

World Day for Consecrated Life
February 4, 2007



Bulletin Announcements

Week Prior to WDCL

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord is February 2. In 1997, John Paul II declared that this feast be observed as a celebration of consecrated life. When February 2 does not fall on a weekend, the Sunday following this feast is the observance of *World Day for Consecrated Life*. Next Sunday we will observe this day with a special emphasis on the call to consecrated life in today's world. (*Add any other information about your observance.*)

Week of WDCL

This Sunday we celebrate *World Day for Consecrated Life*. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Some join a religious congregation or a secular institute. Others remain single and make profession to God through the local bishop and are known as consecrated virgins. The consecrated life is one way that men and women live out their baptismal commitment continually becoming followers of Jesus. (*Add other information about your observance.*)

Suggested Activities

Diocese, Parishes, Schools, Serra Clubs:

- Invite members of institutes of consecrated life from your parish to serve as ministers for the Sunday liturgy.
- Invite members of institutes of consecrated life to speak to adults/children in religious education programs.
- Host a prayer service and reception (See *Prayer Service*).
- Encourage open houses throughout the diocese.
- Sponsor a vocation fair, walkathon, or rally, highlighting institutes of consecrated life.
- Provide copies of vocation magazines, brochures, and flyers.
- Encourage the development of a culture of vocations through diaconate, lay ministry, and parents' baptism programs.
- Have a vocation section in parish bulletin, bulletin board, newsletters (available in

Vocation Views NCCV). Highlight stories of people who live the consecrated life, especially those who serve in the local parish or who entered from the parish.

Institutes of Consecrated Life:

- Invite friends, employees, benefactors, and families to join you for prayer, talk, a meal, or an open house. Share about your life and charism.
- Plan a simple prayer in which you share your vocation stories together. Renew your vows. Invite interested people to join you.
- Do a press release or share a story about your institute with the local press.
- Open your doors to college students for a place to study and pray.
- Sponsor a "holy hour" to pray for vocations.
- Host a "Come & See" experience.

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