

Year Of Prayer For Vocations To The Diocesan Priesthood

“Take the Risk for Christ”

(April 2023 video)

and

***Reviewing the Year for Vocations –
Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan***

(April 2024 video)

(final update April 23rd 2024)

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.



Events have been taking place each month since April in parishes and at pilgrim sites around the country, and resources provided for homes and schools. See details on next page.

Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan of Waterford and 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 – 5 May](#)
- [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](#)
- [Hook of Faith webinars on Zoom – 31 Oct, 1 & 2 Nov](#)

- [National Seminary of Ireland Maynooth – ‘Come & See’ Weekend 18 & 19 November](#)
- [National ‘Come And See’ Weekend](#) (& click on Recent Posts)
- ‘Come and See’ Weekends, Irish Dominican Friars, St. Mary’s Priory, Pope’s Quay, Cork.
 - 15–17 December 2023,
 - 19–21 January 2024
 - Saturday 27 April 2024 - final retreat before summer break (*update April 13th 2024*)

If interested in applying to participate, please contact Fr. Colm Mannion OP, Vocations Director, tel. 086 0864420, email colm.mannion@dominicans.ie

- [Diocesan Vocations Directors’ Conference](#)
- [Catholic Schools Week 21 – 27 January 2024](#)
- [Theology on Tap – Venue: Fennessy’s Pub, Limerick on 06 February 2024 – Topic: The Next Priests in Ireland](#)
- [Divine Mercy Conference RDS Dublin 23 – 25 February 2024](#)
- [Hook of Faith Webinar on Vocations 05 March 2024 – The Last Priest in Ireland?](#)
- [Evangelium Young Adult Conference – Maynooth 16 March 2024](#)
- [Theology on Tap – Venue: Fennessy’s Pub, Limerick on 16 April 2024 – Topic: My World View](#)

- [Dublin Diocesan Celebration of Consecrated Life – Church of Saint Thérèse, Mount Merrion – Saturday 20 April - 3pm](#)
- [National Mass for Vocations – Whitefriars Church Dublin – Saturday 20 April 2024 - 6pm](#)

Vocation Resources through the Year

- [Scripture-themed Intercessions for Vocations](#)
- [Dec 2023: Vocation-themed Intercessions for Advent](#)
- [Video excerpt](#) from homily Jan 2024 by Fr. Vincent Sherlock of Achonry Diocese on why he decided to become a priest
https://www.facebook.com/IrishCatholicBishops?_tn_=-UC
- [Jan 2024: Intercessions for Vocations Ordinary Time to Lent](#)
- [Feb 2024: Intercessions for Vocations for Lent](#)
- [A Holy Hour for Vocations Feb & March 2024](#)
- [Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference](#)
- [Rosary for Vocations](#)
- [April 2024: Intercessions for Vocations – Sundays after Easter](#)
- [National Mass for Vocations – weekend of Vocations/Good Shepherd Sunday – 20 April 2024](#)
- [Homily of Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, RTÉ televised Mass on Good Shepherd Sunday - 21 April 2024](#)

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)