

## Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood

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Let us Pray:

Lord, Our God

we know that You are Goodness itself.

Throughout history you have called forth ministers of Word and Sacrament to lead, guide, and serve your people as priests.

We join with our Bishop in praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese

We ask you, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to stir up a desire in the hearts of young men in our parishes to serve your Church in the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Help them to hear and respond generously to your call deep within their hearts, so they may join with those who have built up your Church, through their ministry as priests.

O God of Love and Mercy, we pray that you will inspire our priests to continue to share the joy and the happiness of their ministry at Your Altar in the Christian community. Prompt parents, grandparents, and teachers to realize that sometimes you call future priests to your service through the encouragement of those who see in them the qualities of a good priest.

We pray especially for our seminarians. We ask you to help them to be the best human beings, the best Christians, and the best priests they can be. Graciously hear our prayer through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of priests and in the name of Jesus who is Christ the Lord. AMEN.