

World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2006

To: Priests and Parish Directors
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Subject: World Day of Prayer for Vocations: May 7, 2006

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is designated as World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This Sunday focused on the Good Shepherd is a natural connection to prayers for vocations. I ask you to consider the following:

- include an intention at the Masses on the weekend of May 7.
- place a notice about the day in your parish bulletin
- consider placing Bishop Zubik's Prayer for Vocations in your bulletin, newsletters, website, or other means of communications.

Intercession for Mass for May 7:

For an increase of happy vocations to the married life, the single life, the religious life, and the ordained life, we pray to the Lord.

Bulletin Announcement for May 7:

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: As Church, we join with Catholics around the world in praying today for an increase of happy vocations, especially to the religious life and priesthood. Christ the Good Shepherd continues to lead his people to life. We encourage all families to include prayers for vocations part of their family prayer this week. For more information on vocations, go to our diocesan vocations website: www.gbvocations.org

Bulletin Insert: You may copy the back side of this page, or reprint the text of Bishop Zubik's *Prayer for Happy Vocations* in your bulletin on May 7.

A Prayer for Happy Vocations

by Most Reverend David A. Zubik
Bishop of Green Bay

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God

our Father and Creator,
we believe

that you have made each of us
in your image and likeness.

Help us to lead lives that reflect that belief.

Increase happy vocations
to the married life and the single life,
the religious life and the ordained life.

May we

as husbands and wives, mothers and fathers,
single women and single men,
sisters and brothers,
deacons, priests and bishops,
be open to your grace.

Grant that we may seek always
to do your will

and delight in the work
which makes your name and your love
known throughout the world.

We ask this prayer
in the name of Jesus, your Son,
and the Holy Spirit, our guide.

AMEN

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