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**To:** Bulletin Editors, Deacons, Directors/Coordinators of Religious Education, Knights of Columbus, Newman Centers, Parish Vocation Committee Members, Principals, Religious Women & Men, Secretaries, Vocation Ministry Volunteers, Youth & Young Adult Ministries

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**Subject:** Catholic Sisters Week/March 8-14, 2024

***The Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations invites you to celebrate Catholic Sisters Week from March 8-14, 2024.*** The lay faithful of each parish, school or other ministry can show their appreciation in their own special way for the religious sisters that are at parishes in our diocese.

We thank our Lord for the institution and gift of religious life. Let us celebrate this gift and pray for our women religious and for women who are in a formation program. For more information and resources, you can visit <https://nrvc.net/292/publication/11357/article/18705-catholic-sisters-week>. You can find intercessory prayers for Catholic Sisters Week at the following link: <https://catholicsistersweek.org/intercessory-prayers-2024/>.

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

### Prayer for Religious Sisters

Gracious and all-loving God, we thank you that You call us to be one with You and to be, in every way of life, doers of Your Word and not hearers only.

In this National Catholic Sisters Week, we celebrate women religious who consecrate their lives in poverty, celibacy and obedience.

We thank you for their character, courage and commitment to live in solidarity with those who live in poverty and suffer violence in everyday living.

Your love and grace inspire them. Their joy and total generosity inspire us.

Together they form a "global sisterhood" whose network of prayer and ministry call all of us to broader and deeper understanding and communal responsibility for the common good of our Earth community.

May their powerful stories ignite the hearts of girls and women today to answer your call to live a life dedicated to the common good through living in community and sharing ministry.

May religious life abound in vitality so that the boundless power of your love and care will be known more and more throughout our world.

In every way of living we are all called to be poor in spirit, faithful in heart, and obedient to Your Love. Strengthen in each of us a deeper commitment to our own calling, that all may be one with each other and with You.

We ask this in Jesus' name and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

– From [www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org](http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org)

cc: Pastor