

**PETITIONS FOR THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL  
FOR MORE NUMEROUS VOCATIONS  
TO THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD**

**Cardinal Rigali has directed, in response to the vicariate meetings, that a petition for an increase in vocations to the priesthood is to be added to the Prayer of the Faithful at every Sunday Mass in every parish.**

*Those who prepare the Sunday Prayer of the Faithful are asked to add one of the following in a four-week rotation. This petition can satisfy the first category, for the needs of the Church, or be an additional petition for this same category.*

*Deacon/cantor/reader:*

For an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood  
among young men in the Archdiocese,  
that these men will have confidence in the Holy Spirit  
and have the grace to respond with joy.

Let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Or,*

May many more men hear the call to the priesthood  
with the support and encouragement of their families,  
and become for us our future priests  
to shepherd and teach like Jesus.

*Or,*

May many more vocations to the diocesan priesthood  
come from our parishes and schools in the Archdiocese,  
and become for us worthy proclaimers of the Gospel  
and ministers of the Sacraments.

*Or,*

For more numerous vocations to the diocesan priesthood,  
especially here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia,  
that these men may one day serve the Church as icons of Christ,  
the Eternal Priest.

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