

Advent Calendar

This Christmas, one of the gifts I hope to give our Lord on Christmas Day is an Advent full of prayers and sacrifices for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. What better way to prepare to celebrate our Lord's coming at Christmas, than by asking in a small concrete way every day, for more laborers to his harvest! A team of priests, seminarians, and laity are also joining in preparing this same gift, and I wanted to invite you as well. Here is a copy of my prayers and sacrifices for Vocations this Advent which you are welcome to use.

Also, there is a short vocation related film attached to each printed day of my Advent Calendar. By clicking on the day's date you can watch the corresponding vocation film for each day. Feel free to pass the calendar and films on to those who might benefit from them. Merry Christmas!

November 27th

After Mass, stay in Church for a while to pray for vocations

November 28th

Read a saint story. Ask Jesus, "what type of saint am I calling to be?"

November 29th

Pray the Angelus today, placing all vocations in Mary's hands

November 30th

Do one act of hidden Charity and offer it up for vocations

December 1st

Pray my daily rosary today for Vocations

December 2nd

Friday Fast: Do one sacrifice at each meal today for vocations

December 3rd

At least 3 times today, consciously try to see Christ in others

December 4th

Ask a young person if they have ever thought about consecrated life

December 5th

Invite someone to Mass this week. Pray for vocations together

Center Your Advent on Christ...



December 6th

Share a vocation video with a person who might have a vocation

December 7th

Make a Visit to the Eucharist and pray for vocations

December 8th

Pray/write to a seminarian /Sister (name requests to: dwallace@legionaries.org)

December 9th

Friday Fast: Avoid social media today

December 10th

How can I share my faith today? Can I bring someone closer to God?

December 11th

Offer up my Holy Communion today for vocations.

December 12th

Pray to Mary today for vocations, entrusting them into her hands

December 13th

Offer one of the daily Masses I go to this week for vocations

December 14th

What challenging act of charity have I put off? Choose to do it today

December 15th

What attachment is Jesus asking me to give up today for vocations?

December 16th

Friday Fast: Avoid all unnecessary noise: radio music, TV/movies, etc

December 17th

Choose one difficult action/dialog/situation Offer it up for vocations

December 18th

Don't forget to send a Christmas card/gift to your parish priest

December 19th

Try to go to confession before Christmas Day

December 20th

Go to a daily Mass this week and offer this up for vocations

December 21st

Ask Jesus what I can do in my parish/community to help promote vocations

December 22nd

Pray today about what God wants me to work on in the year to come

December 23rd

Friday Fast: Spend 30 extra min praying about the nativity/vocations

December 24th

Pray for all priests today. They bring us Jesus everyday

December 25th

Thank our Lord for all He has done for us, and ask Him what He needs