

100 General Intercessions for Vocation Awareness

- 1 For all **young people of our parish** who are making lifetime choices at this time, we pray to the LORD.
- 2 For all **families**, that they may have a positive regard for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we pray to the LORD.
- 3 For all **seminarians**, especially those of our diocese, as they prepare for a lifetime of service in the Church, we pray to the LORD.
- 4 For an **increase of vocations** to the priesthood and the religious life, especially within our diocese, we pray to the LORD.
- 5 For **all priests**, especially those of our diocese, that they may provide an example and guidance to all youth, we pray to the LORD.
- 6 For **all who work with youth**, we pray to the LORD.
- 7 For the **members of the parish vocations committees**, that they may see fruit of their efforts in a rich harvest of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we pray to the LORD.
- 8 For all **altar servers**, that they may find joy in service at the altar of God, we pray to the LORD.
- 9 For the **clergy and religious of our diocese**, that their example may be an encouragement for young people to consider a Church vocation, we pray to the LORD.
- 10 For the **immigrant clergy** who serve the Church within our diocese, that they may be blessed for their generosity and that we may be enriched by their missionary spirit, we pray to the LORD.
- 11 For all **religious serving the needs of the sick and elderly in our diocese**, that they may be blessed for their efforts and supported by our prayer, we pray to the LORD.
- 12 For our **holy father Pope John Paul II**, that his efforts to call youth to their Christian calling, we pray to the LORD.

- 13 For all **preachers and teachers of the Church**, and for those who listen to and learn the Word of God from them, we pray to the LORD.
- 14 For **all who support the work of vocation promotion** through their prayers, suffering, and good works, we pray to the LORD.
- 15 For all **children of the world**, that they may all know the love of Jesus in their lifetime, we pray to the LORD
- 16 For **all parents** who by prayer and example nourish the call of God in each of their children, we pray to the LORD.
- 17 For all the **people who work** for the upbuilding of the Church in our diocese, we pray to the LORD.
- 18 For all **religious congregations** serving the Church in our diocese and throughout the world, we pray to the LORD.
19. For our **newly ordained priests**, in thanksgiving for their ordination and that their first year of service in our diocese will be fruitful, we pray to the LORD.
20. For **those who will be ordained** this year to the priesthood and transitional diaconate that God's grace and blessings be generously poured out upon them, we pray to the LORD.
- 21 That **all Christians recognize, accept, and follow their threefold calling from God:** to holiness, to a state in life, and to self-realization, we pray to the LORD.
- 22 That **all Christians will accept their call to equal dignity as sons and daughters of God** through the sacrament of Baptism, to be lived in holiness and service, witnessing the good news of Jesus Christ, we pray to the LORD
- 23 That **all Christians will preach the good news of Jesus Christ through their chosen lifestyle**, in their role as parent, spouse, single person, priest or religious, to give glory to God and witness to each other, we pray to the LORD.
- 24 That all **Christians will love God fundamentally**, from their heart and in the choices they make according to their state in life and natural gifts, we pray to the LORD.
- 25 That **all Christians will fulfill their purpose in life** by cooperating with God the Father's plan in creation, God the Son's providence in redemption, and God the Holy Spirit's gifts in sanctification, we pray to the LORD.

- 26 That **all Christians will appreciate** the talents and skills used in career or employment and recognize them as gifts of God for the upbuilding of His Kingdom on earth, we pray to the LORD.
- 27 That **all Christians will enjoy** a sense of fulfillment and joy during their lifetime on earth, in using their God-given gifts for God's glory, we pray to the LORD.
- 28 That the **different gifts and different degrees of gifts** each of us have received from God may serve to build up the Kingdom of God as we care for the needs of society as carpenters, lawyers, doctors, plumbers, truck drivers, teachers, or whatever, we pray to the LORD.
- 29 That our **mission will be service**, and that our service will help the Church to fulfill its mission through advocating or caring for the poor, caring for children, pastoral counseling, lecturing, the various sacramental tasks of a priest, teaching, nursing, and so forth, we pray to the LORD.
- 30 That the **Sacrament of Holy Orders**, which equips and authorizes a man to function as mediator, bringing God to people and people to God through prayer and the sacraments, will be appreciated and utilized by all Catholics, we pray to the LORD.
- 31 That the preaching of the Word, the offering of the Sacrifice of the Mass and administration of the sacraments **will attract new servant-leaders**, priests, to celebrate the Good News in the world, we pray to the LORD.
- 32 That the **priests of our diocese**, through their promises of celibacy and obedience to our bishop, and their lives of service in our parishes, may present a strong model of the vocation of priesthood to men today, we pray to the LORD.
- 33 That **all Christians**, "ordained" and "non-ordained"—bishops, priests and deacons, and baptized laity, will be faithful and fruitful in their witness of the Good News in the world, we pray to the LORD.
- 34 That the external, social, and institutionalized expression of our faith in God, **not be confused** with individual faith or spirituality, which are other facets of personal Christian life, we pray to the LORD.
- 35 That the common **relationship all baptized Christians share** as sons or daughters of God may be a source of support to one another in the daily living of the Gospel, we pray to the LORD.

- 36 That Christian laity who witness the Good News of Jesus in secular society **may know the support** of those who follow a religious lifestyle in community, and vice versa, we pray to the LORD.
- 37 That **religious**, who live the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience may present a model of spirituality that will attract new members to “religious community life”, we pray to the LORD.
- 38 That those “religious” who have joined a community of people that **follows a specific tradition of spirituality** patterned after the life and teachings of their founder will give clear witness to the message of the Gospel, we pray to the LORD.
- 39 That the witness of the **religious community life**, which is sanctioned by the Church as a sacrament of the Christian reality for all time, may draw all persons to know, love and serve God in this world and to be happy with Him for ever in Heaven, we pray to the LORD.
- 40 That the **special works of religious**, authorized by the Church and assigned to them, may be a means of sanctification for them and edification for all, we pray to the LORD.
- 41 That **lay women known as “sisters”**, members of particular religious communities, may generously offer their talents and gifts to the ministry and service of the People of God, we pray to the LORD.
- 42 That **single Catholic laymen known as “brothers”** by their lives of Christian commitment through vows and community life and prayer, may serve those around them with flexible service, the hallmark of their ministry, we pray to the LORD.
- 43 That **“religious priests”, who have taken the vows** of poverty, chastity, and obedience and belong to particular religious communities, **but who have also received the sacrament of Holy Orders**, may serve the Church-at-large and their religious orders through the sacramental ministry of priesthood, we pray to the LORD.
- 44 That married or single **men who are ordained** in the sacrament of Holy Orders to serve life in the ministries of sacrament, word, and service as deacons, may preach and teach the Good News through their special witness in the secular community, we pray to the LORD.
- 45 That all **permanent deacons, and their families**, will be blessed for their gift of generous service to the People of God, we pray to the LORD.

- 46 That **all deacons who are in transition to priesthood**, may know the support of all the faithful of our diocese as they prepare for a priestly life of service as ordained priests, we pray to the LORD.
- 47 For all **baptized persons who are preparing to make permanent commitment through vows**, in marriage, holy orders, or in religious life, we pray to the LORD.
- 48 That all baptized persons will exercise the **right use of possessions**, and that those in religious life, who voluntarily renounce their right to private ownership and use of possessions will live out the spirit found in the Acts of the Apostles (4:32): “No one said that any of the things that they possessed was their own, but they held everything in common.” For this, we pray to the LORD.
- 49 That those who have renounced the marriage state through profession of the **vow of celibacy** may witness their love of Christ in availability to His people, we pray to the LORD.
- 50 That religious and priests, who are committed to focusing their lives and affections on God in **renouncing their right to the sexual intimacy of marriage**, may continually expand the circle of their concern and love of God, His Church and His People, we pray to the LORD.
- 51 That **monks and nuns**, whose lives are governed by the spirit and practice of contemplation, and who profess solemn vows in religious life, will be sustained in their life of prayer by the support of God’s grace and our faith, we pray to the LORD.
- 52 For all **parents** of our parish, that they may instill a positive regard for the priesthood and religious life as wholesome lifetime paths for their sons and daughters, we pray to the LORD.
- 53 For **those called to a Church Vocation** by power of the Holy Spirit, that they will be filled with the courage and faith to respond to a life of service, we pray to the LORD.
- 54 For a **fuller appreciation of the gift of ministry** within the Church, and an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we pray to the LORD.
- 55 For **priests**, that they will invite men to join them in priesthood, we pray to the LORD.
- 56 For the **religious communities** of sisters, brothers and priests, that they will have an increase in applicants for their life and ministry, we pray to the LORD.

- 57 That parents will be courageous and pray **‘the difficult prayer’**, that one or more of their sons and daughters will hear and follow God’s call to a Church vocation, we pray to the LORD.
- 58 For **our parish**, that we continue to actively invite men and women in our midst to share their gifts and energy with our Church, we pray to the LORD.
- 59 For all **our seminarians preparing** for priestly service in our diocese, that they may persevere in their studies and preparation for ministry, and that their families will be blessed, we pray to the LORD.
- 60 For **all immigrant priests** who are assisting our diocese at the present time, and for their home dioceses and families, we pray to the LORD.
- 61 For **altar servers**, that they will be blessed for their service to our parishes, and that they will develop a life of prayer based on their familiarity with ‘the things of God’ they know from this service, we pray to the LORD.
- 62 In **thanksgiving** for the people who work for vocations in the structure of our diocese—the diocesan pastoral council, the regional and parish representatives, the parish vocations committees, and so forth—that God will bless them and the work they do, we pray to the LORD.
- 63 For the **clergy** of our diocese—the infirm, elderly and retired priests, the parish priests, the deacons, and our bishops—we pray to the LORD.
- 64 For the **religious** of our diocese—sisters, brother, priests—that they may be blessed in their life of consecration to the LORD and to his Church, we pray to the LORD.
- 65 That the **Lord of the harvest**, who told us the harvest is ready and that there is so much more work to be done, will send laborers into his vineyard, the Church, we pray to the LORD.
- 66 That **all who serve** this and other communities by their generous offering of time and talent may be strengthened by each other’s prayerful and loving support, we pray to the LORD.
- 67 That as a parish we seek to recognize the ongoing lay ministries needed to **“Serve One Another in Love”**, under the leadership of our shepherd, Bishop Paul Loverde, we pray to the LORD.
- 68 For **those who guide and support the seminarians** and the sisters and brothers in training for Church ministry, we pray to the LORD.

- 69 For **greater devotion to Mary**, and that young people will look to her as a model of persons chosen by God for special work on behalf of the Kingdom of God on earth, we pray to the LORD.
- 70 For **greater devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**, especially in homes and families, for the extension of the Kingdom of God on earth, we pray to the LORD.
- 71 For all **priests and religious who celebrate jubilees this year**, that God will bless them graciously, we pray to the LORD.
- 72 For **those who will receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time**, that they will always know the companionship of Jesus and Mary in their lives, we pray to the LORD.
- 73 For **those who work in the Sacred Heart Apostolate** within our diocese, encouraging family prayer through devotion at home, we pray to the LORD.
- 74 For any and all **who work to promote vocation awareness in our diocese** and throughout the Church, we pray to the LORD.
- 75 That men and women may find joy in sacrificing personal gain for the service of others in a Church vocation, we pray to the LORD.
- 76 That the LORD of the Harvest **may open the hearts of our young people** to the possibility of a life in priesthood or religious life, we pray to the LORD.
- 77 That **parents**, by their lives and example, **may encourage Church vocations among their children**, we pray to the LORD.
- 78 For all men and women **who wish to follow Christ**, that they may respond generously to God's graces, trusting His leading them into His service as priests or religious, we pray to the LORD.
- 79 For **Christian families**, the source of religious vocations, that they may be prompted to encourage young people to rejoice in doing God's will, we pray to the LORD.
- 80 That **today's youth** may show generosity to Jesus' call and make wise decisions in choosing their vocation in life, we pray to the LORD.
- 81 For all **young men of our parish** who are making lifetime choices at this time, that they will include service to the People of God as a diocesan priest among their other options, we pray to the LORD.

- 82 For all **parents of our parish**, that they may instill a positive regard for the priesthood as a wholesome lifetime career path their sons might consider, we pray to the LORD.
- 83 For our **young people**, that they may find a joyful faith in their families, and encouragement to respond to a life of ministry and service, we pray to the LORD.
- 84 For a **full appreciation of the gift of ministry within the Church**, and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, we pray to the LORD.
- 85 For all **candidates for priesthood in our diocese**, that they may have the courage of their convictions and the generosity to act upon them if they believe in their hearts that God is calling them to priesthood, we pray to the LORD.
- 86 For all **pastors and parish priests** of our diocese, that they will recognize and invite to priesthood men of their parishes who have the aptitude for priestly service, we pray to the LORD.
- 87 For **all** priests, deacons, religious men and women, and all lay ministers who serve our Church—and for those who are struggling to answer the call they are experiencing at this time, we pray to the LORD.
- 88 For our **Diocese**, that God will abundantly bless our bishops, priests, religious and laity, we pray to the LORD.
- 89 For **all involved in the examination of candidates to priesthood** at this time, that their choices will benefit the whole Church of the 21st Century, we pray to the LORD.
- 90 For the **Knights of Columbus** within our diocese, that they may be blessed for the assistance they give our bishops, seminarians, and vocation promotion efforts of our diocese, we pray to the LORD.
- 91 For **all parishioners who have made a commitment to pray intensely for vocations**, that their intercessory prayer for an increase of candidates for priesthood in our diocese will be fruitful for the Church and they will be blessed for their efforts, we pray to the LORD.
- 92 For **Bishop James Moynihan**, for good health and fruitful ministry on behalf of the Church of Syracuse, we pray to the LORD.

- 93 For the **Parish Vocations Committees** of our diocese, that they will grow in appreciation of the task entrusted to them, and that the seeds of awareness they plant will grow to maturity through prayer and care, we pray to the LORD.
- 94 For the **people of the Diocese of Syracuse** as we begin the new Millennium, that we will truly be a People of God, we pray to the LORD.
- 95 That the **Holy Year 2000** will be a time of grace and renewal for all Christians throughout the world, and that there will be a renewal of interest in the vocations of Church service, we pray to the LORD.
- 96 For all the **priests and religious** who are guiding the Catholic people of our parishes into the 21st Century, we pray to the LORD.
- 97 That our **Holy Father, Pope John Paul II**, will be blessed as he leads Catholics to lift up the world to God in prayer, we pray to the LORD.
- 98 That the 21st Century will be a time of renewal for the Church and that many people will follow their individual call from God to assist in the work of evangelization, we pray to the LORD.
- 99 In **thanksgiving to God for the blessings of the 20th Century**, asking a powerful outpouring of His Spirit on the new Millennium, we pray to the LORD.
- 100 For all the priests, religious and lay people **who will serve** the Church, the People of God, in the 21st Century, we pray to the LORD.