



Vocation Days & Resources

World Day for Consecrated Life - February 2, 2021 / Feast of the Presentation of our Lord

Purpose: Recognize those from your parish or diocese that are in a religious order; To bring awareness to consecrated life.

Ideas: Put a picture and info of religious from your parish/diocese in bulletin or poster at entrance of the church; Ask a religious sister/brother/priest to give a reflection on Consecrated Life at Mass.

National Marriage Week - February 7-14, 2021

World Marriage Day - February 14, 2021 (2nd Sunday in February)

Purpose: Affirm those who have said “Yes” to the vocation of marriage, so that they recognize the joys of this vocation as they did on their wedding day. Remember, marriages striving for holiness equals a growing, thriving church.

Ideas: Write a blurb for bulletin; Make announcement at Mass; Give out marriage prayer cards; Recognize couple married longest at Mass; Hold a renewal of vows; Pray as a parish for those in marriage prep; Have married adults working with teens give their testimony; Hold reception for married couples after Mass.

www.wmd.wme.org/ideas.html

World Day of Prayer for Vocations - April 25, 2021 / Good Shepherd Sunday

Purpose: Pray for vocations from your parish, diocese and the world in any possible way.

Ideas: Write a blurb for bulletin; Make announcement at Mass; Prayer cards handed out after Mass; Have a family Holy Hour; Rosary said for vocations before each weekend Mass; Launch Adoration for vocations; Traveling Chalice.

www.worlddayofprayerforvocations.com

Religious Brothers Day - May 1, 2021 / Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker

Purpose: Bring awareness to religious brothers in the parish and diocese.

Ideas: Make announcement at Mass; Put picture and info of brothers from your parish/diocese in bulletin or poster at entrance of the church; Send a care package of practical items to a monastery in your diocese or nearby diocese.

www.yearforconsecratedlife.com/

World Priest Day - June 11, 2021 / Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

(aka **World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests**)

Purpose: Pray for your priest/all priests as they reflect upon the importance and dignity of their vocation.

Ideas: Rosary for priests; Adoration for priests; Put a prayer in the bulletin; Make announcement at Masses.

www.worldpriest.com

International Buy Your Priest a Beer Day - September 9, 2021

Priesthood Sunday - September 26, 2021

Purpose: Honor Christ as Priest and the men called to be His priests on earth.

Ideas: Write a blurb for bulletin; Make announcement at Mass; Give cards to organizations to have their members/youth/students fill out and give to him: Have parishioners give him Spiritual Bouquets.

www.priestsunday.org

National Vocation Awareness Week - November 7-13, 2021 (first full week of November)

Purpose: Bring Awareness to priesthood, consecrated religious life, and sacramental marriage.

Ideas: Write a blurb for bulletin; Announcement at Mass; Ask Priest to speak about vocations at parish school and religious education classes; Invite sisters to speak to youth group; Show vocation videos to kids (all at vocationministry.com with age-appropriate given); Bring some aspect of prayer to this week.

www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week.cfm

www.vocationawarenessweek.com

World Day of Cloistered Life - November 21, 2021 (The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Purpose: Bring awareness to this hidden life of prayer for all of us.

Ideas: Announcement at Mass; Put picture/info of cloistered life in bulletin or poster at entrance of church; Send care package of practical items to a cloistered order in your/nearby diocese.

www.cloisteredlife.com/news/pro-orantibus-day

Websites/Resources:

www.vocationministry.com - Resources for activities/*Hundredfold* and other books

www.vianneyvocations.com - Prayer cards/pamphlets

www.vocationnetwork.org/en/orders/index - Order Vision Vocation Guide- Free

www.marriageuniqueforareason.org - Made for Love podcast/blog/other marriage resources

www.paradisusdei.org - The Choice Wine marriage enrichment

www.ForYourMarriage.org / www.portumatrimonio.org - Dating, married couples, family life, parenting

www.serraspark.org - Serra Club resources for vocations

www.catholicfam.org - FREE Bulletin inserts about marriage, online magazine about marriage/family

www.youngadultministryinabox.com - Young Adult Ministry resources

www.witnesstolove.org - Marriage Prep

www.vocationbibleschool.com - Catholic Vocation Bible School

www.catholicprayercards.org - Holy cards of female saints - Louis and Zellie Martin prayer Marriage card

www.religiouslifecatalog.com - Free book rack card "Is God Calling You to Religious Life?"