

World Day for Consecrated Life

25th anniversary

ROSARY

Welcome to our time of prayer.

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day: the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

Today we will have intentions with each decade of the rosary.

Opening hymn - optional

Intentions: Let us bring our intentions to God our Father through his Son Jesus and his mother Mary:

1. That the hearts and minds of those called to serve the Lord as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life will not be lacking in any spiritual gift, but will continue to be enriched in Christ.

decade

2. That the faithful response, "Behold, I come to do your will, O Lord," will be voiced by each person discerning a call to serve Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life.

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3. That Catholic families will pray for and nurture the gift of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from among their children.

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4. That our young people will open the treasure of their unique vocation through prayer, and honor Christ the King by their faithfulness to His call.

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5. That all Catholics will recognize that they are to pray for vocations and ask the Holy Spirit to guide the deep searching of all who are discerning their vocations in Christ.

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Closing hymn - optional