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RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

To: Pastor

From: Fr. Mémo Hernández
Director of Vocations

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Date: April 12, 2024

Re: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations invites you to celebrate the 61st Anniversary of the ***World Day of Prayer for Vocations on April 21, 2024.***

The following is the message from Pope Francis in 2024 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.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/20240421-messaggio-61-gm-vocazioni.html>.

In addition, you can find resources on our website at www.scd.org/vocations. You can also visit the following websites for more ideas, such as:

- USCCB (www.usccb.org)
- NRVC - National Religious Vocation Conference (<https://nrvc.net/292/publication/11357/article/15674-world-day-of-prayer-for-vocations#:~:text=Prayer%20is%20essential%20in%20all%E2%80%A6>)
- Vocation Network (<http://www.vocationnetwork.org/>)
- Vocation Ministry (<https://vocationministry.com/>)
- Vianney Vocations (<https://worlddayofprayerforvocations.com/>)

Please find the suggested bulletin ad for your bulletin:

World Day of Prayer will be observed on **Sunday, April 21, 2024** 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: Knights of Columbus, Parish Vocation Committees, Religious Education Programs