

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call. Make a donation towards the Seminary Appeal to support the formation of men into the priesthood - www.cdh.org.nz/seminary-appeal

Teach Your Children to Use GPS

Find a time today to have a conversation with your children, asking, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" After a few moments of discussion, ask, "Who do you think God wants you to be when you grow up?" Emphasise to your children that God has a specific plan in mind for them, and that following God's plan is the surest way to happiness. Every life decision—which college to attend, whom to date, which job to pursue, whether to enter seminary, whom to marry—should be undertaken only after praying for God's guidance. In other words, encourage kids to navigate life using GPS - God's Positioning System.



POPE FRANCIS PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

LORD of the Harvest,
BLESS young people with the gift of courage
to respond to your call. Open their hearts to
great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love
and giving - for vocations blossom in the
good soil of faithful people.

INSTIL those in religious life, parish
ministries, and families with the confidence
and grace to invite others to embrace the
bold and noble path of a life
consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and
sacrament, so that we may cooperate
with you in building your reign of mercy
and truth, of justice and peace. AMEN.

Called to Sow Seeds of Hope and to Build Peace



**This annual day of prayer is dedicated to imploring
from the Father the gift of holy vocations
for the building up of his Kingdom:**

**“Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out
labourers into his harvest” (Lk 10:2)**

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