

58th World Day of Prayer for Vocations



This Sunday, the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life for our Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie? Take this opportunity to pray for the priests and religious who have ministered to you in your life, and consider encouraging your children, grandchildren or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious sister or brother. Pray that those that the Lord is calling to serve the Church will overcome their fear, and allow God to shape them into who he has made them to be.

Today also gives us the opportunity to reflect on, and give thanks for, the rich variety of ways through which men and women live out their Christian Vocations in today's world. Our paths may be different, but we are all called by God to journey together through life, sharing our time, talents and resources, and "choosing to make a difference" as we try to make our part of the world a better place.

There are a number of vocational choices for adults. We can choose to be married, or be single, or be a priest or sister. We must discern which vocation will be the best choice for us, so that we can develop our personalities and gifts to our fullest potential. God has a dream for each one of us that we will grow to be fully alive, so that we can share life, and generate life around us, and make our part of the world a better place. This is our vocation.

Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in our hearts as God's people. Families with a lively spirit of faith, love and reverence contribute greatly to this work to encourage young people to think seriously about their future vocation.

You can read the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 2021 World Day of Vocations— "Saint Joseph: The Dream of Vocation" under LINKS at procathedral.ca.

Also posted is the Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde" (With a Father's Heart) which he refers to in his message.



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart ... He will direct your path."

(Proverbs 3: 5-6)

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