

VOCATION VOCABULARY

BROTHER

Men who belong to a religious community and promise to serve the Church in a special way for life (unlike a priest, they do not administer sacraments).

MONK

A member of a men's religious community who lives a life of prayer in a monastery.

SEMINARY

School specializing in classes for students who are studying to become a priest (seminarians).

DEACON

An ordained minister who may preach the Gospel, teach, baptize, lead prayers, witness marriages and conduct wake and funeral services. A married man can become a Deacon if he is over the age of 35.

ORDINATION

Ceremony for men who have fulfilled all the requirements to become a priest; they receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

DIOCESAN PRIEST

Priest ordained to serve in one particular diocese, or area of the Church overseen by a bishop or archbishop.

PRIEST

Men who offer leadership and service to the Church and administer the sacraments to God's people.



MOTHER HOUSE

The main home/headquarters for sisters.

SISTER

Woman who takes vows to serve God in a special way, such as teachers, doctors, parish workers.

NUN

Women in religious orders (sisters) living a cloistered (secluded) life of prayer in a monastery.

NOVITIATE

Time of intense spiritual formation in which candidates (often called novices) learn about the community they want to join.

MONASTERY

Home of monks or nuns devoted to prayer.

RELIGIOUS ORDER/ CONGREGATION

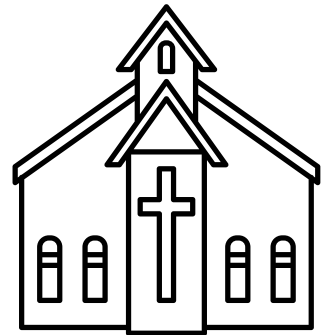
National or international group of priests, sisters or brothers who take vows to serve the Lord in a special way, such as teaching or missionary work.

PERPETUAL VOWS

Promise made to commit oneself as a priest, sister or brother for the rest of one's life.

TEMPORARY VOWS

Promise a man or woman makes to spend a period of trial and testing with a religious order.



SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE

A covenant between a baptized man and a woman that establishes a partnership of the whole life, which is ordered toward the good of the spouses and procreation and education of offspring.

HOLY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

1. THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Just as at the baptism of Jesus, the Holy Spirit came to each, one of us when we were baptized, and about us the Father said, -"This is my beloved child, with whom I am well pleased." May we always be mindful of the graces we received at our baptism and live out the vocation God has chosen for us.

2. THE WEDDING AT CANA

Mary's advice to the servers at the wedding is also directed to us. May we always do whatever the Lord Jesus tells us even when the task doesn't make sense. May married couples live holy lives committed to the Lord and raise their children to do whatever he tells them.

3. THE PREACHING OF THE KINGDOM

Jesus is King not only of the entire world, but also of our hearts. May we be courageous enough to be his true followers in both our personal and public life.

4. TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Peter, James, and John witnessed Jesus in all his glory at the transfiguration, a foretaste of what will come when we live out our vocation. May we live a life of holiness and learn to accept and make the necessary sacrifices to attain it.

5. THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

When we receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist a union between Him and us is created, a bond that creates in us a holy life that is filled with peace because Jesus is the source of all holiness and the giver of all graces. May we never let indifference enter our hearts and love and adore the Lord as the angels do.

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

1. THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

In rising from the dead, the Lord Jesus showed us that perseverance and faithfulness to our vocation brings us to eternal life. May God grant us the gift of faithfulness so with our very lives we can cry out, "The Lord is risen!"

2. THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Forty days after, his resurrection the Lord ascended to heaven promising to be with his disciples always. May we who are called to continue his work through the sacraments and holy witness be strengthened to carry out God's will for the Church.

3. THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We not only receive our vocation from the lord, but the Holy Spirit fills us with the gifts we need to live out that vocation. May the Lord renew us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit so we may proclaim the Word of God as we are called.

4. THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Mary now enjoys the fullness of God's life in heaven. May we realize that God has a plan for each of our lives and that our happiness lies in discovering and following that plan. May we like Mary, fix our eyes on her son Jesus.

5. THE CORONATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mary is both a model and help for us. Through her intercession, may we clearly see our vocation, and serve God and our neighbor in humble ways so that others may see His light, rather than our own.

V. O Mary, Mother of the Church,

R. Pray for us and obtain for us many and holy vocations.

THE LORD'S PRAYER FOR VOCATION

Our Father, who art in heaven...

You have promised not to leave us orphans. Send your holy ministers of salvation to give us the Spirit through the food of faith and charity.

Hallowed be thy name...

Through your chosen ministers filled with your Holy Spirit, may you be made known and loved by all people on earth.

Thy Kingdom come...

And may it be built by your faithful ministers through the sanctity of their lives, their burning zeal for your glory and the salvation of all.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven...

Eternal Father, do not cease to provide your Church with your holy ministers who teach all people your holy law.

Give us this day our daily bread...

The bread of grace which nourishes us through your sacraments. Enrich your Church with chosen ministers who bring your sanctifying grace to all men and women.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...

Send your people, Lord, chosen and faithful priests who by the sacrament of reconciliation bring back to you numerous hearts in need of your forgiveness.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil...

Lord, if our sins have deprived us of your friendship we ask you: send your ministers of mercy among us. With personal zeal and sacrifice may they keep our souls from sin and lead us to sanctification and eternal salvation. Amen.

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