

Prayer Service

Year of Consecrated Life
World Meeting of Families
Priestly Vocations



Song

Leader: Praised and adored without end

All: Be Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament.

Leader: I will extol you, my God and king; I will bless your name forever and ever.

All: Every day I will bless you; I will praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: Great is the Lord and worthy of much praise, whose grandeur is beyond understanding.

All: One generation praises your deeds to the next and proclaims your mighty works.

Leader: They speak of the splendor of your majestic glory, tell of your wonderful deeds.

All: They speak of the power of your awesome acts and recount your great deeds.

Leader: They celebrate your abounding goodness and joyfully sing of your justice.

All: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in mercy.
(*Psalm 145:1-8*)

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

All: As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Year of Consecrated Life

Leader: As we celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life, Pope Francis inspires us with his words: “The beauty of consecration: it is joy, joy, joy...” (*Pope Francis 7-6-2013*)
This is the joy of bringing God’s consolation to all.

All: Jesus, we rejoice in your invitation to live holiness out of service and love.

Leader: Consecrated life is a call to embody the Good News, to follow Christ, the crucified and risen one, to take on “Jesus’s way of living and acting as Incarnate Word in relation to the Father and in relation to our brothers and sisters.”
(*St John Paul II 3-25-1996*)

All: Jesus, guide us in humble yet joyful certainty. Help us to find the touch of the Holy Spirit that transforms us by your Truth. (*cf. Pope Francis 7-27-2013*)

Leader: O God and Father, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

All: We give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration. May their pursuit of holy lives teach us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you.

Leader: Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen. (*2014 usccb.org/cclv*)

World Meeting of Families Prayer

Leader: “(The) community (of the family) is the first and most believable gospel that we can preach. Build friendship between yourselves, family life, love among you.

All: Help us to find solutions to the challenges through love and the unity found in the Holy Spirit.”(*cf. St. John Paul II 2-2-1994*)

Leader: “People today certainly need words, but most of all they need us to bear witness to the mercy and tenderness of the Lord which warms the heart, rekindles hope, and attracts people towards the good.

All: What a joy it is to bring God’s consolation to others!” (*Pope Francis 7-7-2013*)

Leader: Within the family, we ask you, most Holy Trinity, to help your tenderness, mercy, and hope reach into the world. We pray:

All: God and Father of us all, in Jesus, your Son and our Savior, you have made us your sons and daughters in the family of the Church.

Leader: May your grace and love help our families in every part of the world be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel.

All: May the example of the Holy Family, with the aid of your Holy Spirit, guide all families, especially those most troubled, to be homes of communion and prayer and to always seek your truth and live in your love.

Leader: We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Priestly Vocations

Leader: We reflect on the words from the New Testament in the book of Hebrews: "Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession" of faith (*Hebrews 4:14*).

All: Jesus, you ascend to the Father; we adore you.

Leader: "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin." (*Hebrews 4:15*)

All: Jesus, you descend toward us human beings as the Mediator. Have mercy on us.

Leader: "So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help." (*Hebrews 4:16*)

All: Jesus, you are true God and true man; we adore you.

Leader: We praise you in the great mystery of your unity of belonging to both the divine and human worlds. (*Pope Benedict XVI, Feb 2, 2010*)

All: O God and Father of all goodness, bless our priests, through whom we hear your Word and receive your sacraments.

Leader: May your Holy Spirit continue to inspire vocations for our diocese.

All: Stir up in us, O Lord, the flame of your love, so that as you pour out your gifts upon us, we may, as good stewards, use these gifts for your glory and support our seminarians in their formation for the priesthood as they sacrifice their lives to you for our benefit.

Leader: We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen. (*Prayer from: Priests for our Future Campaign, Madison Diocese*)

Leader: O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you.

All: Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Leader: Teach all of Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen. (*uscgb.org – Prayers for Vocations*)

Leader: “In Mary, the Church is journeying together: in love toward those who are most fragile; in the hope of those who know that they will be accompanied in faith. (...) In Mary, each one of us, driven by the wind of the Spirit, fulfills our own vocation to move out.

All: Mary, Star of the new evangelization, help us to bear radiant witness to communion, service, ardent and generous faith, justice and love of the poor. Help the joy of the Gospel reach to the ends of the earth, illuminating even the fringes of the world.

Leader: Mother of the living Gospel, wellspring of happiness for God’s little ones.

All: Pray for us. Amen.” (*Pope Francis 11-24-2013*)

Leader: Virgin, poor and obedient, totally dedicated to us because you belong totally to God. Educate us with your motherly care to renew our "here I am" and our "yes" to God’s call of love. (*cf. Pope Benedict Feb 2, 2010*)

All: Amen.

Leader: We entrust ourselves to Mary as we pray: My Queen, My Mother,

All: I give myself entirely to you, and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this day, my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart, my entire self without reserve. As I am your own my good Mother, guard me and defend me as your property and possession. Amen

Rosary

Benediction

Song