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OFFICE OF PRIESTLY &
RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

MEMORANDUM

To: Pastor

From: Father Guillermo (Mémo) Hernández *OK. Fr. Mémo*
Director of Vocations

Date: April 9, 2021

Re: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations invites you to celebrate the 58th Anniversary of the ***World Day of Prayer for Vocations on April 25, 2021.***

The following is a recent message from Pope Francis regarding World Day of Prayer for Vocations. If possible, please share this information on the website of your parish, with ministries and others in the community: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2021-03/pope-francis-world-day-vocations-saint-joseph-fidelity.html>.

In addition, we would like to share other resources that are available to you and may be helpful to invite parishioners to pray for the vocation of the youth in their family, whether it be children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews. You can visit websites that offer more ideas, such as USCCB (www.usccb.org) and Vianney Vocations (www.VianneyVocations.com).

We would appreciate including the following ad from the USCCB in your bulletin:

World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on **Sunday, April 25, 2021** also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly 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. Resources for promoting vocations can be found on the USCCB website.

Thank you!

cc: Parish Vocation Committees
Religious Education Programs