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If you know anyone interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, contact Fr. Joe Noonan, Vocation Director at 312-534-8298

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Prayer for Vocations

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, graciously hear our prayers. Give us generous hearts to respond to your call in our lives.

Lift up courageous men and women willing to follow after your heart as priests, sisters, and brothers.

Help parents and teachers to share the faith and to encourage young people to explore religious vocations.

Guide all people, Lord, in your ways of compassion, truth and peace, that we may find happiness in fulfilling our vocations.

We offer this prayer for the Archdiocese of Chicago and for the whole Church in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives forever and ever. Amen.



For information about the Vocation Parish Program contact: Susanne Smith at 312-534-5234 or susmith@archchicago.org



What can I do

as a
member of the
Parish Community

to promote Vocations

to the

Priesthood

and

Consecrated

Religious life?

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Of all the ways we can work toward the increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious Life, prayer is undoubtedly the most essential. Make a personal commitment to pray for vocations each day. Keep in mind that we get the vocations for which we pray.

Attend Mass Daily

The celebration and the reception of the Eucharist is the fundamental aspect of our faith. Coming together at Mass will serve to strengthen the bond you have with your parish family. It is a strong and faithful parish that produces priestly and religious vocations.

Pray Before the Blessed Sacrament

Nothing is more powerful than praying before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, asking the Lord to send our Archdiocese of Chicago good and holy men and women to lead us in faith. Encourage others to join you for a daily, weekly or monthly Holy Hour dedicated to prayer for priestly and religious vocations.

Encourage Your Family & Friends

Many people claim that their family and friends never invited them to explore a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Inviting is important. Doing the will of God is the measure of true success in life. Remember, it is a great blessing to have a family member or friend called by God to be a priest or a religious.

Pray the Rosary

Ask Mary, the Mother of God, to intercede on behalf of the Archdiocese of Chicago to send us men and women who seek to serve and not be served. Pray to her Son to send us priests and religious who are humble, obedient, and loving after Mary's own heart.

Exhibit Love for Your Faith

By being faithful to the Church's teaching, you can provide your parish family with a powerful witness to the importance of living one's faith in all you do. Proclaim the Gospel to all you meet, and, through the example of St. Francis of Assisi, when necessary...use words.

Serve as One of the Vocation Parish Contacts

In the Gospels, Jesus directs each of us to live a life of service. Your service as one of the Vocation Parish Contacts will help create a prayerful environment necessary for the nurturing of holy vocations to the priesthood and religious life for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Help create a vocation culture in your parish.

Get to Know Your Archdiocesan Seminarians

The Archdiocese of Chicago is blessed with several fine men who have answered the call to the priesthood. ChicagoPriest.com has a poster of the seminarians with the seminary or college they attend. They would love to know that you are praying for them. They might be your future pastor, confessor, or even Bishop!

Participate in Vocation Awareness Week

Take part in the events of the Archdiocese of Chicago's Vocation Awareness Week in January. Pray with others for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Check the parish bulletin for the details regarding Vocation Awareness Week activities. Your presence and support will enhance the effectiveness of these events.



Vocation Parish Contacts

Level I- Promote the vocation messages and events from Vocation Office. Submit bulletin articles, place flyers and hang posters.

Level II: Participate in the events offered by the Vocation Office. Host and / or invite people to attend events.

Level III: Pray & Present vocation programs for the parish. Work with Pastor, Priests, Deacons, Parish Staff, Parish Pastoral Council, Commissions, DRE, Liturgy Council and Young Adults Ministry to encourage a vocation culture within the parish.