

Dear Friends,

*A very Happy Mothers' Day to all our moms!  
You will always have a special place in our hearts.*

Not only do we pray in a special way for all our moms, but we also join the whole Church as we celebrate *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. We pray not only for those men and women who have already discerned their call in life, but we pray for an increase in vocations to the religious life and the priesthood.

When was the last time you spoke with your children or grandchildren about the possibility of a religious vocation in their life? So often parents will speak about medical careers, legal careers, teaching careers, or any number of secular jobs – all of which are important. But how often do you discuss with your children the idea of God's call to ministry and service in the Church as a priest, sister, deacon or brother?

I encourage you to help your children and grandchildren at least consider a religious calling. Who knows where God might be whispering? We all need to be open to hearing God's call in whatever vocation we have!

May God bless us as we continue to grow in Faith and live out our lives in service.

*Father Fred*

