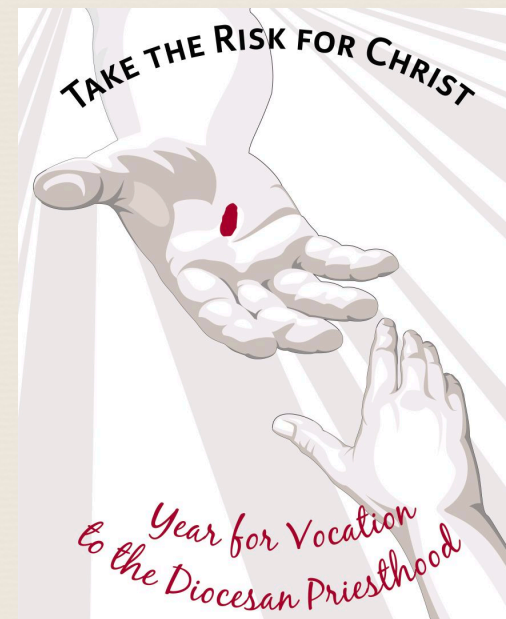


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9 DAYS FOR VOCATIONS



Vigil of Ascension
(Saturday 20th May)



Pentecost Sunday
(Sunday 28th May)

PRAYING THE NOVENA AT HOME

You can pray this Novena each day by following this format in your own home.

In the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

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Intention for each day

*You are invited to pray for an intention each day.
The intentions are given overleaf.*

Daily Reflection

*Provided for each day & taken from Pope Francis
Message for Vocations Sunday 2023*

Novena Prayer

Pray the Diocesan Prayer for Vocations given overleaf

Conclude your daily Novena Prayer

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...

PRAYING THE NOVENA AT DAILY MASS

Intention for each day

*At the beginning of Mass the Celebrant is invited to
announce the Novena Intention for the particular day.
The Intentions are given overleaf.*

Short Reflection

*taken from Pope Francis Message for Vocations Sunday
2023 can be used in the context of a short homily or
during the Prayers of the Faithful*

Novena Prayer

After Communion pray the Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

DAILY INTENTIONS

Saturday 20th May (Vigil of the Ascension)

For Pope Francis, our Bishops, Priests and Deacons, that through joyful and enthusiastic service of God's People they will attract others to follow Christ

Sunday 21st May (Ascension)

For Parents and Grandparents that through word and example they will be witnesses to the Joy of the Gospel & encourage their children & grandchildren to consider lives of service in the Church

Monday 22nd May

For Teachers in our schools and for leaders of young people in the community that they will encourage a culture of vocation and service

Tuesday 23rd May

For all involved in various ministries in the Church that they will through their service lead others to lives of discipleship and faithfulness to the Gospel

Wednesday 24th May

For those discerning a vocation that they will discern their true calling with the support of the Church community

Thursday 25th May

For all the Baptised that they will be conscious of their responsibility to pray and be promoters of vocations

Friday 26th May

For seminarians and all preparing for priesthood that they will persevere with God's help and the support of the People of God

Saturday 27th May (Vigil of Pentecost)

For those involved in the ministry of formation that they will accompany all candidates leading them to discern God's path for them

Sunday 28th May (Pentecost Sunday)

For all our young people that they will come to know Jesus Christ and have the courage to use their gifts in the service of Christ & his people.

DAILY REFLECTIONS

Saturday 20th May (Vigil of the Ascension)

“For this has always been God's dream: that we should live with him in a communion of love.”

Sunday 21st May (Ascension)

“We were created by love, for love and with love, and we are made for love.”

Monday 22nd May

“God's call to the gift of self tends to make itself known gradually: in our encounter with situations of poverty, in moments of prayer, when we see a clear witness to the Gospel, or read something that opens our minds.”

Tuesday 23rd May

“The gift of vocation is like a divine seed that springs up in the soil of our existence, opens our hearts to God and to others, so that we can share with them the treasure we ourselves have found.”

Wednesday 24th May

“There is no vocation without mission. There is no happiness and full self-realisation unless we offer others the new life that we have found.”

Thursday 25th May

“This missionary activity does not arise simply from our own abilities, plans and projects, nor from our sheer willpower or our efforts to practice the virtues; it is the result of a profound experience in the company of Jesus.”

Friday 26th May

“The Twelve were people from different social classes and trades; none of them was a person of influence.”

Saturday 27th May (Vigil of Pentecost)

“Within the Church, all of us are servants, in accordance with the variety of our vocations, charisms and ministries.”

Sunday 28th May (Pentecost Sunday)

“Viewed in this light, the Church is a vocational “symphony”, with every vocation united yet distinct, in harmony and joined together in “going forth” to radiate throughout the world the new life of the kingdom of God.”