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OFFICE OF PRIESTLY &  
RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

**To:** Bulletin Editors, Deacons, Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education, Knights of Columbus, Newman Centers, Parish Vocation Committee Members, Principals, Religious Women & Men, Secretaries, Vocation Ministry Volunteers, Youth & Young Adult Ministries

**From:** Fr. Mauricio Hurtado *Fr. MH*  
Director of Vocations

**Date:** September 9, 2024

**Subject:** Priesthood Sunday – September 29, 2024

***The Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations invites you to celebrate Priesthood Sunday on September 29, 2024.*** The lay faithful of each parish, school or other ministry can show their appreciation in their own special way for the priests at your parish.

We thank our Lord for the institution and gift of the priesthood. Let us celebrate this gift and pray for our priests and for our seminarians who are in formation. For more information on how you can celebrate our priests, you can visit <https://serraus.org/priesthood-sunday/>.

**Prayers of the Faithful Intentions for Priesthood Sunday:** Please feel free to include the following intention in the prayers of the faithful (English/Spanish):

- For all our priests on this Priesthood Sunday that their ministry may be fruitful and receive the support from the people they serve, we pray to the Lord...
- Por nuestros sacerdotes en este Domingo del Sacerdocio para que su ministerio sea productivo and reciban el apoyo de la gente a quienes sirven, roguemos al Señor...

Please continue praying for all priests as they are in need of your prayers and support. Pray as well so that more young men may be open to listen to the voice of Christ who calls them.

**Bulletin** Editors: Please include the following prayer for priests in your bulletin for Priesthood Sunday:

### Prayer for Priests

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.  
Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.  
Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.  
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.  
Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to  
follow in the footsteps of Jesus.  
Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.  
Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.  
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.  
Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen  
(<https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-priests>)

*“The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

*– St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests.*

cc: Pastor