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# WELCOME TO THE SEVEN SERRANS APOSTOLATE

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YOU are part of a very special ministry that will strengthen the Church. Our Vocation Directors are working on the front line for more priests to serve our Church. It is a great joy for them to know they have a prayer warrior lifting them up in prayer each day. There are many ways to pray. You might enjoy using some of these mysteries of the rosary.

## Joyful Mysteries

### The Annunciation

*The Angel Gabriel Announces to Mary, a virgin, that she will become the mother of God – Word made Flesh. For all centuries to come, by the hands of our priests, bread and wine will become Flesh and Blood in the Holy Eucharist to nourish us in a most profound way.*

We pray for \_\_\_\_\_, who daily works to help young adults discern their vocation. We pray that he may be safe from physical and spiritual harm, may treasure the gift of his vocation, and secure for us many more religious vocations.

## The Visitation

*Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who recognizes Mary as the living tabernacle for their Divine Lord.*

We pray that Father \_\_\_\_\_ will inspire many to discern if they have a vocation to serve the Church and carry the Eucharist and the words of Jesus to many. Lord, we plead with you to send us many priests, deacons and consecrated religious to serve our Church.

## The Nativity of Jesus

*Jesus is born in Bethlehem. The angels announce His birth; wise men and shepherds come to adore Him.*

We pray that Father \_\_\_\_\_ will grow in knowledge and love of God and be a holy priest. We pray Father will remain faithful to his own vocation and have the ability to share what a great privilege it is to serve the Lord. We pray that everyone will come to value the Eucharistic Feast and the Priesthood as one of God's greatest gifts to us.

## The Presentation in the Temple

*Mary and Joseph, in obedience to the Law, bring Jesus to the temple to be dedicated to God. Simeon expresses his gratitude to God for revealing the Messiah to him before he dies.*

We thank God for Father \_\_\_\_\_ who has accepted the challenge of working to help secure religious vocations for our Church. We pray that he may be rewarded for his generosity and self-sacrifice.

## The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

*Jesus is found among the teachers in the temple; He returns home and is obedient to Mary and Joseph.*

We pray that Father \_\_\_\_\_ will always be found going about his Father's business and will be obedient to the magisterium of the Church, our Holy Father, and the bishops in communion with him. We pray that Father's work as a vocation director will be fruitful and that he may find joy in serving the Lord in this special ministry.

# Luminous Mysteries

## The Baptism of Jesus

*The Son of God, in profound humility, approaches John the Baptist and descends into the waters of the Jordan to be baptized by him. The Beloved Son sanctifies for all time the waters of baptism while the Spirit descends on him to invest Him with the mission which He is to carry out.*

We pray that Father \_\_\_\_\_, like Jesus, will humbly and lovingly accept the mission of his vocation to serve and suffer for the people of God. We pray that Father might be a voice in the spiritual wilderness of today's society, calling young men and women to serve the Lord and proclaim, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

## The Wedding Feast at Cana

*Mary, with simplicity and genuine concern, says to her Son, "They have no wine." And with faith in her Divine Son, she turns to the servants at the wedding and says, "Do whatever He tells you." Jesus responds with the first of His public miracles – changing water into wine.*

We pray that Father \_\_\_\_\_, with loving simplicity, will follow Mary's counsel to "Do whatever He tells you." We pray that he will teach young people to prayerfully discern their religious vocations. We pray that Father will cherish his own spousal relationship with Holy Mother Church and live it out with sensitivity, chastity and love.

## The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God and Call to Discipleship

*Jesus came to reconcile mankind to the Father with the first words of His public ministry, "The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel."*

We pray that Father \_\_\_\_\_ will be gentle and compassionate as he ministers to those discerning religious vocations. We pray that Father will go to confession regularly and encourage his discerners to do the same. We pray both will spend time in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

## The Transfiguration

*Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up the mountain where, in the presence of Moses and Elijah, He reveals to them His glory, thus strengthening their faith for the road to Calvary which lies ahead.*

We pray that Father \_\_\_\_\_ will immerse himself in prayer daily and experience in this the love and peace of God that strengthens him for his daily trials. We pray that Father prays and listens to the voice of the Beloved Son so he will be transfigured into a more perfect image of the love of Christ and able to encourage others to join in serving in a religious vocation.

### The Institution of the Holy Eucharist

*Jesus institutes the Eucharist and the ministerial priesthood at the Last Supper.  
These two – the Eucharist and the priesthood – can NEVER be separated.*

Father must find his happiness – his JOY – in his oneness with Christ. This oneness realizes its fullest expression at the Consecration at every Mass when he, in persona Christi, offers himself as both priest and victim for the salvation of souls.

We pray that Father \_\_\_\_\_ will believe in the True Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and will faithfully and reverently celebrate Mass each day, adoring the Lord whom he holds in his hands and witnessing his love for Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament. We pray that he makes time to spend in Adoration of the Lord to replenish his spirit.

## Sorrowful Mysteries

### The Agony in the Garden

*The apostles fall asleep; Jesus sweats blood at the thought of His coming passion and death; angels come to comfort Him.*

We pray that Father \_\_\_\_\_ may be comforted by God's presence and the warmth of God's love and mercy. We pray that Father will persevere in his service as a vocation director and be able to share the joy he feels in his own priesthood.

### Jesus Is Scourged

*Jesus is cruelly beaten by the soldiers. He is bound to a pillar and his sacred flesh is mercilessly scourged. His Precious Blood flows freely from His open wounds.*

We pray that Father \_\_\_\_\_ will remain faithful to the discipline of celibacy and be diligent by his words and his example in promoting purity and chastity in all vocations. We pray that Father will not neglect his relationship with Christ and help young men and women develop a deep relationship with Jesus Christ and help them ask the Lord what God's plan is for their life.

## Jesus Is Crowned with Thorns

*Jesus is mocked as king and His precious Head is cruelly pierced by thorns.*

We pray that Father \_\_\_\_\_ will have the strength to suffer and defend authentic Catholic doctrine and share the joy of a religious vocation. We pray that he will uphold the true teachings of the Catholic Church and inspire young men and women to do the same and to take time to ask God what he wants them to do with their life.

## Jesus Carries His Cross

*Bruised, bleeding, and exhausted, Jesus is forced to drag Himself and His cross up the hill of Calvary.*

We pray for Father \_\_\_\_\_'s strength in bearing heavy crosses and ask the Lord to help him fight off weakness, loneliness and the temptation to sin. We pray that Father will be able to continue to be hopeful and faithful even in the culture where some families do not value religious vocations. We pray the Lord will support young men and women who do not have family support for their religious vocation.

## Jesus Dies on the Cross

*Jesus sheds His last drops of Precious Blood to redeem us from sin and death.*

We pray that Father \_\_\_\_\_ will thirst for the salvation of souls. We pray that His Crucifixion may accomplish God's designs for the salvation of his flock. We pray that Father will take the Blessed Virgin Mary into his heart, as St. John the apostle, one of the first priests, took Mary into his home. Holy Mary, please pray that Father will be protected from discouragement in his work.

# Glorious Mysteries

## The Resurrection

*Jesus arises from the dead and appears to the Apostles.*

At times, priests may suffer from depression and despair that plague them when they see so little from their labors. We pray that priests will remember that the Crucifixion is followed by the Resurrection; darkness is always followed by Light. We pray that Father \_\_\_\_\_ may share the joy of the Risen Christ.

## The Ascension

*Jesus instructs His apostles and returns to His Father in Heaven.*

We pray that Father \_\_\_\_\_ will carry out Jesus' instructions to evangelize young men and women as they work to discern God's plan for their life. We pray that Father will have a heart for the lives of those who need encouragement to enter a period of discernment.

## The Descent of the Holy Spirit

*With a loud wind and tongues of fire the Holy Spirit descends on Mary and the Apostles. The Church is born.*

We pray that Father \_\_\_\_\_ may be open to the graces of the Holy Spirit to strengthen him for the task of bringing souls to discern God's plan for their life. We pray that he may be on fire to help young people remove the obstacles to saying "yes" to God's love.

## The Assumption

*Mary is taken, body and soul, to Heaven. While she was on earth, she loved and prayed for the Apostles, the first priests.*

We pray that Father \_\_\_\_\_ will be devoted to Mary and find in her the love and comfort of a mother, the most powerful intercession of our greatest saint, and the surest refuge against Satan and his cohorts who seek destruction of priests and the work of a vocation director to attract others to service in the priesthood.

## The Coronation

*Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth; she is rewarded for her faithfulness to God.*

We pray that Mary, Queen of the Clergy, will be Father \_\_\_\_\_'s model of faith and joy, and his constant guide until he reaches Heaven where a crown, jeweled with the many souls entrusted to him on the day of Ordination, will be his reward for faithful and loving service. May Father, through his example, encourage others to step forward and say "Yes" to serving the Lord in a religious vocation.

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## PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

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O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear my humble prayers on behalf of all priests and the vocation director for whom I pray. Give them a deep faith, a bright and firm hope, and a burning love which will ever increase during their priestly life. In their work encouraging others to pursue religious vocations, comfort them. In their sorrows, strengthen them. In their frustrations, point out to them that it is through suffering that the soul is purified, and show them that they are needed by the Church; they are needed by souls; they are needed for the work of redemption. O Loving Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, take to your heart your sons who are close to you because of their priestly ordination and because of the power which they have received to carry on the work of Christ in a world which needs them so much. Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength, and especially help them to live and to defend the ideals of a life of service in a religious vocation. Amen.



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