

**Sample General Intercessions for National Vocations Awareness Week –
Diocese of Madison**

Celebrant

God calls us to pray for vocations in the Church – together let us ask Him to send laborers for His harvest:

Reader

For all who serve the Church as priests, deacons, and consecrated brothers and sisters, that their total commitment to Christ may bear fruit in the New Evangelization, WE PRAY TO THE LORD...

For our civil leaders, that they may promote peace and harmony throughout the world according to Christian principles of mercy and justice, WE PRAY TO THE LORD...

For all those oppressed by a spiritual hunger, that through fervent prayer they may find fulfillment in their call to serve Christ, WE PRAY TO THE LORD...

For all families, married couples, and those preparing for marriage, that through prayer and study they may live out the fullness of their call to holiness and to evangelize the world, WE PRAY TO THE LORD...

For an increase in vocations, especially in the Diocese of Madison, and for our current seminarians, David Carrano, Gregory Ihm, Chad Droessler, Jorge Miramontes, John Putzer, Timothy Renz, Justin Hall, David Johannes, Dale King, James Leeser, Mark Miller, Vincent Brewer, Scott Jablonski, Joseph Johnson, Garrett Kau, Erik Bakk, Gabriel Lopez-Betanzos, Mario Antonetti, Matthew Arias, Joseph Baker, Benjamin Emmel, Christopher Gernetzke, Tafadzwa Kushamba, Matthew Schumacher, Andy Teeter, and for all discerning their vocational call, WE PRAY TO THE LORD...

For the faithful departed, and for the silent intentions of our hearts [Pause], WE PRAY TO THE LORD...

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Heavenly Father, as Jesus called St. Matthew from his worldly endeavors, call our young people to lives of spreading the Gospel, prayer and devotion, and service to others, especially the spiritually and materially poor. Instill in parents a desire to offer a child to priesthood or religious life, and sanctify priests, brothers, and sisters to be models of virtue and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.