**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL FOR VOCATIONS SUNDAY 2021**

Priest:

With faith and confidence, we now bring our prayers to God our Father who sent his Son to be our Good Shepherd and to lay down his life for us in love and service.

1. We pray for the Church, that her members may care for each other with the spirit of the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for his flock so that we might have life and have it to the full. Lord hear us.
2. On this Vocations Sunday, we pray for those whom God is calling to serve him in the priesthood and religious life. May they sense that call with greater clarity and have the courage to respond generously. Lord hear us.
3. We pray for those who work to promote vocations in our Diocese, that they may work with our priests to create a culture of vocations in every parish community of our diocese. Lord hear us.
4. For Bishop N. and all the priests of our diocese - that they might be renewed in faith and continue to be good shepherds of the people of God with truth, charity and joy. Lord hear us.
5. For all seminarians who are studying for the priesthood for our diocese. May the Lord bless them, guide them and all those preparing for priesthood. Lord hear us.
6. For our civic leaders, doctors, nurses and all who serve the common good. May the spirit of the Good Shepherd, of care and service continue to be strong at this difficult time. Lord hear us.

Priest:

Merciful Father, hear the prayers of your people who praise you for your care. Through these prayers of intercession may we never grow indifferent to the needs of your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.