



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS



*“Listen graciously to the prayers of this family, whom you have summoned
before you: in your compassion, O merciful Father, gather to yourself all
your children scattered throughout the world.”*

The work of fostering vocations to the priesthood
belongs to every member of your parish.

PLEASE JOIN US

PRIESTS + DEACONS + CONSECRATED RELIGIOUS + PEOPLE OF GOD

AS HOLY MASS OR ADORATION BEGINS:

PRAY

Lord,

bless my ears that I may hear your voice,
bless my eyes that I may see your glory,
bless my mind that I may discern your voice from competing voices,
bless my hands that Christ may be known in the work that I do,
bless my feet that they may walk in the way of Christ,
bless my heart that I may respond to God's Voice promptly and joyfully

“Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” (Revelation 3:13)

- 1 **Young men:** If you feel the Lord's Presence at Holy Mass / Eucharistic Adoration, find a priest afterwards and ask him to pray over you and bless what God is doing in your life.
- 2 **Priests:** Expect young men to feel the Presence of God as you celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Invite those who feel God's Presence to meet you after Mass. Be available to bless them / pray with them. (i.e. Blessed Oil, Holy Water, etc.)
- 3 **Consecrated Religious:** Ask the Lord to soften the soil where the vocations team will be visiting in the week ahead.
- 4 **Everyone:** Ask the Holy Spirit to cover you and move in your heart and in the celebrant's heart as Holy Mass begins. Bring these questions before God as you enter the Mystery of the Mass / Eucharistic Adoration:
 - ◆ Lord, where on Long Island are men ready to respond to the call? (geographic areas, schools, parishes, etc.)
 - ◆ Lord, what initiatives do you want us to begin locally to foster vocations to the priesthood?
 - ◆ Fostering vocations begins at Holy Mass, but it does not end there. How can your parish help young adults in the initial stages of discipleship, learning to follow Jesus Christ?
 - ◆ Parents: how can you foster an atmosphere in your family to help your children become more sensitive to God's voice like Eli in 1 Samuel 3:10?

Write down what came to mind when you asked the Lord those questions:

Please submit what you sense the Lord has revealed to you
in prayer to the discernment of the vocations team at:

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