

**Vocation General Intercessions**  
**First Sunday of Advent 2016 to Feast of Christ the King 2017**  
**Cycle A**

**Attn: Pastors and Parish Vocation Promoters**

**First Sunday of Advent – November 27, 2016**

That we all may be attentive in listening for God's call, and especially that those who God has called to the priesthood or consecrated religious life will hear Him and answer, we pray to the Lord.

**Second Sunday of Advent -- December 4, 2016**

For all those chosen by Christ to "prepare the way of the Lord" in their hearts and in the hearts of His people as priests, deacons, brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

**Third Sunday of Advent -- December 11, 2016**

For men and women called by the Lord to be priests, deacons and consecrated religious, that the peace of Christ will guard their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation to His people, we pray to the Lord.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent -- December 18, 2016**

For a deeper trust and docility to the Holy Spirit among persons discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest deacon or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**Christmas -- December 25, 2016**

That as Joseph and Mary welcomed the gift of the Child Jesus, all mothers and fathers will prayerfully foster each of their children's vocations in Christ and especially welcome His call for priests, brothers and sisters, we pray to the Lord.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -- January 1, 2017**

That through our Blessed Mother's intercession, all those being called to holiness as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, will find joy and faithfulness in their vocations, we pray to the Lord.

**The Epiphany -- January 8, 2017**

For an increased understanding among our young people that they are uniquely chosen by God to be holy through their specific vocation to their state in life in Christ, we pray to the Lord

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 15, 2017**

Lord, we know that You call us to our vocation from the moment of our baptism. Help young men and women answer this call most faithfully.

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 22, 2017**

That all baptized Catholics will recognize their responsibility to discover their vocation in Christ and follow Him, especially those chosen for the unique calling to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 29, 2017**

For an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and for a deeper gratitude for the priests and religious now serving our diocese by proclaiming the kingdom of heaven among us, we pray to the Lord.

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 5, 2017 - World Day for Consecrated Life**

That all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life will find encouragement through our prayers and sacrifices on their behalf, we pray to the Lord.

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 12, 2017**

That the Holy Spirit who scrutinizes everything, will assist all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood and consecrated life in discovering the truth of God's call, we pray to the Lord.

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 19, 2017**

For all those called to be perfected through the vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, that their lives of service in charity will bear lasting fruit, we pray to the Lord.

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 26, 2017**

That by their example of seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, priests, deacons, sisters and brothers will win many souls to Christ, we pray to the Lord.

**First Sunday of Lent -- March 5, 2017**

That prayer, penance and almsgiving will dispose more men and women to follow the Holy Spirit as He leads them to discover their vocations in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

**Second Sunday of Lent -- March 12, 2017**

For all our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the sacraments, we pray to the Lord.

**Third Sunday of Lent -- March 19, 2017**

For all those thirsting to know their vocations in Christ, that they will be open to the waters of prayer and drink fully of the Holy Spirit who leads them, we pray to the Lord.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent – March 26, 2017**

That like the man born blind, we will allow Jesus to open our eyes and hearts to His will and bring more men and women to respond to His call to serve Him and His Church as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent -- April 2, 2017**

For all those being called to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, that they may deepen their faith in Christ who calls them to glorify God in a profoundly personal way through their vocations, we pray to the Lord.

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion -- April 9, 2017**

For the faithful response of all men and women called to follow Christ and His passion more closely through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**Easter Sunday -- April 16, 2017**

That more men and women will joyfully answer the call of the Lord to proclaim His life, death and resurrection as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**Second Sunday of Easter -- April 23, 2017—Divine Mercy Sunday**

For all our priests, deacons, sisters and brothers whom God has sent in the name of Jesus to serve the people of Arlington, that they will be blessed with continued faithfulness to Him and inspire many more to consider a vocation to consecrated life and ordained ministry, we pray to the Lord.

**Third Sunday of Easter -- April 30, 2017**

For an increased awareness among our young people of the closeness of the Lord in their vocation discernment and their responsibility to recognize and follow Him, we pray to the Lord.

**Fourth Sunday of Easter -- May 7, 2017 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, and we pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, we pray to the Lord.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter -- May 14, 2017 – Mother’s Day**

That all Catholic mothers will draw close to Mary and nurture openness to the Holy Spirit in the Lord’s call to their children, especially should He honor them with vocations to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter -- May 21, 2017**

For a growing conviction among our young people that they are loved by our Heavenly Father and that Jesus will manifest Himself to them through their vocations, we pray to the Lord.

**Seventh Sunday of Easter -- May 28, 2017 - Ascension of the Lord**

That seated at the right hand of His Father in heaven, the Lord will generously share His spirit of wisdom with all those now discerning their vocation and open the eyes of the hearts in faithfulness, we pray to the Lord.

**Pentecost Sunday -- June 4, 2017**

For an increased devotion to the Holy Spirit among our young people, as He leads them in their prayerful discernment to discover their vocation in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

**The Most Holy Trinity -- June 11, 2017**

That Catholic fathers will foster vocation awareness among their children, knowing that they will be helping to reveal the Heavenly Father’s love by their prayer, guidance and example, we pray to the Lord.

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ -- June 18, 2017**

That all Catholics will adore the great gift of the Holy Eucharist given to them by Jesus Christ at the hands of His priests and that those chosen to nourish His body as priests and in the consecrated life will inspire many more to follow Him, we pray to the Lord.

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 25, 2017**

That those who God is calling to serve Him in the priesthood or consecrated religious life will not be afraid to follow Him and preach the Gospel from the housetops, we pray to the Lord.

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 2, 2017**

That all those now discerning their vocations will be not be afraid to lose their lives in order to gain them for Christ as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 9, 2017**

That more men and women will learn from Jesus and discover that the yoke of their vocation is perfectly suited to them and respond with humble, gentle service as priests, deacons and consecrated religious, we pray to the Lord.

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 16, 2017**

That the call to serve Christ and His Church in the priesthood and consecrated life will fall on the rich soil of hearts prepared by prayer, hard work, and generous service to others, we pray to the Lord.

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 23, 2017**

That with dedicated spirits, we will beg the Lord of the Harvest to provide an abundance of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese who will help gather the wheat of souls into His barn, we pray to the Lord.

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 30, 2017**

For a greater awareness of the richness of every vocation to love Christ and that more men and women will respond to His invitation to follow Him as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**Feast of the Transfiguration -- August 6, 2017**

That just as the apostles saw the glory of the Lord and were strengthened to go out to the world as heralds of what they witnessed, may young men and women be moved to share their experience of Him as a priest or sister, we pray to the Lord.

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 13, 2017**

For all those called to priesthood and consecrated life, that they will have no fear in responding to Jesus as He calls them to trust in Him and His choice of them, we pray to the Lord.

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 20, 2017**

That more men and women will have the faith to hear God's call in their lives and respond with hope in His promise and love for the Savior by following Him as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 27, 2017**

That trusting in Christ's words to Peter, all those called to follow the Lord as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life will recognize the gift of their call and follow Him faithfully, we pray to the Lord.

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 3, 2017**

That none of us will be a hindrance to those men and women called to take up their cross and follow Jesus as priests, deacons or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 10, 2017**

For a deeper participation among families in prayer for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life among their children, knowing that Christ is in their midst, we pray to the Lord.

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 17, 2017**

That those who are called by God to be instruments of His love and mercy in this world will have the courage and generosity to say yes, and receive the support of their families and friends, we pray to the Lord.

**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 24, 2017**

That there will be an abundance of laborers chosen by the Lord to serve as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life in this vineyard of the Diocese of Arlington, we pray to the Lord.

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 1, 2017**

For the graces of clarity and active response in the discernment of our Heavenly Father's will for all those considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 8, 2017**

That men and women will be open to the voice of the Lord, asking the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help them recognize and answer His call to serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 15, 2017**

That from the many called to holiness in Christ, those chosen to follow Him more closely in the priesthood and consecrated life will respond with humble readiness, we pray to the Lord.

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 22, 2017**

For a growth in reverence for the gift and mystery of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and a readiness to give to God what is God's in response to His call, we pray to the Lord.

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 29, 2017**

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, deacon or in the consecrated religious life, we pray to the Lord.

**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 5, 2017 (National Vocation Awareness Week)**

During National Vocation Awareness Week, we pray for all who are discerning a call to imitate the humility of Christ as religious brothers, sisters, priests or deacons, we pray to the Lord.

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 12, 2017**

We pray for all of us here present, who were created with a thirst for God; may we be faithful in quenching that thirst by living our call to holiness, we pray to the Lord.

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 19, 2017**

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

**Solemnity of Christ the King -- November 26, 2017**

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.