

CALLING ALL OLA FAMILY MEMBERS!



A RESOURCE GUIDE FROM YOUR OLA VOCATIONS COMMITTEE NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 6-12, 2022

This time of year is a very special time for us to pray for more holy ordained and consecrated men and women to serve our rich Catholic faith. As Jesus states in the Gospel of Matthew 9:38, we are called **“to beg the master of the harvest to send laborers into the vineyard.”**

“National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 6-12, 2022. Please ask Our Lord 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.” (www.usccb.org)

You might be wondering, *“How can I support an increase of the ordained (holy priests and deacons) and consecrated men and women, especially during this week while others around the country are praying for vocations too?”* Here are some ways that can easily be family activities too!

♥ JUST ASK!

- Include a request for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life in your prayers. If we want more priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers, we all need to ask!
- Include a prayer request for our Seminarians who have stayed at OLA during their priestly formation:
“Dear God, please guide and protect Ivan Franco-Martin, Benjamin Condon, Scott Whittaker, Zachary Sturm, and Edgar Lozano-Cuevas as they continue their priestly formation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”
- Light a candle for your intentions for an increase in vocations!
- Prayerfully consider those around you... is there someone that God is prompting you to ask if they've ever thought about being a priest, deacon, sister or brother? There are resources to help....

♥ PRAY OUR OLA VOCATIONS PRAYER OFTEN

“Loving God, You speak to us and nourish us through the life of this church community. In the name of Jesus, we ask you to send your Spirit to us so that men and women among us, young and old, will respond to your call to service and leadership in the church. We pray, especially, in our day, for those who hear your invitation to be a priest, sister, brother, or deacon; and also for those called to be a spouse or single person. May those who are opening their hearts and minds to your call be encouraged and strengthened through our enthusiasm in your service. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

♥ THE ROSARY

- Pray and offer your Rosary intentions for Vocations this week. After each decade, include one of the following prayer requests:
“Lord, grant us many holy priest, permanent deacons, and consecrated men and women.” or
“Lord, shower your grace upon more young women and men so that they hear and respond to your call to serve as laborers in the vineyard.”
- There are many rosaries for vocations on the web. The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham Rosary for Vocations can be found at <http://allsoulscoventry.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/ROSARY-PRAYERS-FOR-VOCATIONS-PDF6665.pdf>



TWO SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

A PARENT'S PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS #2

“Gracious and loving God, you have blessed us with the privilege of becoming Parents. We ask that you provide us with all that we need in accepting this awesome responsibility.

We pray that we will be open to your spirit who is our source of strength as we witness to our children your love for each of them and your desire for them to be happy and to live a full life.

We ask your help so that we may guide and encourage our children to believe that they each have a special calling and to use their gifts and talents for others.

We pray, Heavenly Father, that our children will discover and respond enthusiastically to your desire for them whether it be to the vocation of single, married, ordained or consecrated life.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus through the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

(<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayers-vocations>)

A GRANDPARENT'S VOCATION PRAYER

“Gracious God, source of all life, thank you for the amazing gift of our grandchildren. Help these precious young people appreciate the wonders of creation and understand how much our world needs their prayer and their service.

Dear Jesus, beloved redeemer and brother, awaken in them a deep sense of gratitude for the gift of faith. May they feel proud and privileged to be called to follow you and live the Gospel.

Oh Holy Spirit, fire of love, inspire them to share their light with others. Open their hearts to explore ordained and religious life. Keep them centered in Christ in single life and in marriage.

May our grandchildren learn from the wisdom of their parents and call on their patron saints to guide their choices in life. May they experience the powerful strength of faith and the lasting joy of serving others. Sustain us as grandparents in your grace as we cherish each new day. Help us remember that how we live affects how they will live. United in faith, hope and charity, we pray. Amen.”

Prayer: Margaret A. Paluch, Grandmother

(<https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/siteimages/vocations/pdf/StWalterPrayers.pdf>)



YOU MAY FIND MORE VOCATIONS RESOURCES AT THESE WEBSITES....

- **Diocese of Sacramento:** <https://www.scd.org/vocations>
- **United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) - National Vocations Awareness Week 2022:** <https://www.usccb.org/events/2022/national-vocations-awareness-week>
- **National Religious Vocations Commission:** <https://nrvc.net/>
- **Vision Vocation Network:** <https://vocationnetwork.org/en/>



*Our Lady of the Assumption
and St. Joseph,
Pray for Us! Amen.*

God Bless! Sharon & Dcn. Paul

