

## Vocations Suggestions for Parishes

- Schedule a Holy Hour or time of prayer for vocations each month, or at another suitable time, i.e. Feast Days.
- Ask all parish groups to use a prayer for vocations at their meetings on a regular basis.
- Ask the priests and religious of the parish to write a small reflection about their call to vocation, and publish this in the parish and school bulletins and on your social media platforms.
- Invite one or two religious congregations to be present at weekend liturgies, and perhaps have a display in the church foyer, for special Feasts.
- Ensure that there are posters and brochures in the foyer of the church.
- Invite your primary and secondary schools to have a poster in the school, and to highlight vocations in some way.
- Schedule a regular prayer for vocations in the General Intercessions.
- Make vocation resources available to parish youth groups and leaders.
- Invite any religious and priests in the area to a parish morning tea / lunch to thank them for their witness and service, especially on particular Feast Days.
- Publicly acknowledge the presence and ministry of religious, deacons and priests in your community in some way. E.g. on Father's Day, Feast of the Presentation, Parish Feast Days.
- Contact your local Vocations Office to ask for ideas or a visit.
- Advertise and use resources for Good Shepherd Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter) and National Vocations Awareness Week (August).