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OFFICE OF PRIESTLY &
RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

To: Pastor, Directors of Religious Education, Knights of Columbus, Parish Vocation Committees, Newman Centers, Principals

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Subject: World Day of Consecrated Life – February 2, 2025

The Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations invites you to acknowledge and celebrate our consecrated religious women and men during the weekend of February 1-2, 2025.

You can find more information/materials at:

- USCCB - www.usccb.org
- National Religious Vocation Conference webpage at (NRVC):
<https://nrv.net/274/publication/4171/article/27429-world-day-for-consecrated-life-february-2>

The following are some ideas that may be considered to celebrate and acknowledge World Day of Consecrated Life and promote vocations with the support of your pastor:

Parishes and/or Schools

- Offer a Holy Hour for Vocations
- If there have been members of your parish that have joined a religious institute, post their pictures on your website/bulletin/atrium and invite people to write a card thanking them for their consecration.
- Host a prayer service and reception for the religious at your parish (if applicable)
- If your parish/school has the privilege of having the presence of a religious sisters or priests, invite parishioners, students of the religious education program and school to write a card for the sisters/brothers thanking them for their consecration.

For Religious Orders

- Share your vocation story with the students of the religious education program, families of your community or the youth group of your parish
- Host a “Come & See experience with members of your religious community

Please include the following ad in your bulletin or School Newsletter to create awareness in our community or school, acknowledge and celebrate Consecrated Life!

English:

World Day of Consecrated Life – February 2, 2025: In 1997, Saint John Paul II, instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life – consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. (www.usccb.org)

Spanish:

Jornada Mundial de la Vida Consagrada – 2 de Febrero de 2025: En 1997, San Juan Pablo II instituyó una jornada de oración por mujeres y hombres en la vida consagrada – consagrados a Dios por los votos de castidad, pobreza y obediencia. Oremos por todos aquellos que han asumido compromisos en la vida consagrada y favor de agradecerles en su día especial. (www.usccb.org)