

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha National Shrine and Historic Site

Prayer Letter



February 2021

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

My Dear Friends of Saint Kateri,

The Lord Jesus appointed 72 disciples who he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them,
"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few, so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.
Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves."

Gospel of Luke 1:1-3

God Our Father desires us as His sons and daughters to not only seek His Will in our lives and our world but also to assist others in understanding and following God's path. The above quote from the Gospel of Luke is deliberately placed in this month's spiritual letter to prompt us to direct our own prayers and intentions to those with vocations to the priesthood and religious life, as well as the permanent diaconate. I ask that as we prepare for the Lenten season this year, we use this time of prayer and self-sacrifice as an invitation to pray for someone that we believe may have a religious vocation or career.

All of us recognize that not only our physical lives have changed in these past years, but the foundations of our spiritual lives have and are changing. The Church has need for not only spiritual leaders but also leaders that are able to bring their own personal talents to the ministry of the parish: teachers, administrative professionals, medical professionals, counselors, and so much more. Any of God's personal gifts can be used to help others as a laborer in God's Harvest. Who better to ask for assistance in inspiring another to labor for God than Saint Kateri? She is a beautiful example of the laity working to build up the Church, for Saint Kateri truly lived as a sheep among the wolves, as so many of us do in today's culture.

The world tells us to seek goods and wealth. God calls us to seek to help others. Saint Kateri is a beautiful example and leader for us to pray for vocations. We have so many talented and educated men and women seeking careers in healing others. Who better to work for than God the Father as an instrument in our Church?

Let us continue to bring our prayers and intentions to Saint Kateri. I am humbled and honored to say Mass each day with your requests to her as I fill the Saint Kateri prayer basket in the Friary chapel. Please use the special prayer request line below and add a name of a family member or friend you believe may be being called by God to be a priest, brother, sister, or permanent deacon. Fill in the above Scriptural blanks with a name, a person who may answer God's call.

As always, never forget to ask that person if they feel the Master's call to work in His Harvest.



-Fr. Tim Lyons, OFM Conv., Chaplain and Director



Ask Saint Kateri to inspire someone to seek a career as a priest, brother, sister, or permanent deacon:



Dear Friars, please include the following intentions in your daily prayers:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____



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