

Dear Friend in Christ,

“I wish to spend my heaven doing good on earth... I will help priests, missionaries, the whole Church.” These words capture the heart of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face. Her response to her “Vocation of Love” was one full of confidence, giving herself without reserve to Jesus as His bride. Thérèse knew living her vocation would demand great sacrifice and so she trusted in God’s grace and mercy.

Inspired by St. Paul, St. Thérèse better understood her vocation of Love. He taught her that Love unites and gives life to all vocations. She is the patron saint of vocations, providing a powerful intercession for those who have recourse to her. We join together, with St. Thérèse as our patroness in prayer for vocations.

In the *St. Thérèse Vocation Society*, we pray that the Father will bless our diocese with more holy vocations, through her intercession. Members of the Society join together in prayer and sacrifice for the men and women of our diocese being formed as priests, deacons and to the consecrated life. This is a true work of the Universal Church, as child and adult, married and single lay persons, pray with and for priests, deacons and consecrated religious for an increase in vocations. We pray for the perseverance of those in formation at our seminaries and religious communities as

well as the sanctification of those already professed and ordained.

Members also offer up their suffering for these same intentions. What a powerful apostolate especially for the homebound, aged and infirmed in our diocese, transforming their suffering into sacrifices to our Heavenly Father for vocations.

By signing the detachable portion of this card and returning it to us, you are officially enrolled as a member of the *St. Thérèse Vocation Society*. There are no dues or meetings, only the promise of your prayers and sacrifices. As a member of the Society, you will benefit by a daily remembrance in Masses and prayers from other members of the Society. Keep the remaining portion of the card in your prayer book or Bible, to remind yourself of your commitment.

Ours is an age of great hope, and by joining in prayer with St. Thérèse, our diocese will experience a springtime of vocations, especially to the priesthood and consecrated life. The New Evangelization proclaimed by our beloved John Paul II cannot be realized without a new generation of faithful men and women living their vocations. Your diocese needs your prayers.

St. Thérèse, pray for us.

THE ST. THÉRÈSE VOCATION SOCIETY

As a member of the *St. Thérèse Vocation Society*,
I pledge to:

- 1) Offer daily prayers for an increase of vocations and the sanctification of our priests and seminarians.
Daily prayers are found on the backside of this card.
- 2) Make a Holy Hour each week (in Church or at home) for an increase in vocations in our diocese, for the perseverance of the seminarians now studying for the priesthood and the men and women in formation for consecrated life.
- 3) Attend Mass once a month (illness excusing) for these same intentions.
- 4) Offer any sufferings I may experience for an increase in vocations in our diocese and an increase in zeal, fervor and grace for our priests, deacons and consecrated religious men and women serving our diocese.

Name: _____

Dear Office of Vocations,

I wish to become a member of the *St. Thérèse Vocation Society*. As a member of the *Society*, I commit myself to offering the following for an increase in vocations in our diocese, for the perseverance of the seminarians now studying for the priesthood and for an outpouring of grace upon the priests, deacons and consecrated religious serving our diocese:

1. Offer daily prayers for vocations and the sanctification of our priests and seminarians.
2. A weekly Holy Hour (at home or in Church).
3. A monthly Mass.
4. Offer any sufferings I might endure.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City State Zip Code

Parish: _____



A Morning Offering by St. Thérèse

O my God! I offer Thee all my actions of this day for the intentions and for the glory of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I desire to sanctify every beat of my heart, my every thought, my simplest works, by uniting them to Its infinite merits; and I wish to make reparation for my sins by casting them into the furnace of Its Merciful Love. O my God! I ask of Thee for myself and for those whom I hold dear, the grace to fulfill perfectly Thy Holy Will, to accept for love of Thee the joys and sorrows of this passing life, so that we may one day be united together in Heaven for all Eternity. Amen.

Daily Prayer for Priests

O Jesus, You love us with all Your priestly Heart. Hear my prayers for Your priests. I pray for faithful and fervent priests; for unfaithful and tepid priests; for priests who labor at home and abroad; for lonely and desolate priests; for young and old priests; for sick and dying priests; for the souls of priests in Purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to You the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way (especially...). O Jesus, keep them all close to Your Heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity.

Daily Prayer for our Seminarians

O Lord Jesus, great High Priest, we entrust our seminarians to You. Enlighten the faculty in their guidance, spiritual directors in molding them, and professors in instructing them. Lead our seminarians daily in Your footsteps; so that they may become priests who are models of purity, teachers of wisdom, and heroes of sacrifice. Fill them with humility and love for God and man. Transform them into apostles of Your glory and sanctifiers of souls. Holy Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for them and obtain for us many more.

Daily Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

Loving and Generous Father, it is You who call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us to grow in the love and service of our Church and give us the grace and courage of Your Holy Spirit to shape its future. Grant us faith-filled leaders who will embrace Christ's Mission of love and justice. Bless the Church of Harrisburg by raising up dedicated and generous servants from our parishes, schools, families, and friends who will serve Your people as priests, deacons, and consecrated women and men. Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

O Mary, Queen of the Clergy. Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen!

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