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**First Sunday of Advent - December 1, 2024**

*"Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."* (Luke 21:36)
Encourage your children to be watchful and alert to God’s voice. Is He calling them to the priesthood or consecrated life? Foster a spirit of openness and vigilance in prayer and discuss their feelings. 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 8, 2024**

*"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."* (Luke 3:4)
John the Baptist's call to prepare for Christ also invites families to prepare their hearts for a vocation. Have conversations with your children about serving Christ as a priest or religious brother or sister. Invite them to reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) - December 15, 2024**

*"Rejoice in the Lord always."* (Philippians 4:4)
Help your children recognize the joy that comes from God’s invitation to serve Him in priesthood or consecrated life. This joy can signal a calling to share His love with others. Discuss this joy as a family and reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 22, 2024**
*"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."* (Luke 1:45)
Like Mary, encourage your children to trust in God’s plan for their lives. If they feel called to serve as a priest or religious brother or sister, support them in believing in God’s promise and following with courage. Have them reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Christmas - December 25, 2024**
*"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us."* (John 1:14)
As a family, reflect on how you can bring Christ’s presence into the world. Could He be calling one of your children to a vocation that shares the light of Christ? Encourage them to reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Feast of the Holy Family - December 29, 2024**
*"Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?"* (Luke 2:49)
The Holy Family serves as a model of love and faith. Guide your children to reflect on how their family life mirrors the faith of the Holy Family. Help them nurture their relationship with God and consider how this could guide their future. 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 Mary, Mother of God - January 1, 2025**
*"Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."* (Luke 2:19)
Motivate your children to take time to discern God’s will for their lives, just as Mary did. Support them in asking God to place His desire for their vocation on their hearts. Invite them to have open discussions with your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Epiphany of the Lord - January 5, 2025**
*"They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."*

(Matthew 2:11)
Help your children consider what gift they can offer Christ. If they feel called to serve the Church, empower them to view their life as a precious gift to share with 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.

**Baptism of the Lord - January 12, 2025**
*"You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased."* (Luke 3:22)
Urge your children to listen for God’s voice. If they sense a call to the priesthood or consecrated life, support them in exploring this path. Promote open conversations with your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 19, 2025**
*"Do whatever He tells you."* (John 2:5)
At the Wedding at Cana, Jesus blessed the union of a married couple. Discuss with your children how marriage is a sacred covenant, emphasizing the importance of listening to Christ’s guidance in their lives.

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 26, 2025**
***National Catholic Schools Week starts January 27th***

*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."* (Luke 4:18)

Help your children explore their potential call to share Christ’s message through a life of service in the Church. Ask them to be open to God’s leading and discuss their feelings with your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Presentation of the Lord - February 2, 2025**

***World Day for Consecrated Life***

*"When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord."* (Luke 2:22)
Inspire your children to trust in God’s call for their lives. Could He be inviting them to offer themselves in a unique way? Support them by nurturing their openness to God’s plan and connecting with your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 9, 2025**

***World Marriage Day & National Marriage Week***

*"They left everything and followed him."* (Luke 5:11)
As we celebrate World Marriage Day, honor the sacred beauty of marriage while also discussing the possibility of religious vocations with your children. Be an advocate for them to explore how they can follow Christ in whatever path He sets before them.

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 16, 2025**
*"Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours."* (Luke 6:20)
Help your children understand that a vocation to religious life may involve simplicity and dedication. Support them in considering whether God might be calling them to this blessed path. If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 23, 2025**
*"Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you."* (Luke 6:27)
Discuss with your children how priests, religious, and married couples are called to embody love and forgiveness. Support them in reflecting on how they might be called to witness to God’s mercy and compassion.

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - March 2, 2025**
*"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?"* (Luke 6:41)
Encourage your children to practice humility and self-awareness in their discernment. Talk about the importance of looking inward and listening for God’s call, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage. If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Ash Wednesday – March 5, 2025**
*"But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you."* (Matthew 6:6)
This Lenten season, invite your children to reflect on their relationship with God. Help them explore how they might serve others during this time of prayer and fasting, and how their actions could lead them closer to a 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.

**First Sunday of Lent - March 9, 2025**
*"You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve."* (Luke 4:8)
Motivate your children to take time during Lent to reflect on their life's direction. Lead them to discern whether God might be calling them to serve Him 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.

**Second Sunday of Lent - March 16, 2025**
*"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."* (Luke 9:35)
Support your children in prayer as they listen for Jesus’ voice. Could He be inviting them to follow Him more closely in a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Ask them about their feelings and connect with your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Third Sunday of Lent - March 23, 2025**
*“I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future."*

(Luke 13:7-9)
Discuss how God cultivates hearts, preparing them for service. Pray for your children to discern whether God is calling them to priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage, and allow them time to patiently wait for God’s response. 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 30, 2025**
*"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him."* (Luke 15:20)
Invite your children to consider how God’s compassion invites them to explore the paths He has prepared. Is He calling them to share His love through a vocation to 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.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 6, 2025**

*"Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore." (John 8:11)*
As a family, reflect on the mercy that Jesus showed. Support your children in recognizing their ability to care for others. Could this empathy lead one of them toward a vocation to 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.

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion - April 13, 2025**

*"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."* (Luke 23:46)
During Holy Week, talk with your children about what it means to follow Jesus’ example in their own lives. Could He be inviting them to a special vocation of service? Guide their journey by supporting this calling and connecting them with your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Holy Thursday - April 17, 2025**
*"If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet."* (John 13:14)

On this Holy Thursday, as we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist and Christ’s example of servant leadership, let us pray for our children to recognize their calling. Just as Jesus humbly washed the feet of His disciples, He invites each of them to a life of service and love. Help them embrace this spirit of servitude, whether in priesthood, consecrated life, or their everyday interactions. Remind them that they can always talk to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director about these possibilities.

**Good Friday - April 18, 2025**
*"He bowed His head and gave up His spirit."* (John 19:30)

We remember the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for our salvation. His willingness to suffer and die for us invites us to reflect on the nature of true love and commitment. As parents, let us pray for our children to recognize how God may be calling them to respond to this love. Pray that they consider laying down their lives in service to others through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Encourage them to talk to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Easter Sunday - April 20, 2025**
*"He is not here, for he has been raised."* (Mark 16:6)
This Easter, as you celebrate the joy of the resurrection, invite your children to think about how they can bring Christ’s love to others. Could God be calling them to a life of dedicated service as a priest or religious brother or sister? Foster these reflections and talk with your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) - April 27, 2025**

***Uplift your Priest starts April 28th***

*"Peace be with you."* (John 20:19)

If your child is seeking peace and purpose in their life, promote them to open their heart to the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Pray that God’s mercy guides their steps as they discern their calling.

**Third Sunday of Easter - May 4, 2025**
*"It is the Lord!"* (John 21:7)

Help your child to recognize Jesus in their life as the first step toward responding to His call. Pray that they feel His presence urging them toward a vocation and remind them to seek guidance from your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 11, 2025**

***World Day of Prayer for Vocations***

*"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."* (John 10:27)

Pray that your child listens for the Good Shepherd’s call to care for His flock as a priest or religious brother or sister. Trust that He knows them by name and will lead them in their vocation. Support them in this journey and have conversations with your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 18, 2025**
*"I give you a new commandment: love one another."* (John 13:34)
Love is at the heart of every vocation. Could God be inviting your child to live out this commandment of love by serving others? What else might that calling look like for them? Suggest they talk to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 25, 2025**
*"The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."* (John 14:26)
How has the Holy Spirit spoken to or guided your family? Discuss with your children if they feel drawn to the priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage. If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Ascension of the Lord - June 1, 2025**
*“You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."* (Luke 24:48-49)
Just as Jesus entrusted His disciples with the mission of sharing the Gospel, He may be inviting your children to continue His work within the Church. Inspire them to trust in the Holy Spirit’s power to equip them for this journey. Suggest they speak to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Pentecost Sunday - June 8, 2025**
*"Receive the Holy Spirit."* (John 20:22)
As the Holy Spirit filled the disciples with strength, so too can He empower your children to answer a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Encourage them to be open to His prompting and talk to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**The Most Holy Trinity - June 15, 2025**
*"Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that He will take from what is mine and declare it to you."* (John 16:15)
The unity of the Holy Trinity invites us to participate in God’s life and love. How might God be calling your children to embody this unity through a vocation? Perhaps He is leading them toward the sacred union of holy matrimony? If you would like more information and resources to share with your child, reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) - June 22, 2025**
***World Priest Day (World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests) – June 27th***
*“He spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and He healed those who needed to be cured."* (Luke 9:11b)
Just as Christ ministered to those around Him, your children may be called to bring spiritual healing and proclaim God’s kingdom. If you sense they are being invited to follow in Jesus' footsteps by serving the Church through the priesthood, consider reaching out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 29, 2025**
*“You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it."* (Matthew 16:18)
Sometimes God speaks to us clearly, while other times it can be challenging to understand His calling. If your child feels like Peter—being called to something greater—now is a great opportunity to talk to your priest about how to better hear God’s voice and discern His purpose in their life. Invite them to reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 6, 2025**
*"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few."* (Luke 10:2)
God’s vineyard is overflowing with opportunities, and there is a heartfelt need for dedicated laborers. Might Christ be inviting your child to join this vital work? Suggest that they consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, as their unique gifts could profoundly impact others. Talk to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 13, 2025**
*"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."* (Luke 10:27)
Is God inviting your child to love Him through a life of service in the Church? Encourage them to pray about how they can fulfill this greatest commandment through a vocation. Have open conversations with your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 20, 2025**
*“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her."* (Luke 10:41-42)
Motivate your child to prioritize time with God, following Mary’s example. Are they being called to dedicate their life to prayer and service in the Church as a consecrated religious? Prompt them to reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 27, 2025**
*"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."* (Luke 11:9)
If your child senses God calling them to a vocation, inspire them to seek His guidance in prayer: *"Lord, I will go where You want me to go. I will be who You want me to be. I will do what You want me to do. Please make Your will clear to me."* Encourage them to talk to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 3, 2025**
*"Take care to guard against all greed."* (Luke 12:15)
In a world filled with distractions, God invites us to prioritize what truly matters—our relationship with Him. Is He calling your child to set aside worldly concerns and serve Him 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.

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 10, 2025**
*"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."*

(Luke 12:40)
The call to serve can come in unexpected ways. Show your children the importance of staying open to God’s voice by helping them recognize opportunities to serve in the Church. Talking to a priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director can be a great step for them to understand how to listen to God’s direction in their lives.

**Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 15, 2025**
*"The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.'"* (Luke 1:30)
Mary’s “yes” to God is a profound example for all of us. Share with your children how they, too, can respond courageously to God’s call, just as she did. Encourage them to open their hearts and consider a vocation of service to God and others. Reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 17, 2025**
*"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!"* (Luke 12:49)
The enduring love within marriage can be a powerful example to your children of the way Christ calls us to love. Help them understand that this love, whether in marriage or religious life, can set the world ablaze with God’s light and warmth. 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 24, 2025**
*"Strive to enter through the narrow gate."* (Luke 13:24)
Guide your children to consider paths that challenge and grow their faith. Share with them the idea that following Christ, though not always easy, brings lasting joy and purpose. 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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 31, 2025**
*"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."* (Luke 14:11)
Teach your children the value of humility in any vocation. Explore how God might be calling them to a life of humble service, be it in marriage, 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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 7, 2025**
*"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."* (Luke 14:27)
Show your children that every vocation involves sacrifice for the sake of love. In marriage, it may mean putting their spouse’s needs first; in priesthood or consecrated life, giving up certain comforts for service. Help them see that these sacrifices bring fulfillment and joy.

**Exaltation of the Holy Cross - September 14, 2025**
*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."* (John 3:16)
The ultimate love shown through the cross reminds us of the beauty of selflessness. Talk with your children about how they can mirror that love in their lives. Perhaps God is calling them to a vocation that allows them to serve others deeply. 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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 21, 2025**
*"No servant can serve two masters. You cannot serve God and mammon."* (Luke 16:13)
Help your children see the beauty of serving God with an undivided heart. Discuss how dedicating themselves fully to God, whether through family life or religious life, brings the ultimate purpose and joy.

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 28, 2025**
***Priesthood Sunday***
*"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead."* (Luke 16:31)
This Priesthood Sunday, invite your children to pray for priests who dedicate their lives to serving God’s people. Encourage them to speak with a priest to learn more about this important role and the ways they can serve the Church.

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 5, 2025**
*"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you."* (Luke 17:6)
Even small steps of faith can lead to great things. Show your children how their faith can grow, allowing them to explore whether God is calling them to a vocation in His Church. Remind them that God will provide the strength they need to follow His path, even if it’s not yet clear.

**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 12, 2025**
***Deacon Sunday***
*"And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice;"*

(Luke 17:15)
Deacons play a special role in bringing Christ’s love and healing to others. Celebrate Deacon Sunday by talking to your children about this path of service and how they can serve in ways that glorify God. Discover ways they can help others in a manner that reflects Christ’s love like these dedicated men.

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 19, 2025**
*"When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"* (Luke 18:8)
Help keep faith alive in the world by inspiring your children to be committed to God’s plan. Talk to them about what it means to live out faith daily, and if they feel a calling, support them as they discern a vocation that can have a lasting impact on others’ lives.

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 26, 2025**
*"For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."* (Luke 18:14)
Humility is essential to every vocation. Encourage your children to practice humility in their own lives and to ask God’s guidance on their unique calling. If you feel your children are being drawn to serve the Church, support them in following that path with an open heart by talking with a priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**All Saints Day - November 1, 2025**
*"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."* (Matthew 5:12)
The saints show us what it means to live a life of faith and purpose. Share their stories with your children and talk with them about how God calls each of us to holiness, perhaps even to a life dedicated to the Church. Explore the ways in which your children can live out their own path to sainthood, maybe as a priest or religious brother or sister.

**The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day) - November 2, 2025**
***National Vocation Awareness Week***
*"For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day."* (John 6:40)
As we honor All Souls’ Day and begin National Vocation Awareness Week, help your children understand that each of us is part of God’s plan. Share with them how they, too, might be called to shepherd and guide others, perhaps through a vocation in the Church. Pray together for the souls of the departed, and ask God to help guide your child’s discernment journey.

**The Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - November 9, 2025**
*"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."* (John 2:19)
Guide your children in building a strong foundation of faith in their own lives. Walk with them as they discern if God may be calling them to strengthen the Church community—perhaps as a priest or religious brother or sister. Share stories of faith builders and inspire them to think about how they might be called to contribute. 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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 16, 2025**
***World Day of Cloistered Life – November 21st***
*"By your perseverance you will secure your lives."* (Luke 21:19)
The quiet dedication of those in cloistered life reminds us of the power of prayer and perseverance. Encourage your child to consider how prayer and quiet reflection can direct them in discerning their vocation. Discuss with them the beauty of a life devoted to prayer, even within their daily life, and ask if they might feel called to this hidden but powerful witness in the Church. Reach out to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director.

**Solemnity of Christ the King - November 23, 2025**
*"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."* (Luke 23:42)
Reflect with your children on what it means to let Christ reign in their lives. Talk about how serving in His kingdom, whether in priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage, is a gift to the whole community. Help them see that answering God’s call—whatever it may be—is a way to spread His love and strengthen His kingdom here on earth. Talk to your priest, religious coordinator, or diocesan vocation director for more resources to share with your child.