

Good Shepherd Sunday 2017

Suggested Bulletin inserts

You may care to use these inserts for your parish and school bulletins, and place them on your parish and school Facebook Pages and Websites.

30th April (Third Sunday of Easter)

Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In his Letter for this Day, Pope Francis asks each of us to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. If each person who reads this offers one small prayer, it will make a difference.

7 May (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Today the Church asks each of us to pray for, or to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Each person in the community has a role to play in encouraging vocations – whether by prayer, encouragement or personal suggestion. The Pope, in his Letter for today, tells us ‘There is no room for fear!’ May each one of us be fearless in praying for, and promoting more vocations.

For use, ad libitum, in parish bulletins, newsletters, publications etc.....

A request from Pope Francis

“I ask parish communities, associations and the many prayer groups present in the Church, not to yield to discouragement but to continue praying that the Lord will send workers to his harvest. May he give us priests enamored of the Gospel, close to all their brothers and sisters, living signs of God’s merciful love.”
(Message of Pope Francis, 54th World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

Think about it....

Have you thought about how much work goes into to celebrating our Sunday liturgies? How much our musicians prepare and practice? Our sacristans and florists work hard. Our liturgical ministers prepare and participate in our service, to name a few people who give generously of their time and talents. Our priests spend many hours preparing homilies and other things for the liturgies and sacraments they celebrate for us. Perhaps today we might pause and give a prayer of thanks for all those who serve us in our parish.

A prayer request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you ‘spiritually’ to Mass on Sunday. If the opportunity arises, you might mention that you are praying for them and their future. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.