

# NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

## PARISH & SCHOOL RESOURCES



### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### OPTION 1:

- For young people in our community that they may respond generously with open hearts and willing spirits if the Lord calls them to the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life. We pray to the Lord...
- For men and women to be open to God's call to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ as priests, deacons, or consecrated persons. We pray to the Lord...

#### OPTION 2:

- During National Vocation Awareness Week, we pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. We pray to the Lord...
- For Catholic educators, that they will inspire students to remain open to God's call for their lives...
- That young men from our parish will respond to the Church's tremendous need for priests...
- That young women from our parish will remain open to consecrating themselves to God as religious sisters...
- That Christian parents, as they live their own vocations to marriage, will encourage their children to consider becoming priests, brothers, or sisters...
- That seminarians receive the graces they need to become holy priests who speak the truth with love...
- For all priests and religious men and women who have served our parish, both living and dead...

### SHORT BULLETIN QUOTE:

#### 2017 National Vocations Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week is celebrated November 5-11, 2017. In 15 years, 45 San Jose priests will retire. That means we need 3 new priests every year and a total of 25 seminarians over the next 15 years. We have 7 seminarians. It will take intentional PRAYER, TEACHING, and INVITATION. Will you pray for, encourage, or accompany young people in your life to help them discover and fulfill their Vocation? Are YOU considering a Vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Go to [www.dsj.org/Vocation](http://www.dsj.org/Vocation) and [facebook.com/DSJVocations](https://facebook.com/DSJVocations) for tools to discern and foster religious Vocations in the Church

- **To Bulletin editor:** See p.2 or [dsj.org/Vocations](http://dsj.org/Vocations) for Vocations Prayer & weekly prayer calendar to print in bulletin

### 7 BASIC WAYS TO CELEBRATE VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

#### Preach on Vocations

Consider a special homily aimed primarily at young people. Stress that happiness is found in God's will alone.

#### Visibly Promote Vocations

Place posters or banners in the narthex and parish hall.

#### Bulletin

Include a strong vocations message.

#### Catholic School

Plan a special week with the principal. Include an art or essay contest, and visits from sisters, priests, or seminarians (via Skype), if possible.

#### Religious Education

Work with your DRE to ensure catechists know in advance so they can plan special lessons on vocations.

#### Youth Ministry

Make sure the Youth Minister has a vocations-themed meeting planned. Ideas: Q&A w/ priests or religious sisters | Vocations movie night (list: [dsj.org/Vocations](http://dsj.org/Vocations)) | Holy Hour for Vocations | CALLED by Ydisciple on FORMED.org

#### Young Adults

Invite a priest to your young adult group to tell his story and talk about discernment. Don't dumb it down! Be sure to offer good, in-depth information about discernment.

## OTHER NVAW RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS, CATECHISTS, YOUTH MINISTERS:

**DSJ.ORG/VOCATIONS** - Videos, Lesson ideas, and more

**FACEBOOK.COM/DSJVOCATIONS** – Social media posts and upcoming videos by seminarians to share

## PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

- Offer Sunday and weekday Masses with specific intentions for vocations from your parish.
- Include vocations to the Prayers of the Faithful
  - o See [dsj.org/Vocations](http://dsj.org/Vocations) for Vocations General Intercessions for every Sunday of the Liturgical Year, A, B, & C
- Invite your congregation to pray the Vocations Prayer by printing it your bulletin: see below & [dsj.org/Vocations](http://dsj.org/Vocations)

### DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

Heavenly Father, Your divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard.

We earnestly beg You to bless our parish, our school, and our Diocese with many more priests, religious, and lay faithful who will know you intimately, love You fervently, and serve You joyfully through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

We pray that you continuously call our young people to a living encounter with your Son in the Word and Eucharist, that they might be made worthy ministers of your Holy Catholic Church.

Strengthen them with the support of their parents, teachers, and friends on earth and all the angels and saints in heaven.

May the ever Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, intercede for us that we might listen to the Word and act on it.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Joseph, Patron of our Diocese, pray for us!

### WEEKLY PRAYER CALENDAR

**SUNDAY:** Deacon Edgar Elamparo & Families

**MONDAY:** Deacon Francis Kalaw  
& Retired priests

**TUESDAY:** Deacon Eric Piczon  
& Active priests

**WEDNESDAY:** John Hoang & Seminarians

**THURSDAY:** Victor Trinidad & Bishops

**FRIDAY:** Robain Lamba & Deceased priests

**SATURDAY:** Manuel Barrios  
& Discerning men

*Prayer for Vocations and Weekly Calendar  
can also be found at [www.dsj.org/Vocations](http://www.dsj.org/Vocations)*

### VOCATIONS PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL – 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME TO END OF YEAR A

See [www.dsj.org/Vocations](http://www.dsj.org/Vocations) for Vocations General Intercessions for every Sunday of each Liturgical Year (A, B, C)

#### Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

That men and women will be encouraged to love God and their neighbor with the love of the Heart of Christ and follow Him generously when chosen to serve others as a priest, or in the consecrated religious life, we pray to the Lord.

#### Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

That those called to serve the Lord and His people as priests, and in the consecrated life will be blessed with holy zeal in their prayers and apostolates, we pray to the Lord.

#### Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

That the Church will be continuously blessed with good and faithful servants following Christ as priests, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

#### Solemnity of Christ the King, Year A

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.