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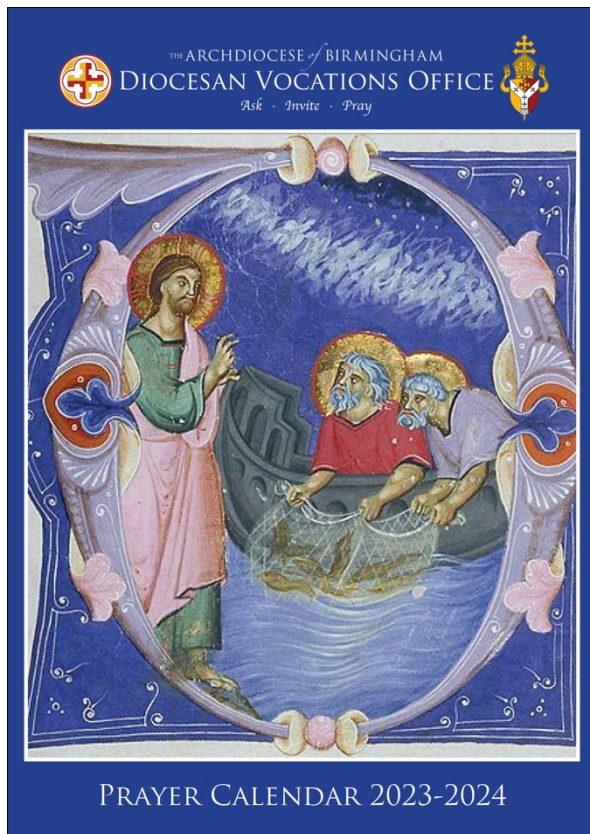


PRAYER CARDS

*“Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer;
 only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.”*
 - Pope Francis

These cards are available free-of-charge to parishes, groups, schools and individuals in the Archdiocese.

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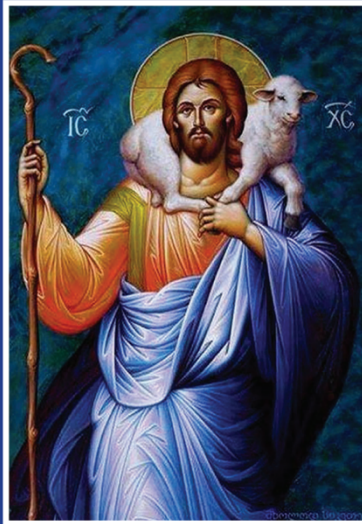


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Vocations Prayer Calendar 2023-2024

Daily Prayer for our seminarians, men in formation for the permanent diaconate and for a greater awareness of God's call in our homes, parishes, schools and universities.

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



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Heavenly Father,
we ask you to send labourers
into your harvest.

Inspire, in the hearts of your people,
vocations to the priesthood, diaconate
and religious life.

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity,
so that those whom you call
have the courage to give themselves
to your Church in faith.

Through Christ our Lord.

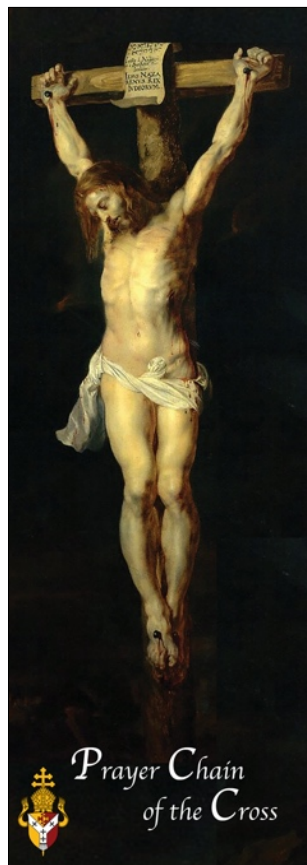
Amen.



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Diocesan Prayer for Vocations



*In the 'Prayer Chain of the Cross',
we are inviting all who are sick,
housebound or lonely to join in
prayer, offering up their suffering
to Christ's Cross for an increase in
vocations to the priesthood, diaconate
and consecrated life.*

PRAYER OF SUFFERING

My Lord Jesus, you bore so many
wounds for the sins of the world,
you gave yourself up to be
tortured, scorned and crucified
on the Cross. Today I give you
my pain, my loneliness, illness
and heartache. If it pleases
you, take it as a small gift to
be lost in the tide of your holy
blood, for the sake of all souls in
purgatory and for vocations to
the priesthood, diaconate and
consecrated life. Have mercy
on your humble servant, Lord,
as I commend my spirit into your
hands. Amen.

FOR UNION WITH JESUS

By Ven. Fulton Sheen

Let not my abandonment,
and my sorrow, and my
bereavement go to waste.
Gather up the fragments, and
as the drop of water is absorbed
by the wine in the offertory of
the Mass, let my life be absorbed
in you; let my little cross be
entwined with your great Cross,
so that I may purchase the joys
of everlasting happiness in union
with you. Amen.



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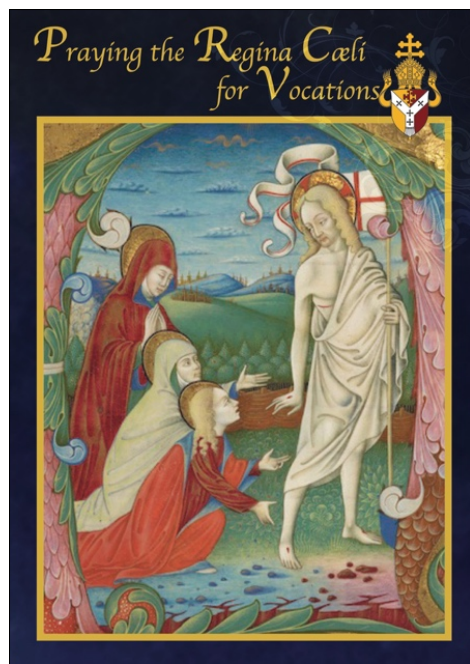
Prayer Chain of the Cross

For the sick and housebound to offer up their suffering for an increase of vocations in the Church.



Praying the Rosary for Vocations

We ask Mary's help in saying "Yes", as she did, to God's plan. This popular 8-page folded card has reflections to help mediate on each mystery of the **Rosary** to pray for vocations.



Praying the Angelus for Vocations Praying the Regina Cæli for Vocations

The **Angelus** is traditionally prayed at 6 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. We stop and pray that God's work be done through us – just as at the Annunciation, Our Lady prayed, "Let it be done unto me according to thy Word." During Eastertide, we instead pray the **Regina Cæli**. There are 4-page cards produced for each prayer.



Guild of Saint Stephen for Altar Servers

The **Guild of Saint Stephen** in the Archdiocese of Birmingham is administered by the Diocesan Vocations Office. This 4-page card includes the **Guild Promise** and **Guild Prayer**, as well as information to encourage and support altar servers.

*“Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest
to send out labourers into His harvest.”*

- Matthew 4:38



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