

Portland Diocese of Maine ~ Catholic Appeal Week 14

As of this week, St. Benedict's Parish has raised **\$12,475** which brings us to 117% of our goal of **\$10,656.36** for the Annual Catholic Appeal.

August 17th

Regular

August 24th

Regular

August 31st

Regular

Winter Operations

September 7th

Regular

Heat & Electric

Weekly Offertory

\$2063.00

\$1407.00

Capital Campaign

Capital Campaign Goal:\$200,000

**Raised: \$55,634.81**

**Dispersed: -\$34,938.23**

(for church roof scheduled for after VBS)

**Balance: \$20,696.58**

Please mark your donation

"Capital Campaign"

*Thank you for your support!*

**Amount needed weekly to run the Parish = \$1278.85**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR GAZA**

Dear God's, wonderful people due to the worsening situation in Gaza, the Portland Diocese is pleading with us to support the Catholic Relief services (CRS) for its outreach to victims of the situation. The Diocese has already contributed \$18,000 to CRS from a special mission fund and are offering the parishioners a chance to help as well with donations.

*Please, can we count on your generosity?*

Donations can be made at [Support.org/donate/holy land](https://support.org/donate/holy-land).

Contact #1-877-Help-CRS.

or Mail:


Catholic Relief services, Holy land Response

PO. Box 5278

Tipton IA 52772-0517.

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JUBILEE 2025




PILGRIMS OF HOPE

**ST. BENEDICT'S PARISH**

**Welcome to**

**PASTOR: REV. FR. SEFEMBIY JUSTIN**

EMERGENCY NUMBER 765-4414 E-MAIL: [SEFEMBIY.JUSTIN@PORTLANDDIOCESE.ORG](mailto:SEFEMBIY.JUSTIN@PORTLANDDIOCESE.ORG)



St. Benedict's is a family-oriented community of faith, called through our baptism to give witness to trust, love, understanding, and patience. We are a family that is nourished by the sacraments, and led by the Spirit. Welcome to our Family!

**SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE**

SUNDAYS 8:30 AM

FRIDAYS 9:00 AM

**ADORATION & CONFESSION**

8:00AM FRIDAYS OR BY APPOINTMENT

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

AFTER MASS UNTIL 3:00PM

**COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

CALL DEACON DAN (207) 731-8111

**FAITH FORMATION**

ANNA ROBINSON (207) 267-0586

**PARISH OFFICE**

1063 BENEDICTA ROAD

P.O. BOX 27

BENEICTA, MAINE 04733

(207) 365-4294

LISA AMMERMAN, ADMIN. ASST.

[LISAAMMERMAN@PORTLANDDIOCESE.ORG](mailto:LISAAMMERMAN@PORTLANDDIOCESE.ORG)

**OFFICE HOURS**

TUES. 8:30-11:30 THURS. 8:30-11:30

FRI. 9:30-11:30

AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS

OR BY APPOINTMENT 746-7960

[STBENEDICTSMAINE.ORG](http://STBENEDICTSMAINE.ORG)

**Welcome**

**Bishop James T. Ruggieri**

**PASTOR'S CORNER - TABLE OF THE WORD**

THEME: GO THROUGH THE NARROW GATE

Dear Wonderful people of God, today's readings teach us humility and the true nature of greatness in the eyes of God. In the First Reading from the Book of Sirach, we are reminded to be humble in our relationships with others. The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself. This powerful statement challenges our natural inclinations towards pride and ambition. In a world that often equates success and dominance with prestige, the wisdom of Sirach calls us to a different path, a path of humility. When we approach life with humble hearts, we invite grace into our lives and create a space for God to work through us. To this effect, today's Psalmist reminds us that God dwells with the humble, lifting up those who are lowly and marginalized. When we serve those in need, we reflect God's love and compassion.

In the Second Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, we see a vision of the heavenly Jerusalem, a gathering place of the saints where the humble will find their reward in the presence of God. It challenges us to reconsider what we value and how we are shaped by our earthly experiences in light of eternal gifts. In today's Gospel from St. Luke, Jesus teaches us through his interactions at a banquet, urging us not to seek the places of honor. Rather, He encourages us to take the lowest place, to be at the position of service. Kingdom behavior invites us to be humble, take the last place, so that we can be exalted, but when we do otherwise, then we will be embarrassed and disgraced.

The truth is that anything that is self-serving, that is done for love of ourselves and for our own exaltation will not be remembered with affection and will soon be forgotten. But our acts of humility, simplicity and goodness towards others will outlive us. It will permanently be carved in the heart of God and in the hearts of those who know us. This radical inversion of social expectations is the hallmark of the Kingdom of God. Jesus also expands the picture of humility by exhorting us to invite to our dinner tables, the needy and those who cannot pay us such kindness. Hospitality should be open to all. When we invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind into our lives, we shine a light on Christ's. Let us ask the Lord for the grace to embrace humility, to open our hearts to the marginalized, and to create communities that reflect His abundant love.

*May God bless, protect and keep you in His Love. Amen.*



# TABLE OF THE EUCHARIST

(Walk with us Through the Holy Mass)

**DID YOU KNOW:** That you ought to come to the Sacrifice of Holy Mass with AT LEAST an Intention?

Traditionally, no sacrifice is carried out without any intention. In addition, to the prayer intention requested for a particular Mass. for which we are usually invited to jointly pray, each participant at Mass ought to have his or her own personal intention stemming from home and life. This personal intention can have many forms. For instance, it can be an intention of gratitude, an intention of praise, of adoration, and or the petitioning of a need or needs from God, such as expressing sorrow for sins and asking for God's forgiveness. These intentions can be offered up to God by announcing, your own intention in your heart after the primary intention for this Mass has been announced. Especially if your intention is one of sorrow for sins seeking forgiveness, it is appropriate to express this to God lifting up your repentant heart during the "I Confess" Our Lord have Mercy". If your intention is one of thanksgiving and gratitude your may choose to raise this God by joining the heavenly host of angels and saints to glorify God at the "Holy,Holy,Holy"and "Gloria". The offertory of the Mass can be a special time to present your petition in the silence of your heart during the silent moment of the intercessory Prayers, and and/or during the offering of the gifts. Here during the offering of gifts, you can offer your intentions as the gifts of bread and wine, and alms collection baskets are brought up to the sanctuary or when the priest is lifting up the bread and wine while saying the offertory prayer. In this way you are offering to God your life, with the joys, sorrows, struggles and toils that you are experiencing. During the raising UP of the bread and chalice at the Consecration you can also lift your prayer intention or simply adore in gratitude. From the beginning of Mass to the end, we have opportunities of joining our sacrifice to the one sacrifice of Christ, which is always acceptable to God the Father. Don't MISS ANY OF SUCH OPPORTUNATIES TO OFFER UP YOUR INTENTIONS . ~By Fr Sefembiy Justin

## BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP!

MEET AND GREET ON AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>

AFTER MASS IN THE PARISH CENTER.

PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US TO WELCOME

THE BISHOP TO OUR PARISH TO TALK WITH HIM,

SHARE WITH HIM, AND HELP HIM TO EXPERIENCE

THE UNIQUENESS OF SAINT BENEDICT'S PARISH AND

ITS COMMUNITY OF FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE.



### The Jubilee Prayer 2025

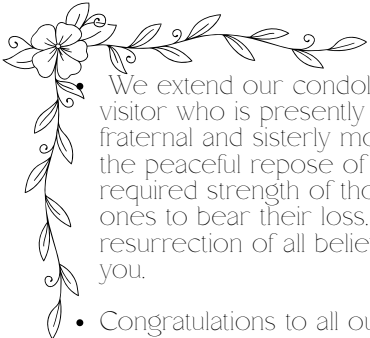
Father in Heaven, may the Faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: AUGUST 31, 2025

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."  
(Luke 14:11)

Humility is at the heart of every vocation. Could God be calling you to humble service as a religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 6131091 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org.



We extend our condolences to any parishioner or visitor who is presently bereaved. Know of our fraternal and sisterly moral and spiritual support for the peaceful repose of your loved one and for the required strength of those mourning their deceased ones to bear their loss. May our strong faith in the resurrection of all believers console and strengthen you.

• Congratulations to all our parishioners and visitors celebrating their birth, marriage, vocation or any anniversary this week. We share in your anniversary joy and our prayers accompany you.

• We wish anyone travelling this week by air, land or sea travelling mercies and God's protective guidance to and from our destination. Be still and know that God is in control.



In Memory of :

Joseph J. McAvoy  
(09/10/1933—08/30/2021)



Wesley "Jim" Cunningham  
(10/26/31 ~ 01/11/08)

Richard M Cunningham  
(03/14/62 ~ 11/06/21)

Lovingly Remembered



Anders Staats Nielsen  
07/07/2019



Basil & Margaret McAvoy  
(8/5/1921 ~ 7/31/1969; 9/29/1923 ~ 12/30/2014)

Linda McAvoy Bouchard  
(2/22/1945 ~ 1/6/1982)

Mary McAvoy Lowe  
(10/15/1957 ~ 2/9/2005)

Anna McAvoy  
(6/28/1964 ~ 7/30/2011)



Fred Lewis  
(11/25/1897 ~ 7/05/1995)

Ethel Lewis  
(5/12/1897 ~ 10/07/1981)

W. H. Lewis  
(4/19/1923 ~ 03/28/2001)

Helen Lewis  
(7/23/1926 ~ 10/19/2005)

Susan L Brooks  
(8/01/1954 ~ 1/20/2009)



Lovingly Remembered

James C. (Buster) Guiggey  
(4/8/1927 ~ 12/4/2010)



In Loving Memory Of

Lloyd E. Bryant (1928 ~ 1987)

Esther Grass Bryant (1931 ~ 1988)



In Loving Memory Of

Joseph P. Rush, Jr.  
(11/02/1928 - 04/12/2013)

Jane M. Rush

(02/03/1930 - 09/02/2013)

Jacqueline M. Rush-Johnson

(05/04/1972 - 03/26/1996)

Francis H. Qualey

(5/22/1914 ~ 2/28/2000)

Margaret R. Qualey

(11/6/1919 ~ 5/01/2018)

Peter Qualey

(12/17/1948 ~ 09/07/2020)



In Loving Memor of:



Benedict Edward Cowan  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 -May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025)



Adam Rush

August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1989 - January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

In Loving Memory



Chris Marston

(9/18/1978 ~ 8/24/2018)

Aaron Marston

(04/04/1975~ 10/19/2022)



In Loving Memory Of:

Frank Duffy

(7/18/37 ~ 03/08/96)

Bobby Duffy

(3/21/72 ~ 10/08/93)



Arthur Qualey

(3/5/1916 ~ 10/24/2008)

Rita Qualey

(1/13/1924 ~ 9/4/ 2011)

Lovingly Remembered



Joan Filanowski

(5/26/1935 ~ 6/14/2000)



John J. Cummings

(8/23/1907 ~ 4/18/1993)

Lucile E. Cummings

(8/19/1908 ~ 3/15/2003)

Cecelia R. Cummings

(11/18/1933 ~ 2/18/2013)

Earl L. Cummings

(7/04/1929 ~ 3/10/2018)



Lovingly Remembered

Leo Joseph Crowe

(9/5/1935 ~ 1/8/2019)



In Loving Memory Of

Leo Crowe

(3/19/1893 ~ 12/17/1975)

Molly Crowe

(2/13/1900 ~ 11/18/1967)

Mary Crowe McDonough

(2/27/1937 ~ 9/28/2002)



In Memory of:

Robert Taylor  
(12/13/1948 - 10/19/2023)

Charlene Taylor  
(01/07/1943 ~ 02/20/2020)



In Loving Memory Of

Richard Rush

(01/02/1931—1/24/2024)

Celine Rush

(07/08/1936 ~ 11/04/2021)

Christopher Rush

(4/17/55 ~ 1/8/22)



In Loving Memory Of:

Robert Allen (10/13/46 ~ 10/18/21)

Andrew Allen (06/14/65 ~ 12/05/20)

Albert J. Qualey

(08/20/1923 ~ 06/11/2012)



Rowena Qualey

(9/22/1927 ~ 8/01/2017)

In Loving Memory



Martin Qualey

(2/16/1984 ~ 7/24/2017)



Edward Rush

(5/25/1920 ~ 10/17/2013)



Mary Rush

(12/04/1921 ~ 6/05/2005)



John W. Allen

(1912 ~ 1/02/2004)

Margaret L. Allen

(4/03/1924 ~ 11/19/2005)



Otis M. Hunt

(6/15/1936 ~ 5/30/1999)



Mary Ellen Hunt

(1/30/36 ~ 4/17/17)



"Oh Jesus, bless those living and dead, who have led me to the Holy Altar."

A Remembrance of the Ordination to the

Priesthood of

Rev. James Clifford Brown

(6/6/1936 ~ 4/6/1941)

Brother Benedict Brown, O.F.M.

(3/23/1891 ~ 7/18/1969)

Sons of St. Benedict's Parish





## Baked Ham Dinner

SEPTEMBER 7TH / AT ST. PETER'S

Featuring Live Music by  
**THUNDERING CLASSIC ROCK**  
1:00 - 4:00

Ham Dinner  
4:00 - 6:00

Baked Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots, Rolls, Drinks, & Strawberry Shortcake

Suggested Donation - \$10  
*Takeouts are available*

## St. Martin of Tours Harvest Tea

The year has just flown by and now it's that time of the year to host the 62nd Harvest Tea and Sale to be held on October 9th in the parish hall at St. Martin's worship site. So, save the date. The doors will open at 10:30 a.m. with the luncheon being served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The popular luncheon meal includes turkey salad, cranberry salad, rolls, pickles, chips, beverage and dessert for a price of \$10.00. The luncheon plus the sales tables, raffles and door prizes have been important parts of the event for many years, generally attracting over 225 people. The sales tables are laden with attractive gifts ranging from knit goods to all manners of food and gifts. None of this would be possible without the great generosity of parishioners who provide items for the sales tables. Their generosity has made each sales table a huge success.

Raffle tickets for this year's tea:

1st prize - \$300.00 cash donated by Preble Oil

2nd prize - \$300.00 Amazon gift card donated by Knights of Columbus

3rd prize - \$200.00 Ellis Market gift card anonymous donation

4th prize - \$100.00 Scootic In gift card donated by Scootic In

A separate quilt raffle will also be available. Quilt was created and donated by Cindy Hodge in honor of her mom, Maxine Morrow and her aunt, Bea Charette. These two ladies' talents and time added greatly to the success of this tea in past years. This is a big money maker for the parish and proceeds go to the support of the church. For more information you can contact Diane Reece at 723-9265 or Dot Howard at 723-4844 who are co-chairing this event.

*Thank You.*

Would you like to join any of our ministries?

Please contact the office.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Franciscan Catechetical Institute Trainings

The Diocese of Portland has just subscribed to a new outreach by the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University of Steubenville. We are now able to offer online formation for every person in ministry – clergy, catechists, teachers, youth ministers, adult group leaders, volunteers, even (and especially) parents. It is free to all, with unlimited access. This program provides the most in-depth and faithful array of formative workshops ever created. With over 200 workshops available, we are now able to thoroughly train and spiritually nurture you in passing on the faith.

To register, visit

<https://franciscanathome.com/diocese-portland-maine>

More information will be available soon on specific trainings.

Lend us your voices!

St. Benedict's own Youth Choir is looking for members!

The Choir sings at the last Mass of every month, and rehearses weekly according to singers' schedules. We believe God loves all voices and we do not judge. Join us!

Date	Lector	Extra-ordinary Minister of the Eucharist	Alter Server	Offertory Counters*	Greeters
August 31st	Dustin	Rob	David	Harold, Pat & Rose	Deb D & Rose
Sept 7th	Scarlet	Dustin	Rob	Cindy, Deb & Betty	Mona & Lana
Sept 14th	Lana	/Tom	Anna Q + David R	Andrew, Ken, Harold	Mona & Lana
Sept 21st	Earl	Anna Q	David	Deb, Betty, John	Mona & Lana
Sept 28th	Chris	Brenda	Rob	Rose, Rob & Cindy	Mona & Lana

Sacristans:

August - Mike

October: Pat

September - Chris

## The Diocese of Portland has Approved,

Granted Permission, and assigned the **Tertiary Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi** from Cameroon in Africa, to our cluster for this year's **Mission appeals**. One of them shall be visiting all our Cluster Churches on the weekend of September 27/28 2025 to talk about their missionary activities and their various Charitable outreaches to the sick especially to Cardiac Patients, to orphans, the less educated, the disabled and the suffering in Africa. And then to do appeals for Assistance. Let us prepare ourselves to be kind, generous and charitable to support the effort of these sisters to put a smile on someone's face in Africa.

## TRANSFORMED IN Love

### Catholic Marriage Preparation Program

**When:** September 20 and 27, 2025

**Where:** St. Joseph Church  
531 N. Main Street, Brewer, ME 04412

**Cost:** \$100 per couple *(includes workbooks and meals)*

**Register on-line TODAY!**

**Deadline: Sept 5, 2025**

Contact: Jennifer Hikel

Phone: (207) 217-1449

Email: [hikelfamily@gmail.com](mailto:hikelfamily@gmail.com)

Website: [www.stpaulbangor.me/marriage-prep-program](http://www.stpaulbangor.me/marriage-prep-program)

Among the topics covered in *Transformed in Love*:

- Knowing Your True Self
- Strengthening Communication Skills for Marriage
- Managing Expectations
- Financial Planning and Strategies
- Keeping Christ at the Center of our Marriage

## 2025 BLUE MASS

Honoring law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency personnel for faithful commitment and self-sacrifice.

Celebrated by Bishop James Ruggieri

Sunday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m.  
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception  
307 Congress Street, Portland

Sunday, September 28, 10:30 a.m.  
St. Mary of the Visitation Church  
110 Military Street, Houlton

More Info: <https://portlanddiocese.org/BlueMass>

## AUSPICE MARIA

*Most Reverend James Ruggieri  
Bishop of Portland*

### THIS WEEK'S EPISODE OF THE AUSPICE MARIA PODCAST IS NOW LIVE!

*"Living the Gospel in Daily Life"*

This week, Bishop Ruggieri speaks about our call to live the Gospel in the everyday moments of life. He explores how ordinary things like work, school, and friendship can become pathways to holiness. His excellency cites the example of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati to show us how we can lift others to holiness without succumbing to despair. He also gives practical advice for supporting teen parents and the elderly. What is one simple choice you can make today to let the Gospel shape your daily life more deeply? A full transcript can be found on our website at Auspice Maria is part of the Maine Catholic Podcast, a production of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland. All rights reserved.

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A SINGLE SUNBEAM IS ENOUGH TO DRIVE AWAY MANY SHADOWS -ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

\*3 Counters are required. Volunteers welcome!



MASSES & INTENTIONS AUGUST 23RD, - AUGUST 30TH

Saturday, August 30th St. Martin's at 4:00PM - Rene Bernier (5th Anniversary) by his Wife, Claudette

Sunday, August 31st: St. Benedict's at 8:30AM - Joseph & Jane Rush by Patricia, Mark, Sophie, Jacob, Cathy & Scott  
 St. Peter's at 10:00AM – Connie Adams by Darlene Martin & Therese Martin  
 St. Martin of Tours at 12:30 PM – Rose Lagassey Happy Birthday

Monday ,September 1st: St. Peter's at 8:30AM – For the Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, September 2nd: St. Peter's at 4:30PM- Lorraine Morin by Esther & Frank Willette

Wednesday, September 3rd: Father Justin's Day Off

Thursday, September 4th: St. Martin of Tours at 4:30PM – Rosa Bouchard by Leo & Family

Friday, September 5th: St. Benedict's at 9:00AM - Bette Patterson by Anna & Billy Robinson  
 St Martin of Tours at 3:00PM - First Friday Chaplet followed by Mass

Saturday, September 6th St. Martin of Tours at 4:00PM – Maurice Rioux by Bruce & Julie

Sunday, September 7th: St. Benedict's at 8:30AM - Richard McAvoy by Diane  
 St. Peter's at 10:00AM – Ed Cote by Julie & Jay Achorn  
 St. Martin of Tours at 12:30PM – David Pelkey by his Wife Evelyn

We shall switch over Mass Times between St. Peter's Church and St. Benedict's Parish Church on the first weekend of October(October 4/5 2025). St. Peters will do Sunday 8:30 am while St. Benedict will do 10:30 am.

Weekly Readings and Observances of Saint Days Will Keep you United with Christ Through His Words
 

Readings for the week of August 31st to September 7th
 

Sunday 8/ 31: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/ Heb 12:18-19, 22-24/ Lk 14:1, 7-14
 

Monday 9/ 1: 1 Thes 4:13-18/ Lk 4:16-30
 

Tuesday 9/ 2: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/ Lk 4:31-37
 

Wednesday 9/ 3: St. Gregory the Great Col 1:1-8/ Lk 4:38-44
 

Thursday 9/ 4: Col 1:9-14/ Lk 5:1-11
 

Friday 9/ 5: Col 1:15-20/ Lk 5:33-39
 

Saturday 9/ 6: Col 1:21-23/ Lk 6:1-5

THE PROOF OF LOVE IS IN THE WORKS.  
 WHERE LOVE EXISTS, IT WORKS GREAT THINGS.  
 BUT WHEN IT CEASES TO ACT, IT CEASES TO EXIST.  
 ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

Prayer List
 

Cathy Cyr Duffy  
 Riley Wheaton  
 Ryan Robinson  
 Beckham Willett  
 Janie Cummings  
 Irene Heath

Families Afflicted by Addiction  
 Our Men & Women in the Service

GOD LOVES EACH OF US AS IF THERE WERE ONLY ONE OF US  
 ST AUGUSTINE (354-430)  
 FATHER & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

The Catholic Church of Maine offers prayers and condolences to the Annunciation parish and school community in Minneapolis following the shooting that occurred during this morning's school Mass.

We are praying for the victims, the wounded, their families, classmates, teachers, and parish staff, and for all who were present. We recognize the work of local authorities and medical teams.

In fraternal solidarity with the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, we ask that the faithful of our parishes and those of goodwill join in prayer for all those affected by this tragedy.

ROMAN CATHOLIC  
 DIOCESE of PORTLAND

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: AUGUST 31, 2025
 

– LUKE 14:1, 7-14
 

For the Church, that through humble service, many may respond to God's call to the priesthood and religious life, reflecting Christ's love for all. Let us pray to the Lord.
 

For those discerning their vocation, that they may find joy in serving others, recognizing their unique gifts as God's call to serve. Let us pray to the Lord.
 

For our parish, that we may foster a culture of generosity and service, encouraging young people to consider a vocation to the priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage. Let us pray to the Lord