

*Lord Jesus,
as You once called the first disciples
to make them fishers of men,
let Your sweet invitation
continue to resound:
Come, follow Me!*

*Give young men and women the grace
of responding quickly to Your voice.*

*Support our bishops, priests,
and consecrated people
in their apostolic labor.*

*Grant perseverance to our seminarians
and to all those who are carrying out
the ideal of a life
totally consecrated to Your service.*

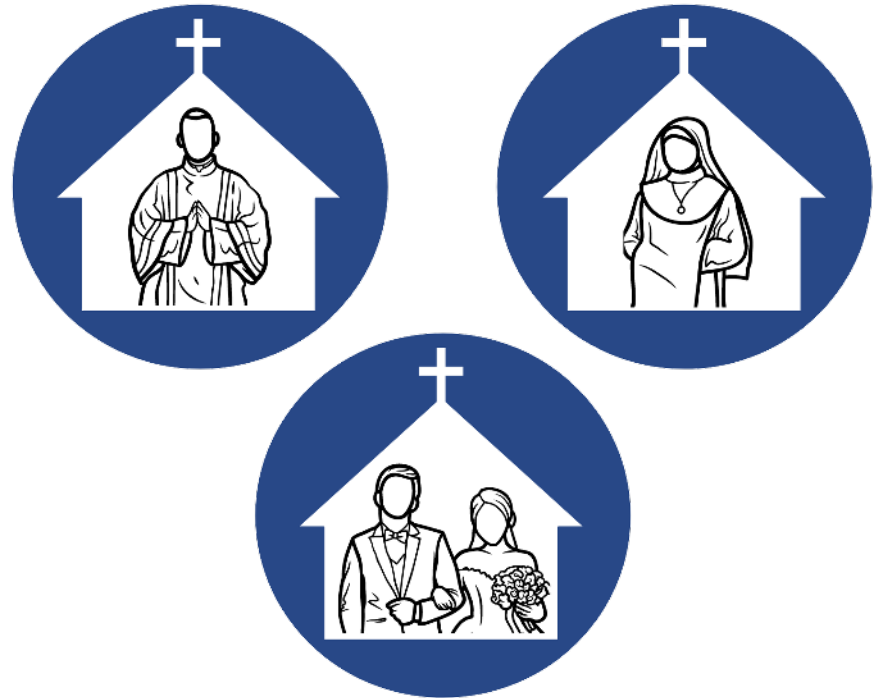
*Mary, Mother of the Church,
the model of every vocation,
help us to say 'Yes' to the Lord
Who calls us to cooperate in the
divine plan of salvation.*

Amen.

-Pope St. John Paul II

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HOW CAN **YOU** HELP PROMOTE VOCATIONS IN YOUR PARISH?



A parish vocation ministry ensures that every parish fosters an environment where each baptized person can joyfully explore the potential of God's call in his or her life by providing resources for prayer and discernment.

IN THE UNITED STATES...

- The average age of a diocesan parish priest is **67 YEARS OLD**
- 42 dioceses **DID NOT** ordain a new priest in 2021
- Over the past 50 years, the number of sisters has declined **74%**
- Catholic marriages have dropped **67%** since 1970

These startling statistics highlight the importance and absolute necessity to encourage vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and sacramental marriage.

“Let us be quite frank: the ability to cultivate vocations to the priesthood and the religious life is a sure sign of the health of a local Church. There is no room for complacency in this regard. God continues to call young people: it is up to all of us to encourage a generous and free response to that call.”

-Pope Benedict XVI in his address to the United States Bishops in 2008

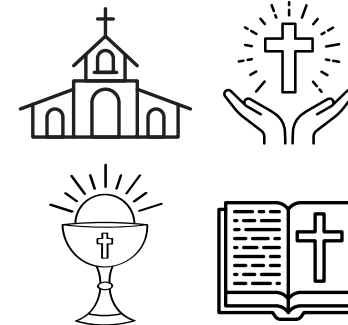
FOUR TYPES OF MINISTRY ACTIVITIES FOR FLOURISHING VOCATIONS

Prayer

Awareness & Education

Youth

Affirmation



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