

DIOCESE OF PATERSON, NEW JERSEY

Prayer for Vocations

Father, in the fullness of time, you sent your Son,
born of the Virgin Mary to be our Savior.

He preached the good news of our salvation,
healed the sick and cast out evil.

Now as crucified and risen Lord,
he pours out on us the Holy Spirit of adoption,
making us your sons and daughters.

Through the Church, he calls us to accept the gospel
and to share in your own divine life.

Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life for all people.

In your mercy, you do not abandon us.

In every age, you raise up men and women to offer their lives
for the sake of the gospel and the work of the Church.

We beg you, therefore, grant to this local Church of Paterson
an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Give us courageous and faithful men to serve
as worthy priests and deacons.

Bless us with generous and zealous men and women
willing to seek holiness in consecrated life.

May we rejoice in an abundance of vocations from our families
so that we may yield a rich harvest of good works
for your honor and glory.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. Amen

+Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson

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Immaculate Heart of Mary, touch the hearts of your sons, that they may desire the Holy Priesthood.

Queen of Families, help your sons that God has called and make them pure and courageous men to serve at the Holy Altar.

Mother Most Powerful, do not let those called to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life be led astray by the evil one.

Holy Mother of God, Cause of our Joy, help those called to the Priesthood so that we may always have the joy of your Son, Jesus, in the Eucharist.

St. Joseph, Most Chaste Heart, watch over those called to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life, keep them safe from all that is evil and impure.

Protector of the Christ Child, protect those called by God to bring Christ to us in the Eucharist.

St. Joseph the Worker, inspire the young men called to Priesthood to work and persevere in their calling to serve at the Altar and to serve others.

St. Joseph, Guardian of the Holy Family, guard all those called to Priesthood that they may be courageous Shepherds of the Church.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, your Heart was torn open for love of us. Call the hearts of young men to the Priesthood so that you may remain with us always in the Most Holy Eucharist.

As you walked by the Sea of Galilee, you called men to be your Priests. Be near to us Lord, and call men to the Priesthood so that we may always remain close to you, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Lord Jesus, you allowed yourself to suffer and die on a Cross. Raise up men to offer the Sacrifice at your Altar where you are made present and take away our sins.

Lord Jesus, you are our High Priest who always intercedes for us from your throne in Heaven. Send us Vocations to the Priesthood to share in your power and authority here on earth.