

Encourage cooperation among the different ministries in your parish.

It is only by the cooperation of the entire community, with members responding to the vocation they received through baptism, that we will be able to create the proper environment to foster the increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life - with the Holy Spirit leading the way!

If you know of anyone interested in exploring a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, contact:

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A Vocation Prayer

Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our parish hear the call to serve in the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Our needs are great and our people thirst for Your presence.

Open our hearts, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for Your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance.

Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



What can I do as a Parishioner to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life?



1

Exhibit a love of your faith.

By showing a love of your faith, you can provide the parish community with a powerful personal witness as to the importance of living out one's vocation as the Lord intended. You can be a model for others to discover the vocation to which they are being called.

2

Extend an invitation.

Many people claim that they were never invited to explore a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Extend this invitation to a young person who you think might have a religious or priestly vocation. Your invitation could make a difference in someone's life.

3

Offer friendship to priests and religious.

Whether it be sharing a meal, taking a walk, or simply having a conversation after mass, make an effort to share friendship with priests and religious. Healthy friendships will foster awareness, communication and respect for the lifestyle and needs of each person. Feelings of happiness and satisfaction will be the sure result!

4

Attend Mass.

Celebration of the Eucharist is a fundamental aspect of our faith. Gathering around the Lord's table will serve to strengthen the bond you have to your faith and the bond of the parish family. It is a strong parish family that produces priestly and religious vocations.

5

Support parish functions.

Your participation in parish functions is important. Not only will you benefit in terms of your own spiritual growth, you will be setting a fine example for your friends and neighbors. Having the parish as a focal point in your life can be an impetus for others to do the same. Such an atmosphere gives rise to church vocations.

6

Say thank you.

We all know that it feels good to be thanked for a job well done. Say "thanks" to a priest or religious. It is encouraging for them to feel that the generosity of their lives is appreciated. This appreciation sheds a positive light on priestly and religious vocations. Your show of gratitude may lead others to do the same.

7

Serve in parish ministry.

In the Gospels Jesus directs each of us to a life of service. Your service in the activities of your parish will help create the life-giving environment necessary for the nurturing of religious and priestly vocations. Let us fulfill this Gospel message by sharing our gifts.

8

Pray.

Of all the ways we can work toward the increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, prayer is undoubtedly the most essential. Make a commitment to pray for this intention everyday. Also consider praying for a particular priest or religious in your parish.

9

Participate in Vocation Awareness Week.

Take part in the events of Vocation Awareness Week by praying with others throughout the diocese for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Check the bulletin for details regarding vocation activities. Your presence and support will enhance the effectiveness of these events.
