*Lord Jesus,*

*as You once called the first disciples* to make them fishers of men,

# HOW CAN

**YOU**

*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*

**Creating a Culture of Vocations**

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# 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.

**FOUR TYPES OF MINISTRY ACTIVITIES FOR FLOURISHING VOCATIONS**

**Prayer Awareness & Education**

**Youth Affirmation**

*“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

**We meet monthly for fellowship, prayer, and planning.**

**JOIN US!**