

Year Of Prayer For Vocations To The Diocesan Priesthood

“Take the Risk for Christ”

(video)

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Diocesan Priesthood In A Synodal Church: The Year of Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood began on Vocations/Good Shepherd Sunday April 30th 2023. This is a new drive for vocations launched by the Irish bishops which aims to start conversations on the beauty of the vocation of priesthood within families, parish communities as well as among priests.



It is planned to host events each month over the twelve-month period in parishes and at pilgrim sites around the country, and to provide resources for homes and schools. See details on next page.

Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan of Waterford & Lismore Diocese who is Chair of the Irish Bishops' Council for Vocations explained, "Everyone has a vocation, but this year is specifically about prayer for vocations to the diocesan priesthood....From speaking to newly ordained

priests, there is a strong correlation between their calling and the influence and encouragement received from a priest who had previously spoken to them about their ministry, about taking the risk for Christ. One of the objectives of this Year of Vocations is to start conversations within families, with priests and in parish communities on the beauty of the vocation of priesthood.”

Key Events

- [Hook of Faith webinar on Priesthood](#)
- [Play for Vocations Golf Tournament on 21 June in Birr Golf Club](#)
- [Reek Sunday Climb for Vocations on Croagh Patrick on 30 July](#)
- [Pilgrims attending World Youth Day in Lisbon 01 – 06 August](#)
- [Gathering at Knock Shrine on 17 August](#)
- [The Lough Derg Camino on 26 August](#)
- [National Ploughing Championships 19, 20 & 21 Sept](#)
- [Evangelium Conference in Cork 07 October](#)
- [Art For Vocations Exhibition, Portlaoise 18 October](#)
- [National ‘Come And See’ Weekend](#) (& click on Recent Posts)

- Diocesan Vocations Directors' Conference
- [Catholic Schools Week 21 – 27 January 2024](#)
- Divine Mercy Conference February 2024

Vocation Resources through the Year

- [Scripture-themed Intercessions for Vocations](#)
- Holy Hour for Vocations
- [Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)
- [Rosary for Vocations](#)
- Mass for Vocations /Vocations Sunday 21 April 2024

More to follow.

Please check back again soon as these events are being regularly updated.

Prayer For Vocations:

Heavenly Father,
We ask you to send labourers into
your harvest and to bless all who
strive to listen to your voice.

Inspire, in the hearts of men and
women, vocations to the priesthood,
diaconate and consecrated life.

Bless our families with a spirit of
generosity, so that those whom you
call have the courage to give
themselves to your Church in faith.

Send workers into Your great
harvest so that the Gospel is
preached, the poor are served with
love, the suffering are comforted,
and Your people are strengthened by
the sacraments.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
our Lord.

Amen.

(source: National Vocations Office of the Bishops' Conference)