

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



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Family Chalice Guide



Wherever priests are scarce, nothing can substitute for them, but rather the whole community should beg for them with greater insistence, by personal and community prayer.

- Pope John Paul II

Guide for the Family Chalice Vocations Program

Purpose: To increase the number of families praying for vocations.

Since the Eucharist is central to our Catholic faith and parish, the Family Chalice Program encourages families to pray for vocations.

It is from within the family that our Lord grew in wisdom and grace; and It is in the family that we sow the seeds of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

The Celebrant calls forth the designated family/individual to receive the Chalice, symbolic of the priesthood. The Celebrant commissions the family/individual to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

The Chalice is taken home, set in a place of honor so all may gather together in prayer each day for the increase to vocations and religious life.

The Chalice is returned to the lower sacristy (behind the altar) the following week 30 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass.

Saturday

Leader: O God, we recognize the responsibility of all to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. As part of our commitment to this responsibility, together we pray ...

All: O Most Holy Virgin, we come to You to implore a great grace on behalf of all the peoples of the earth. We ask of you laborers of the Gospel. You, O Mother, are the Queen of the Apostles; you have obtained the grace of their ministry. Through Your intercession, every vocation has come. Obtain for Your Church and the whole world today, numerous and chosen priests, Apostolic and holy men, souls fervent with zeal and charity. Remember the Command of Your Son Jesus when he said: "Pray the harvest master that he may send workers to the harvest. Hear us, O Mother, for the greatest comfort of the Most Holy Heart of Jesus. Amen.

All: Our Father ...

Hail Mary ...

Glory be to the Father ... Amen

Sunday

Leader: O God, we recognize the responsibility of all to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. As part of our commitment to this responsibility, together we pray ...

All: Lord Jesus, remove all the distractions and noise from the hearts and ears of the young men and women You are calling to a life of service. As they pray for guidance, make them more aware of Your presence in quiet moments of their day. And should You choose one such young man or woman from our family, we would thank You with grateful hearts. Amen.

All: Our Father ...

Hail Mary ...

Glory be to the Father ... Amen

Monday

Leader: O God, we recognize the responsibility of all to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. As part of our commitment to this responsibility, together we pray ...

All: Heavenly Father, You entrust men and women with talents and opportunities that they may be Your agents in helping the poor and suffering. May they who use Your entrusted gifts become co-workers with Your Son. We pray that the self-sacrifice, the sympathy, the love, manifested in the life of Christ, reappear in the lives who have left all to follow Your Son. Amen.

All: Our Father ...

Hail Mary ...

Glory be to the Father ... Amen

Tuesday

Leader: O God, we recognize the responsibility of all to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. As part of our commitment to this responsibility, together we pray ...

All: Lord our God, you established the Church as a sign of Your continuing presence in the world. We ask You to raise up faithful ministers to Your Church in the priesthood and religious life, so that the message of faith, justice and love contained in the gospel may be brought into the hearts of all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: Our Father ...

Hail Mary ...

Glory be to the Father ... Amen

Wednesday

Leader: O God, we recognize the responsibility of all to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. As part of our commitment to this responsibility, together we pray ...

All: Loving Father, You call each of us by name and ask us to follow You. Bless your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as priests, sisters, brothers and permanent Deacons. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

All: Our Father ...

Hail Mary ...

Glory be to the Father ... Amen

Thursday

Leader: O God, we recognize the responsibility of all to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. As part of our commitment to this responsibility, together we pray ...

All: Lord Jesus, Shepherd of souls, who called the apostles to be fishers of men, raise up new apostles in Your holy Church. Teach them that to serve You is to reign: to possess You is to possess all things. Kindle in the hearts of our people a fiery zeal for souls. Make them eager to spread Your Kingdom upon Earth. Grant them courage to follow You, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

All: Our Father ...

Hail Mary ...

Glory be to the Father ... Amen

Friday

Leader: O God, we recognize the responsibility of all to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. As part of our commitment to this responsibility, together we pray ...

All: Creator God, life is Your gift. Through baptism You invite us to share in service to others. Give us the courage and generosity to respond to Your call.

Bless those who serve You as priests, religious, deacons and lay ministers. Open the minds and hearts of men and women to accept Your call to build the Kingdom. Amen.

All: Our Father ...

Hail Mary ...

Glory be to the Father ... Amen

This program is intended to be an on-going project.

The Celebrant then calls forth the family and continues...

Celebrant: My dear friend (s) receive this Chalice, symbolic of the Priesthood. It will be your solemn duty to hold this Chalice with respect, to fervently pray for Vocations and genuinely encourage those whom God is calling to serve the people of His Holy Catholic Church.

Are you willing to accept this Responsibility?

Family: We are.

Celebrant: Take this Family Chalice and return it next week filled with your Prayers.

