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Dear Friends in Christ,

The upcoming National Vocations Awareness Week (November 3-9) offers us an opportunity to reflect on how each of us has a vocation, and to instill in our young people a sense that God is calling them to join in Christ's work of salvation. It is within that general sense of vocation that we help all in the Church to grow in an appreciation that God is calling the disciples of Jesus either to married or single life, ordained ministry and consecrated life.

Please join me in praying for a culture of vocations in the Church, particularly as we ask the Lord to raise up those who will give their lives to service in the Church as priests, deacons or religious. We need these future leaders in the Church, those who will minister to generations to come.

The attached vocation prayer for the Archdiocese of Chicago has been composed for your use privately and in our liturgies as we mark Vocations Awareness Week. By praying for vocations we remind ourselves of our responsibility to promote vocations by inviting the next generation of women and men to consider consecrated life and ordained ministry, but also to impress upon them that they should consider their call to single and married life as a calling from God.

A major goal in the renewal we have begun in the archdiocese is to foster vocations of those called to serve the Church in a lifelong commitment. In fact, a sign of the vitality of a local church community is its commitment and capacity to foster and nurture vocations of those who would give their lives to serve the Church. Together, let us generously take up our responsibility for vocations and join in Christ's work of salvation.

With my gratitude for your support and prayers, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago