

## VOCATION INTERCESSIONS

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### **First Sunday of Advent 2024 to Feast of Christ the King 2025 Cycle C**

#### **First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024**

That all those now discerning their vocations will allow God to guide and teach them, we pray to the Lord.

#### **Second Sunday of Advent, December 8, 2024**

That the Lord, who is beginning the good work of calling men and women to follow Him as priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, will bring it to completion through our prayers and sacrifices, we pray to the Lord.

#### **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – (Observed December 9, 2024)**

That men and women will accept how God is calling them to serve by responding as Mary did to the angel Gabriel, we pray to the Lord.

#### **Third Sunday of Advent, December 15, 2024**

For men and women called to serve the Lord as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, that Christ's peace will guard their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22, 2024**

That the faithful response, "Behold, I come to do your will, O Lord," will be voiced by each person discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, we pray to the Lord.

#### **Christmas, December 25, 2021**

That like Mary who pondered the mystery of Jesus' birth, Catholic families will pray for and treasure vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life among their children, we pray to the Lord.

#### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 29, 2024**

For all Catholic families, that they will respond to the grace of each child's vocation and prayerfully encourage their children to consider being a priest, religious sister or brother, we pray to the Lord.

#### **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1, 2025**

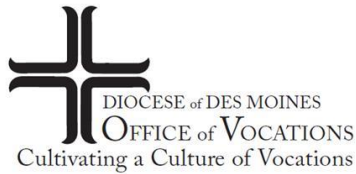
That Mary, the Mother of God and of Vocations will nurture, guide and protect all those called to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

#### **The Epiphany, January 5, 2025**

That all those called to share the Gospel of Christ Jesus through their vocations as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, will do so with willingness to offer the treasure of their lives to God, we pray to the Lord.

#### **Baptism of the Lord, January 12, 2025**

That those who live in celibacy for the sake of the Kingdom of God as priests, sisters, and brothers, will be blessed on earth for their witness to the resurrection of the body in the life to come, we pray to the Lord.



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### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 19, 2025**

That all those chosen by Christ to live as priests, deacons or in the consecrated life, will heed our Blessed Mother's counsel to do whatever Jesus tells them in loving obedience, we pray to the Lord.

### **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 26, 2025**

For all men and women called to serve the body of Christ as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, that the joy of the Lord will remain their strength during their discernment, formation and mission, we pray to the Lord.

### **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2, 2025 - World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**

For those who have responded to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to be a consecrated person that they may experience the support of the Church as they continue their growth in holiness, we pray to the Lord

### **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 9, 2025**

That all those being called to serve God as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers will have the faith to respond, "Here, I am, send me!" We pray to the Lord.

### **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 16, 2025**

That those discerning a call to the priesthood or consecrated life may respond with hope and trust, we pray to the Lord.

### **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 23, 2025**

That all those called to follow Jesus in the priesthood or consecrated life will allow the Holy Spirit to strengthen them each day in their vocation and mission, we pray to the Lord.

### **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, March 2, 2025**

For all who are called to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life may they be firm, steadfast, and always fully devoted to God, we pray to the Lord.

### **First Sunday of Lent, March 9, 2025**

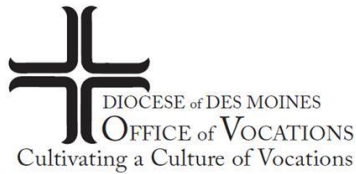
For all men and women choosing to follow Christ as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, that they will persevere in the face of temptations against faithfulness to their call, we pray to the Lord.

### **Second Sunday of Lent, March 16, 2025**

That all our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the sacraments will be strengthened in their life and mission, we pray to the Lord.

### **Third Sunday of Lent, March 23, 2025**

That like Moses, our young people will enter more deeply into conversation with the Lord in prayer as they seek to discover their vocations in Christ, we pray to the Lord.



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For the faithful response of all being called to seek out those who are lost and bring them back to life in Christ by serving Him and His Church as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 6, 2025**

That priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who, for the sake of Christ have suffered the loss of all things, will flourish in their vocations and bring many souls to the knowledge of salvation, we pray to the Lord.

### **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 13, 2025**

For all those being called to share in the passion of Christ as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, that they will echo His Eternal Word of mercy in their own faithfulness to the Father's will, we pray to the Lord.

### **Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025**

That the Risen Lord will grace many more men and women to answer the call to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

### **Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) April 27, 2025**

That the gift of Christ's mercy will strengthen all priests, deacons and those in the consecrated life who proclaim His victory over death throughout the world, we pray to the Lord.

### **Third Sunday of Easter, May 4, 2025**

For all men and women, that they will see their vocation discernment as a call to love the Lord and respond generously to Him, we pray to the Lord.

### **Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 11, 2025 (World Day of Prayer for Vocations & Mother's Day)**

That Catholic mothers will make a home for the Lord in their hearts and in their families, welcoming His call to their children, especially should He honor them with vocations to the priesthood or the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

### **Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 18, 2025**

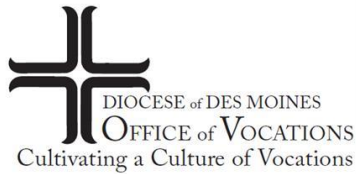
May God be glorified through the holy lives and faithful witness of all those called to serve the Lord as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

### **Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 25, 2025**

That men and women discerning their vocation will not let their hearts be troubled or afraid, but rather will find comfort and guidance in the Holy Spirit.

### **The Ascension of the Lord, June 1, 2025**

For the grace of wisdom and revelation in prayer for all those discerning their vocation as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.



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### **Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025**

That one with the Blessed Virgin Mary, in whose company the Apostles received the Holy Spirit, those now discerning their vocations will grow in their ability to recognize the Lord's call and respond with generous hearts, we pray to the Lord.

### **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 15, 2025 (Father's Day)**

That all fathers, strengthened by the Eucharist, encourage vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life among their children, we pray to the Lord.

### **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 22, 2025**

That the power of the Body and Blood of Christ will encourage those being called to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life to respond with confidence and joy, we pray to the Lord.

### **Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles, June 29, 2025**

That men and women called to live their lives of service as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, will have the determination to overcome every obstacle through prayer and the practice of virtue, we pray to the Lord.

### **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 6, 2025**

For an increase in our dedication to keep the Lord of the Harvest's command to pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and the consecrated life, and for the holiness of all those now serving the people of our diocese in these vocations, we pray to the Lord.

### **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 13, 2025**

That all those now discerning their vocation will be attentive in prayer and active in their response to Jesus who calls them, we pray to the Lord.

### **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 20, 2025**

That like Mary of Bethany, all the priests, deacons, and men and women in the consecrated life will listen to the Lord in the silence of prayer, we pray to the Lord.

### **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 27, 2025**

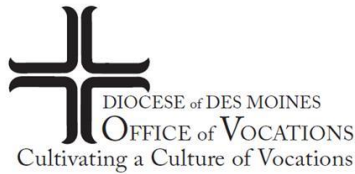
That with every "Our Father" we will be mindful of God's generous goodness and ask that the Holy Spirit be given to all those discerning their vocation in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

### **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 3, 2025**

For a deepening recognition of the voice of God and an openness to living every vocation faithfully in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

### **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 10, 2025**

That those who have been given so much in their vocations as priests, deacons and consecrated men and women will imitate the Lord's generosity as they live that gift, we pray to the Lord.



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### **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 17, 2025**

For all those who experience opposition in the discernment of their vocations, that they will be blessed with the grace of perseverance and encouragement, we pray to the Lord.

### **Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 24, 2025**

That all those striving to enter heaven through the narrow gate of celibacy for the sake of Christ's kingdom will find strength and peace in their freely chosen discipline, we pray to the Lord.

### **Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 31, 2025**

For a deeper sense of gratitude for the beautiful mystery celebrated at every Mass and for all our priests, who humbly make Christ present by the power of the Holy Spirit through the grace of ordination, we pray to the Lord.

### **Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 7, 2025**

For the faithful response of all those being called by Christ to take up their cross and follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, we pray to the Lord.

### **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14, 2025**

For the holiness of all those who seek the lost as priests, deacons and consecrated men and women, we pray to the Lord.

### **Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 21, 2025**

For all those dedicated to making supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving on behalf of God's people, that they will be strengthened in their vocations as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

### **Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 28, 2025**

That the pursuit of righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness will mark the lives of all those discerning our Heavenly Father's will, especially those considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

### **Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 5, 2025**

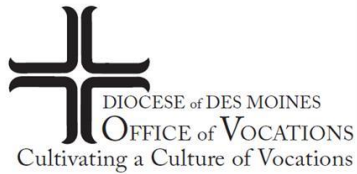
That everyone called to the priesthood and consecrated life will allow the Holy Spirit to stir into flame the gift of God given through ordination and draw others to Jesus, we pray to the Lord.

### **Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 12, 2025**

For an increase in gratitude for the holy vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, and that more men and women will faithfully respond to God's call, we pray to the Lord.

### **Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 19, 2025**

For perseverance in sincere prayer on the part of the faithful, asking God for holy vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.



## MONTHLY VOCATION PRAYER INTENTIONS

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### **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 26, 2025**

That men and women discerning a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, will turn to God in humility and hear answers to their prayers, we pray to the Lord.

### **The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, November 2, 2025 (National Vocations Awareness Week)**

As National Vocations Awareness Week begins today, we pray for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation, we pray to the Lord.

### **Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, November 9, 2025**

That all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life will be consumed with zeal as they journey on their discernment path, we pray to the Lord.

### **Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 16, 2025**

That prayer, hard work and generous service will prepare many young men and women to answer the Lord's call to follow Him as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

### **The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 23, 2025**

For a deepening understanding among those discerning their vocation, that the One who calls them is Jesus Christ the King, we pray to the Lord.