

2019 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



The courage to take a risk for God's promise

The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a "cage" or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch.

And yet, there can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Do not yield to fear, which paralyzes us before the great heights to which the Lord points us. Always remember that to those who leave their nets and boat behind, and follow him, the Lord promises the joy of a new life that can fill our hearts and enliven our journey.

Dear friends, it is not always easy to discern our vocation and to steer our life in the right direction. For this reason, there needs to be a renewed commitment on the part of the whole Church to provide young people in particular with opportunities for listening and discernment. There is a need for a youth ministry and a vocational promotion that can open the way to discovering God's plan, above all through prayer, meditation on God's word, eucharistic adoration and spiritual accompaniment.

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us join in prayer and ask the Lord to help us discover his plan of love for our lives, and to grant us the courage to walk in the path that, from the beginning, he has chosen for each of us.

[Excerpt from Pope Francis 2019 Message, World Day of Prayer for Vocations](#)

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father,
bless your Church with
an abundance of
holy and zealous Priests,
Brothers, and Sisters.

Open the hearts
of the young,
that they may
discern Your
will for them.

Give them the desire
to offer themselves
to serve you in others
and establish your reign
in all hearts.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen



“I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS”

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

MAY 17-19, 2019

CAMP MORICE, FORT ST. JAMES, BC

Facilitated by Father Terry Brock

Also Present: Most Rev. Stephen Jensen, Sister Vinda, RVM
and the Dominican Sisters of Nashville

Ages 19 & Up or High school Grads of 2019.

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**Special Guests at the
Discernment Weekend**

**THE DOMINICAN
SISTERS OF NASHVILLE**

In the U.S., the Dominican Sisters has grown by 110 sisters in 10 years, with 12 to 15 new nuns joining each year, according to Catholic World Report. Another, in Ann Arbor, Mich., was founded in 1997 with four sisters and had 96 last year.

(They were also featured on the tv series Oprah)

In the Vancouver Archdiocese, two other orders of nuns have moved into the Lower Mainland this year: three Carmelite Missionary Sisters of St. Thérèse in Abbotsford, and five Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Port Coquitlam.