

VOCATION MINISTRY AWARENESS WEEK

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National Vocation Awareness Week is an annual, week-long celebration held during the first whole week of November. This week shines a spotlight on vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, and marriage through prayer, education, and reflection. It is a special time to offer prayers and support for all those discerning their vocation and to reflect on our own calling in life. What is my vocation?



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Check out this brief video from the Diocese of Arlington highlighting that regardless of your vocation – whether it's marriage, priesthood, or consecrated life – we are all called to holiness and to express God's love. The video also emphasizes the importance of prayer and mutual support in discerning our vocations as we journey toward heaven.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhh01plqxtQ&t=1s>



The [Vocation Ministry](#) Team of Notre Dame invites you to explore our webpage on our Notre Dame website, where you'll find a wealth of information and resources.

Additionally, we encourage you to stop by our table in the Gathering Space. There, you can find educational brochures, prayer cards, coloring pages, and a fun vocation cube craft and activity.



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Vocations grow in families -

Priests and religious are someone's sons and daughters, brothers and sisters. It is within the family that a child first learns about God, prayer, faith, Scripture, and Sacraments. It is here they learn to trust in God and His beautiful plan for their lives. Family support is essential in promoting vocations. For more resources on how families can foster vocations, visit [USCCB: Tools for Building a Domestic Church](#). As St. John Paul II beautifully stated: ***"The Christian family, which is truly a 'domestic church,' has always offered favorable conditions for vocations."***

Lastly, we are one body in Christ, and as the saying goes, "It takes a village." At Notre Dame, we know: It takes a parish! Let us allow our good Lord to use us all as His instruments in encouraging and accompanying the young people in our lives to hear God's call through prayer, awareness, education, and affirmation.

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