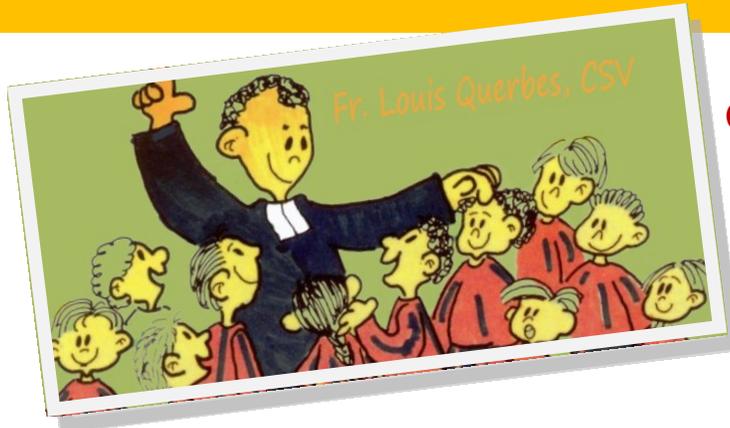


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Our Vocation Crucifix

This is one of our class service projects.

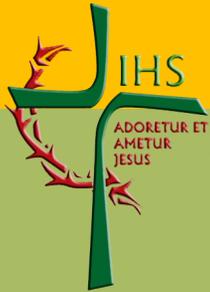
The vocation crucifix is one way we will pray in a very special way for vocations to the religious life or priesthood. We believe that when families pray for future religious sisters, brothers and priests, God listens. More than that, God may plant a vocation seed in the very family doing the prayers.

It can also encourage questions and conversations concerning vocations. The process is very simple:

- Each week a different child's name will be drawn to receive the vocation crucifix and the special prayers for vocations.
- The child will take the class vocation crucifix into their home and commit to saying the provided special prayers. (This can be done at any time during the day, though many people find it especially meaningful when prayed together as a family before or after the evening meal.)
- The crucifix should be kept on the dining table or in a prominent place as a reminder of this special time of prayer.
- The following week, the child returns the crucifix to the catechist so the next child can be selected.

It will be a wonderful blessing to have a specific child and his or her family praying for vocations every week of the year!

Please help your child with this prayer/service project.



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A Family Prayer for Vocations

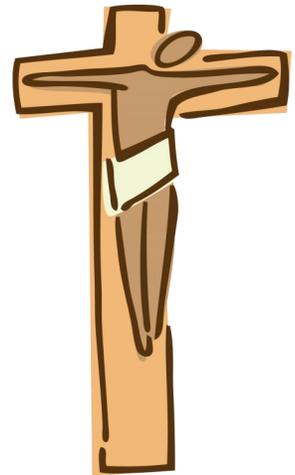
Loving Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
you have created my children special and unique
and I give thanks and praise for them.

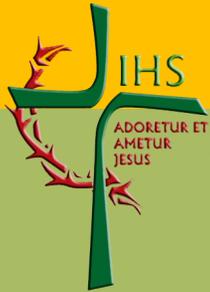
Help me to guide them well, to pray for them,
and to love them deeply.

Open their hearts to your word, that they may know
the sound of your voice in a world filled with distractions.
May they hear your call to live lives of Christian service.
If you are calling my children to a life of Church ministry,
my prayer is that your call will be steady and irresistible.

Grant me, too, a generous heart,
to open my arms one day to give them to your service.
May your tender care keep my children safe,
especially as they discern their own vocations in life.

Loving God,
what I ask for my children, I ask for all children:
Help them to know your presence at all times
and to be open to the promptings of your Holy Spirit
who is one with you and your Son,
now and forever. Amen.





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A Child's Prayer for Vocations

Thank you, dear God, for loving me.

In Baptism, you called me by name
to live as your child.

Help all your people
to know their call in life.

Please help raise up generous leaders
to serve as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers.
Amen.

