

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on *Sunday, April 26, 2026*, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday".

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). This year marks the **63rd Anniversary** of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity, secular Institutes), and to the missionary life.

Should you have any questions about discerning a Vocation to the priesthood or religious life please call the Office of Vocations at 337.261.5690 or email at [DioLafVocations@gmail.com](mailto:DioLafVocations@gmail.com).

Here are three simple ways you can participate:

- Pray – Offer a Rosary or a personal Holy Hour for an increase in vocations.
- Encourage – Take a moment to affirm someone who may have a vocation to priesthood or religious life.
- Special Intention at Mass – Offer your Mass intentions for priests, seminarians, and all those discerning their vocations.

May we be all open to God's call in our own lives!!!

Prayers of the Faithful:

- For parish priests, that they may minister with the heart of the Good Shepherd and inspire more young men to enter seminary.
- That campus and youth ministers may foster a true encounter with Christ and accompany students in discerning God's call.
- That parents may be open to priestly and religious vocations within their families and encourage their children to prayerfully discern their calling.
- For the renewal of marriages and for those seeking a spouse, that God may fulfill their deepest desires.
- That the Holy Spirit may foster a culture of vocations in our diocese and inspire young people in our parish to respond to the Lord's call.
- In thanksgiving for all clergy and religious who have served our community; and the repose of the souls of those who have died.