



# *Saint Mary Church*

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Dear Member of St. Mary Parish Family,

God calls each of us to our fulfillment in life. This is called a vocation. Each one of us, in God's mind, has a vocation. Some are called to be single, some called to be married, some are called to be a religious brother or sister, some called to be a deacon and some called to be a priest.

All these vocations are important! They are a blessing and should be honored as a gift from God.

The Lord says in the Gospel "He told them: "The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

Though all vocations are important, we need priests so that we have someone to give us the Sacraments. It is through the priest that we are Baptized, receive forgiveness of our sins, are anointed when we are sick and receive guidance for our spiritual health. We need men of all ages to consider the priesthood.

I am asking members of our School community to pray in a special way for vocations in the priesthood. We ask each family to pray for vocations for a week. We have prepared seven prayers for you to use. We also have blessed a chalice and paten that you can display on your kitchen table, dining room or mantle as an inspiration and reminder of the most precious Sacrament of the Eucharist that the priest, by his ordination and the Holy Spirit, brings to us.

Thank you for praying for the priests of God's Church.

Sincerely,

Father Corey Piccinino