**Vocation Resources for Advent & Christmas**

General Intercessions

**First Sunday of Advent**In the Gospel Jesus cautions us to be alert – “stay awake” and the responsorial psalm says “Lord, make me know your ways, teach me your paths”. We pray for those who are discerning their vocations, that they will be alert and responsive to the invitation of Christ, we pray to the Lord

**Second Sunday of Advent**That the Lord, who is beginning the good work of choosing from among us men and women to follow Him as priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, will bring it to completion through our prayers and sacrifices, we pray to the Lord.

**Third Sunday of Advent**In our second reading, St Paul says “I want you to be happy always happy in the Lord” and assures us that the peace of God will guard us. We pray for those who are called by the Lord to be messengers of salvation as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life, that Christ’s peace will guard their hearts and minds as they proclaim the good news of salvation and that they will be “happy in the Lord”, we pray to the Lord.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**That the faithful response, “God , here I am! I am coming to obey your will” will be voiced by each person discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, we pray to the Lord.

**Christmas**That, just as Joseph “did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him,” young men and women will answer the call of the Holy Spirit to vocations in the priesthood and consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**Feast of the Holy Family**For all Catholic families, that they will esteem the grace of each child’s vocation and prayerfully encourage their children to consider being a priest or religious sister or brother, we pray to the Lord.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
That Mary, the Mother of God and of Vocations will nurture, guide and protect all those called to the priesthood, diaconate and the consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

**The Epiphany**That all those called to share the promise of the Gospel of Christ Jesus through their vocations as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, will do so with humble confidence in the commission of God’s grace which has been given to them, we pray to the Lord

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**First Sunday of Advent***“Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants” (*2nd reading) Pray for those who are discerning what life God is calling them to. If that is you, why not contact your Diocesan Vocations Director or contact the National Vocations Office – email: info@vocations.ie

**Second Sunday of Advent**
Our Gospel tells us that John the Baptist heard God’s call - “*The word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.*” Do you think God might be inviting you to hear and share his word, perhaps as a priest, a deacon or in consecrated life? Contact your Diocesan Vocations Director, or contact the National Vocations Office – email: info@vocations.ie

**Third Sunday of Advent**
In our Gospel today the people ask John the Baptist “What must we do?” Perhaps you are seeking advice on what God is asking of you too. Why not speak to your Diocesan Vocations Director or contact the National Vocations Office – email: info@vocations.ie

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**
“God, hear I am! I am coming to do your will.” (2nd reading) Can you make that offer, to put yourself at the disposal of God’s plan for his people and for the world? Contact your Diocesan Vocations Director or contact the National Vocations Office – email: info@vocations.ie

**Christmas Day**
“I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people.”  If you think you may be called to announce the Good News of Christ’s presence as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life, speak to your Diocesan Vocations Director or contact the National Vocations Office – email: info@vocations.ie

**Feast of the Holy Family**
“Did you not know I must be busy with my father’s affairs?”  Do you find yourself drawn to do God’s work among his people, guiding them in holiness of life? Speak to your local Vocations Director, or contact the National Vocations Office – email: info@vocations.ie

**Epiphany of the Lord**
Where is God’s light leading you? Or are you called to be a guiding light to others in their search, as a priest or religious? Speak to your Vocations Director or contact the National Vocations Office – email: info@vocations.ie

**Baptism of the Lord**
“I have taken you by the hand and formed you. I have appointed you.” (1st Reading) For what have you been formed? Where are your gifts and personality needed most? Perhaps as a priest, a deacon or in consecrated life? Speak to your Vocations Director or contact the National Vocations Office – email: info@vocations.ie