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OFFICE OF PRIESTLY &
RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

MEMORANDUM

To: Bulletin Editors, Deacons, Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education, Knights of Columbus, Parish Vocation Committee Members, Principals, Secretaries, Youth Ministers

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

Date: September 13, 2021

Subject: **Priesthood Sunday – September 26, 2021**

The Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations would like to invite you to celebrate Priesthood Sunday on Sept. 26, 2021. 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 to become priests. For more information on how you can celebrate our priests, you can visit <https://serraus.org/priesthood-sunday/>.

Please continue praying for all priests as we continue our efforts to serve and bring the love of Christ to all who we encounter. Your prayers are much appreciated!

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

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