Vocation Novenas for the Diocese of Lansing 2017

Introduction: As we are blessed this year to celebrate ordinations in May and June, let us use this opportunity to pray for vocations and to help our children and young adults to discern God's Will for their lives. The following vocation novena is very simple by intention, so that it can be prayed by the entire family. The goal is to pray an *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and *Glory Be* each day for nine days ahead of a diocesan ordination. The intention for each of the nine days varies and is meant to cover the entire process of discernment as well as the many possible outcomes: married, consecrated, religious, or ordained life.

Two Novenas: For the **Diaconate Ordination** on Saturday, May 13, the novena will begin on Thursday, May 4, and conclude on Friday, May 12. Note that this novena will encompass the *World Day of Prayer for Vocations* on Sunday, May 7!

For the **Presbyteral Ordination** on Saturday, June 10, the novena will begin on Thursday, June 1, and conclude on Friday, June 9. Note that this second novena will encompass *Pentecost Sunday*, which is June 4 this year!

Bulletin Announcements: Here are sample bulletin announcements that you may use in your parish to promote vocations and support the coming ordinations this year. If someone from (or associated with) your parish is to be ordained, simply insert their <name>. Otherwise, delete the parenthetical section in RED:

Bulletin Announcement – Please promote on 2nd & 3rd Sundays of Easter

As the ordination of Deacons for the Lansing Diocese (including <name> from our parish) will occur on Saturday, May 13, let us promote vocations by together praying a novena. Beginning on Thursday, May 4, and concluding on Friday, May 12, let us all pray an **Our Father**, **Hail Mary** and **Glory Be** each day for the following intentions:

- **Day 1:** In thanksgiving for our Baptism and sharing in the mission of Christ.
- **Day 2:** For the grace to discern how God is calling us to know, love and serve Him.
- **Day 3:** For the grace to accept our calling generously.
- **Day 4:** For those currently living a generous single life for the Lord.
- **Day 5:** For the protection of our vocations from every diabolical attack.
- **Day 6:** For the gift of holy marriages and families, the well-spring of vocations.
- **Day 7:** For an abundance of ordained clergy to bring us the sacraments.
- **Day 8:** For the gift of religious sisters and brothers to serve the Church.
- **Day 9:** For all in consecrated life (including third orders) who pray for us.

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Bulletin Announcement – Please promote on 6th & 7th Sundays of Easter

As the ordination of Priests for the Lansing Diocese (including Dcn. <name> from our parish) will occur on Saturday, June 10, let us promote vocations by together praying a novena. Beginning on Thursday, June 1, and concluding on Friday, June 9, let us all pray an **Our Father**, **Hail Mary** and **Glory Be** each day for the following intentions:

- **Day 1: In thanksgiving for our Baptism and sharing in the mission of Christ.**
- **Day 2: For the grace to discern how God is calling us to know, love and serve Him.**
- **Day 3: For the grace to accept our calling generously.**
- **Day 4: For those currently living a generous single life for the Lord.**
- **Day 5: For the protection of our vocations from every diabolical attack.**
- **Day 6: For the gift of holy marriages and families, the well-spring of vocations.**
- **Day 7: For an abundance of ordained clergy to bring us the sacraments.**
- **Day 8: For the gift of religious sisters and brothers to serve the Church.**
- **Day 9: For all in consecrated life (including third orders) who pray for us.**

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Thanks to Fr. Gordon Reigle for designing this novena!