



Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide

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Parish Priests, Deacons, Religious Sisters and Brothers, Pastoral Associates and Parish Secretaries.

I wish you greetings in the Risen Lord from the Archbishop's Office.

I write to you with regards to the **62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations** which again this year is on Good Shepherd Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter, the weekend of May 10/11.

This year the message from Pope Francis is entitled **"Pilgrims of Hope: the Gift of Life."** He says: "A vocation is a precious gift that God sows in our heart, a call to leave ourselves behind and embark on a journey of love and service."

Once again, as we acknowledge that each Baptized Christian has a unique call and vocation from God, and within this context, we pray for an increase in the vocations to the Consecrated Life, the Diaconate and the Priesthood. We renew our own unique vocation and pray for our children and young people that they will hear the voice of God echoing in their hearts.

I commend to you the following attachments:

- # The message of Pope Francis (also available on the Vatican Website)
- # Posters
- # Newsletter Notices; Commentary and Suggested Universal Prayers

Soon you should receive copies of our renewed Vocations Prayer card and also a new Discernment prayer for young people. Please distribute them widely.

Thanks for your prayerful support in promoting Vocations.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr Dean Marin VG
Director of Vocations