**Derry Diocesan Vocation Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ, gentle shepherd, you know your sheep,

And you know how to reach their hearts.

Give to the people of the diocese of Derry

Hearts that are open to the call of the Holy Spirit.

Speak to the hearts of the (young) men of our diocese

That they may hear your call

To follow you and serve your people as priests.

Awaken in them the courage to answer: ‘Here I am, Lord, Send me.’

St Eugene, pray for us.

St Columba, pray for us.

St John Vianney, pray for us.

**School Prayer for Vocations - Diocese of Derry**

Lord Jesus Christ, gentle shepherd, you know each of us by name.

Through Baptism you call us to do something special for you with our lives.

Open our hearts to listen to your Holy Spirit within.

Like Mary our Mother, may we have the courage to say yes to your call.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our friend and brother.

Amen.

**Litany of Saints**

Saint Eugene -- Pray for us.

Saint Columba -- Pray for us.

Saint Patrick -- Pray for us.

Saint Brigid -- Pray for us.

**A Parent's Prayer to Saint Joseph**

O glorious St. Joseph, to you God committed the care of His only begotten Son amid the many dangers of this world. We come to you and ask you to take under your special protection the children God has given us. Through holy baptism they became children of God and members of His holy Church. We consecrate them to you today, that through this consecration they may become your foster children. Guard them, guide their steps in life, form their hearts after the hearts of Jesus and Mary.

St. Joseph, who felt the tribulation and worry of a parent when the child Jesus was lost, protect our dear children for time and eternity. May you be their father and counsellor. Let them, like Jesus, grow in age as well as in wisdom and grace before God and men. Faced with temptation in this world, they would be preserved from evil and give us the grace one day to be united with them in Heaven forever.

Amen.

**Prayer to Saint Joseph (**Catholic Online Prayers)

Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary,

be with us this day.

You protected and cherished the Virgin.

Loving the Child Jesus as your Son,

you rescued Him from the danger of death.

Defend the Church,

the household of God,

purchased by the Blood of Christ.

Guardian of the Holy Family,

be with us in our trials.

May your prayers obtain for us

the strength to flee from error

and wrestle with the powers of corruption

so that in life we may grow in holiness

and in death rejoice in the crown of victory.

Amen.

**Prayer to Know One's Vocation**

Lord, my God and my loving Father, you have made me to know you, to love you, to serve you, and thereby to find and to fulfil my deepest longings. I know that you are in all things, and that every path can lead me to you.

But of them all, there is one especially by which you want me to come to you. Since I will do what you want of me, I pray you, send your Holy Spirit to me:

into my mind, to show me what you want of me;

into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all of my strength right to the end.

Jesus, I trust in you. Amen. (Holy Hour for Vocations, USCCB)