**Vocation Bulletin Blurbs**

**First Sunday of Advent 2023 to Feast of Christ the King 2024**

**Cycle B**

***First Sunday of Advent -- December 3, 2023***

“Like a man away on a journey, he assigns each of us a task; be on the alert.” Being chosen to serve as a priest or in consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help your child to recognize and be faithful to their vocation. If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary -- December 8, 2023***

“Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God.” Could the Holy Spirit be calling your child to trust God and follow Him as a sister, nun, or consecrated virgin? If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Second Sunday of Advent -- December 10, 2023***

“A voice is calling.” Is Christ calling your child to become a priest or religious brother or sister? If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Third Sunday of Advent -- December 17, 2023***

“The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me.” God empowers us all for a special purpose! How will your child respond to so great a love? Is He asking them to follow Him as a priest or consecrated sister or brother? If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Fourth Sunday of Advent -- December 24, 2023***

“Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God.” Have your child consider following Christ by serving as a priest or in consecrated life. Did you know that fostering vocations starts at home? To find out more information, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Christmas -- December 25, 2023***

“The Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit, for He will save His people.” Is the Holy Spirit leading your child to share their gifts as a priest or religious brother or sister? If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Feast of the Holy Family -- Sunday, December 31, 2023***

“I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great.” If you feel God is offering your child the gift of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life as a sister, brother, or consecrated virgin, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -- Monday, January 1, 2024***

“The Lord lift up His countenance on you, and gives you peace.” His peace will be fully felt when you are living the vocation that he has called you to. If you feel Christ may be lifting your child up to faithful service as a priest or consecrated religious, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***The Epiphany -- January 7, 2024***

“For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd My people.” Is Christ calling your child forth out of their comfort zone to serve Him and others as a sister, brother, or priest? Reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Baptism of Our Lord -- January 8, 2024***

“You will see and be radiant, and your heart will thrill and rejoice.” Your heart will be full of joy when you answer His call. Is your child considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, sister or brother? Reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 14, 2024***

“Come, and you will see.” How is your child being called to come and see how they can build up the kingdom of God as His co-worker? Are they considering the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life? If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 21, 2024***

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Fishing is an active verb. If you feel your child is being called to strengthen Christ’s church through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, act. Reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 28, 2024 - World Day for Consecrated Life – February 2nd***

“I will raise up for them a prophet like you.” If you think that your child may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest or in consecrated life, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 4, 2024***

“Jesus went away to a secluded place and prayed.” If you witness your child seeking a greater simplicity of life and a closer following of the Lord in prayer and action, consider that He may be calling them to the priesthood or consecrated life. Reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 11, 2024 - World Marriage Day***

“Do everything for the glory of God.” Give Him the glory through your marriage. Show your children how you pray for your spouse each day and let them see how your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next.

***First Sunday of Lent -- February 18, 2024***

“I establish My covenant with you.” If in your listening to the Lord you sense that your child is being given an invitation to follow Christ as a priest, sister, or brother, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Second Sunday of Lent – February 25, 2024***

“This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!” Could the Lord be calling your child to proclaim His name as a priest or in consecrated life? Listen to Him and reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Third Sunday of Lent -- March 3, 2024***

“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to your child? They may be answering a call to the priesthood and serve God and His people. If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Fourth Sunday of Lent -- March 10, 2024***

“Whoever lives the truth comes to the light.” Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Is your child being called to belong to Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? Reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Fifth Sunday of Lent -- March 17, 2024***

“The Father will honor whoever serves me.” Do you feel that your child is being called to serve Christ as a priest or through consecrated life? Did you know that fostering vocations starts at home? To find out more information, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion -- March 24, 2024***

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. If you feel that God may be asking your child to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, pray fervently for them and reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Easter Sunday – March 31, 2024***

“The Lord is truly risen!” Do you think your child is being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord’s resurrection as a priest, religious sister or brother? Reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) -- April 7, 2024 - Uplift your Priest starts April 8th***

“As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” Let us affirm our priests and help carry out Christ's mission of spreading love and compassion in the world. Maybe God is also calling your child to share in His saving mission as a priest. If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Third Sunday of Easter -- April 14, 2024***

“Peace be with you.” His peace will be fully felt when you are living the vocation that He has called you to. If you think your child may be discerning a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a priest or in consecrated life, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Fourth Sunday of Easter -- April 21, 2024 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations***

“There is no salvation through anyone else.” Let us pray for those who are called to follow the Lord as a priest or religious brother or sister and that they may generously say YES. If you feel that God may be asking your child to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Fifth Sunday of Easter -- April 28, 2024 – Religious Brothers Day – May 1st***

“He had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.” Pray for those who God is boldly calling forth to serve Him and His people as religious brothers. If you feel that your child is considering this joy-filled vocation, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Sixth Sunday of Easter -- May 5, 2024***

“The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening.” Is your child’s love for the Lord leading them to grow in holiness as a priest or religious brother or sister? Reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Seventh Sunday of Easter -- May 12, 2024***

“As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them.” If you think the Lord may be inviting your child to carry on His mission as a priest or religious brother or sister, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Pentecost Sunday -- May 19, 2024***

“Receive the Holy Spirit.” Is the Holy Spirit preparing your child to share the Lord’s mission as a priest or religious brother or sister? Reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***The Most Holy Trinity -- May 26, 2024***

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” How can your child evangelize others and share in God’s glory? If you feel that God may be asking your child to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ -- June 2, 2024 - World Priest Day June 7th***

“Christ came as high priest.” Jesus the Eternal Word continues to call many to lives of holiness as priests. Could your son be one of them? Reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- June 9, 2024***

“Here are my mother and my brothers.” Embrace being a part of Christ’s family and consider that Christ may be calling your child to serve His people as a priest or religious brother or sister. If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- June 16, 2024***

“When the crop permits, the harvest has come.” Is your child being called by the Lord of the Harvest to proclaim His kingdom as a priest or religious brother or sister? Reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 23, 2024***

“He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.” Is Christ calling your child to die to self and live for Him as a priest or religious brother or sister? Reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Nativity of St. John the Baptist -- June 24, 2024***

“The Lord called me from birth.” Encourage your child to listen with an open heart, and pray for the vocation that the Lord is calling them to. Could it be as a priest, sister, or brother? If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 30, 2024***

“She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth.” Let us lay down our lives before Jesus and share the whole truth with Him. He may be calling your child to follow Him as a priest, sister, or brother. Did you know that fostering vocations starts at home? To find out more information, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 7, 2024***

“My grace is sufficient for you.” God's grace is all your child needs. If you feel that God may be asking your child to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 14, 2024***

“He began to send them out two by two.” Just as Jesus was sending out His disciples in pairs, perhaps your child too is being called to discipleship for this shared mission as a priest or religious brother or sister. If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 21, 2024***

“They were like sheep without a shepherd.” Do these words of Christ challenge your child to give their all for Him and lead the flock as a priest? If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 28, 2024***

“I implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.” Do you feel that your child is being drawn to help feed the people of God as a priest or religious brother or sister? Reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 4, 2024***

“The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven.” Reflect upon the sacred nature of the divine bread and contemplate if He is calling your child to the priesthood or consecrated life. Did you know that fostering vocations starts at home? To find out more information, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 11, 2024***

“I will raise him on the last day.” Reflect on the profound promise of resurrection and what your child’s path to eternal life looks like. Will their path of holiness be as a priest or religious brother or sister? If you feel that God may be asking your child to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary -- August 15, 2024***

“Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.” Your child may be called to observe the word of God and embrace a calling to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 18, 2024***

“Always give thanks for all things.” Give thanks to the priests, sisters, and brothers who answered God’s call with open hearts to serve Him. Is Christ calling your child to serve as a priest or religious brother or sister? If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 25, 2024***

“You have the words of eternal life.” Could God be calling your child to be a vessel of His eternal love and wisdom that guides and inspires others? Encourage them to follow Him into a life of service to others as a priest or religious brother or sister. Did you know that fostering vocations starts at home? To find out more information, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 1, 2024***

“Keep the commandments of the Lord.” Seek a life deeply aligned with His divine will and purpose. If you feel He is calling your child to become a priest or religious brother or sister, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 8, 2024***

“He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.” If you feel Christ encouraging your child to be a transformative instrument as a priest or religious brother or sister, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 15, 2024***

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.” Is your child seeking a simplistic way of life? They may be called to take the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Help them discover that life as a priest or religious brother or sister. Reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 22, 2024***

“The Lord upholds my life.” He indeed is our strength and foundation. Pray and ask Him sincerely if He could be calling your child to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 29, 2024 - Priesthood Sunday***

“Whoever is not against us is for us.” Pray for your priest. They heard God calling them to the priesthood and chose to serve Christ. Now, they enrich our spiritual well-being every day in the name of God.

***Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 6, 2024***

“We see Jesus crowned with glory and honor.” Will you let the Holy Spirit lead your child to be a reflection of His divine glory as a priest? Let them seek the opportunity to serve and lead others. If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 13, 2024 - Deacon Sunday***

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” Pray for those men who serve us as deacons. By answering a call to the diaconate, a man seeks to follow Jesus' path by serving and enriching the lives of others. If you are called to the serve as a deacon, speak with your pastor or contact the Office of the Diaconate.

***Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 20, 2024***

“What do you wish for me to do for you?” Listen closely to your heart. Is God calling your child to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Let the grace of prayer encourage them. If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 27, 2024***

“Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you.” Will you share in Christ’s saving mission? He may be calling your child to a beautiful and sacrifical life as a priest or religious brother or sister. If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***All Saints Day -- November 1, 2024***

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great.” Consider the priesthood or consecrated life for your child! Remind them that their vocation is their sanctification in this life to lead them to sainthood in the next. If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 3, 2024 - National Vocation Awareness Week***

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Do you feel that your child is being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart as a priest or religious brother or sister? If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 10, 2024***

“Do not fear: go, do as you have said.” Let the reassuring words of Christ lead your child. If you feel that they are being called to be a priest or religious brother or sister, encourage them to courageously say “Yes!” Reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 17, 2024 - World Day of Cloistered Life - November 21***

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” Cherish the precious words of the Lord. He may be calling your child to a life of contemplation as a cloistered monk or nun, whose lives are devoted to prayer and reflection. If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

***Solemnity of Christ the King -- November 24, 2024***

“My kingdom does not belong to this world.” Help lead others to Christ and to know his merciful love. Prayerfully consider He may be calling your child to serve in this world as a priest or religious brother or sister. If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.