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**To:** Pastor

**From:** Fr. Mémo Hernández  
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**Date:** April 3, 2020

**Subject:** **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

May the peace of our Lord be with you! In the midst of our current situation, we have the upcoming **World Day of Prayer for Vocation is on Sunday, May 3, 2020**. We would appreciate your support in forwarding the message to members of your community through the current means of communication that are available to you. Please encourage members of your community to offer their prayers on this day for the flourishing of vocations.

I share with you the message from Pope Francis for the 2019 World Day of Prayer for Vocations posted on the [www.usccb.org](http://usccb.org) (<http://usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/upload/2019-vocations-english.pdf>).

Some ways to promote this day can be by including a message on your parish website regarding this day of prayer (whether it be written or by video), posting the prayer for vocations and/or sending out a message on your Parish App to parishioners. You can contact our office or send your request for the prayer card at [msmith@scd.org](mailto:msmith@scd.org).

The following information can be placed on your website:

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations** will be observed on **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** also known as "**Good Shepherd Sunday**." The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the USCCB Vocations webpage ([www.usccb.org/vocations](http://www.usccb.org/vocations)). ([www.USCCB.org](http://www.USCCB.org))

Be assured of my prayers! Thank you.