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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, 2024 (Celebrated in parishes on February 3-4, 2024)

The Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations invites you to acknowledge and celebrate our consecrated religious women and men during the weekend of February 3-4, 2024.

You can find more information/materials at:

- USCCB: (www.usccb.org and <https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/consecrated-life/year-of-consecrated-life/upload/Intercessions-YCL.pdf>).
- National Religious Vocation Conference webpage at (NRVC): <https://nrvc.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 for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Friday, February 2, 2024 and in parishes over the weekend of February 3-4, 2024. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Spanish:

La Jornada Mundial para La Vida Consagrada en la iglesia es el viernes, 2 de febrero del 2024 y en parroquias se celebrará el fin de semana del 3-4 de febrero del 2024. Favor de orar por quienes se han comprometido a la vida consagrada, y tomen esta oportunidad para darles las gracias en su día especial. Que continúen siendo inspirados por Jesucristo y respondan generosamente al regalo de su vocación que Dios les ha concedido.