

Attn: Bulletin Editor and Intercessions Writers

**Vocation Bulletin Inserts
May 2023/Cycle A**

The following parish bulletin blurbs are provided for your use to support the development of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese. They are keyed to the liturgical calendar for placement in your weekly bulletin. Your support is most appreciated.

***Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 30, 2023 – World Day of Prayer for
Vocations***

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 7, 2023

“If you know me, then you will also know my Father.” Are you being called to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you are considering this possibility, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 14, 2023

“And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.” Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Solemnity of the Ascension – May 21, 2023

“And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth.” If you think God may be offering you the grace of serving Him and His people as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Solemnity of Pentecost – May 28, 2023

“Receive the Holy Spirit.” If you think God may be offering you the grace of cooperating with the Holy Spirit by serving Him and His people as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – June 4, 2023

“God so loved the world, He gave His only Son.” How can you give yourself to God the Father in a response to that love? Could God be calling you to live His love as a priest or in the consecrated life? If you think God may be offering you this grace, contact Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Vocation General Intercessions

May 2023/Cycle A

The following intercessions are provided for your use to support the development of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our diocese. They are keyed to the liturgical calendar. Please consider including them in the Prayers of the Faithful at Holy Mass.

Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 30, 2023 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

That like the man born blind, we will allow Jesus to open our eyes and hearts to His will and to inspire more men and women to respond to His call to serve Him and His Church as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 7, 2023

That the Holy Spirit will guide and comfort men and women discerning their vocations, we pray to the Lord.

Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 14, 2023

That all Catholic mothers will draw close to Mary and nurture openness to the Holy Spirit in the Lord's call to their children, especially should He honor them with vocations to the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

Solemnity of the Ascension – May 21, 2023

That Christ, from his seat in heaven, will bless and guide all those called to serve Him as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

Solemnity of Pentecost – May 28, 2023

That those now discerning their vocations will be guided by the Holy Spirit to respond to the Lord's call with generous hearts, we pray to the Lord.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity – June 4, 2023

That those chosen to share the mercy of God as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers will be faithful to the Spirit of Truth who has called them and guides them, we pray to the Lord.