

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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This past weekend, we celebrated Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations. In his homily, Fr. Vidal quoted Pope Benedict XVI, who said that without priests, “there would be no Eucharist, no mission, or Church.” Fr. Vidal also noted that we are experiencing a crisis in vocations, as last year, we had just one man ordained to the priesthood in our Diocese of Paterson. He encouraged families to support their children if they wish to follow Christ in a journey to the priesthood and religious life. He gave thanks for our two seminarians, Lucas Folan and Eric Hasenbein, and requested the (faithful) congregation to keep them in prayer.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vC7ZwCjmCBE>

“It is important that young men and women on their vocational journey find acceptance, listening and encouragement in their communities, and that they can look up to credible models of generous dedication to God and to their brothers and sisters... Let us take up the invitation that Pope Francis left us in his message for today: the invitation to welcome and accompany young people... And let us ask our heavenly Father to assist us in living in service to one another, each according to his or her state of life, shepherds after his own heart, capable of helping one another to walk in love and truth... [addressing young people in the square] “Do not be afraid! Welcome the call of the church and of Christ the Lord.”

<https://ndcarmel.flocknote.com/note/31627433/video/568892974>