

Vocation Bulletin Blurbs

First Sunday of Advent 2023 to Feast of Christ the King 2024
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Attn: Bulletin Editor and Parish Vocation Promoter

First Sunday of Advent -- December 3, 2023

“Like a man away on a journey, he assigns each of us a task; be on the alert.” Being chosen to serve as a priest or in consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary -- December 8, 2023

“Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God.” Could the Holy Spirit be calling you to trust God and follow Him as a sister, nun, or consecrated virgin? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Second Sunday of Advent -- December 10, 2023

“A voice is calling.” Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Third Sunday of Advent -- December 17, 2023

“The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me.” God is empowering you for a specific purpose! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Fourth Sunday of Advent -- December 24, 2023

“Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God.” Consider following Christ more closely as a priest or in consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Christmas -- December 25, 2023

“The Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit, for He will save His people.” Is the Holy Spirit leading you to share your gifts as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Feast of the Holy Family -- Sunday, December 31, 2023

“I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great.” If you feel God is offering you the gift of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life as a sister, brother, or consecrated virgin, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -- Monday, January 1, 2024

“The Lord lift up His countenance on you, and gives you peace.” His peace will be fully felt when you are living the vocation that he has called you to. If Christ may be lifting you up to faithful service as a priest or consecrated religious, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

The Epiphany -- January 7, 2024

“For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd My people.” Is Christ calling you forth out of your comfort zone to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, or priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Baptism of Our Lord -- January 8, 2024

“You will see and be radiant, and your heart will thrill and rejoice.” Your heart will be full of joy when you answer His call. Are you considering making known the love of our Heavenly Father as a priest, sister or brother? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 14, 2024

“Come, and you will see.” How are you being called to come and see how you can build up the kingdom of God as His co-worker? Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 21, 2024

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Fishing is an active verb. If you are being called to strengthen Christ’s Church through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, act. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 28, 2024 - World Day for Consecrated Life – February 2nd

“I will raise up for them a prophet like you.” If you think that you may be set apart by the Lord to serve Him as a priest or as a consecrated sister or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 4, 2024

“Jesus went away to a secluded place and prayed.” If you are seeking greater simplicity of life and a closer following of the Lord in prayer and action, consider that He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 11, 2024 - World Marriage Day

“Do everything for the glory of God.” Give Him the glory through your marriage. Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Pray for your spouse each day and lead each other to Heaven.

First Sunday of Lent -- February 18, 2024

“I establish My covenant with you.” If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, sister, or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Second Sunday of Lent – February 25, 2024

“This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!” Could the Lord be calling you to proclaim His name as a priest or in consecrated life? Listen to Him and talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Third Sunday of Lent -- March 3, 2024

“Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Consider answering the call to the priesthood and serve God and His people. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Fourth Sunday of Lent -- March 10, 2024

“Whoever lives the truth comes to the light.” Your vocation is your sanctification in this life to lead you to sainthood in the next. Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Fifth Sunday of Lent -- March 17, 2024

“The Father will honor whoever serves me.” Are you called to belong to serve Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion -- March 24, 2024

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Easter Sunday -- March 31, 2024

“The Lord is truly risen!” Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord’s resurrection as a priest, religious sister or brother? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy) -- April 7, 2024 - Uplift your Priest starts April 8th

“As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” Let us affirm our priests and help carry out Christ’s mission of spreading love and compassion in the world. Maybe God is also calling you to share in His saving mission as a priest. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Third Sunday of Easter -- April 14, 2024

“Peace be with you.” His peace will be fully felt when you are living the vocation that he has called you to. If you think you may have a vocation to follow the Risen Lord as a priest or in consecrated life, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Fourth Sunday of Easter -- April 21, 2024 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

“There is no salvation through anyone else.” Let us pray for those who are called to follow the Lord as a priest or religious brother or sister that they may generously say YES. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Fifth Sunday of Easter -- April 28, 2024 -- Religious Brothers Day -- May 1st

“He had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.” Pray for those who God is boldly calling forth to serve Him and His people as religious brothers. If you are considering this joy-filled vocation, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Sixth Sunday of Easter -- May 5, 2024

“The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening.” Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Seventh Sunday of Easter -- May 12, 2024

“As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them.” If you think the Lord may be inviting you to carry on His mission as a priest or religious brother or sister, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Pentecost Sunday -- May 19, 2024

“Receive the Holy Spirit.” Is the Holy Spirit preparing you to share the Lord’s mission as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

The Most Holy Trinity -- May 26, 2024

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations.” How can you evangelize others and share in God’s glory? Maybe as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ -- June 2, 2024 - Sacred Heart of Jesus/World Priest Day aka World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests - June 7th

“Christ came as high priest.” Jesus the Eternal Word continues to call many to lives of holiness as priests. Could you be one of them? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- June 9, 2024

“Here are my mother and my brothers.” Embrace being a part of Christ’s family and consider serving His people as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- June 16, 2024

“When the crop permits, the harvest has come.” Are you being called by the Lord of the Harvest to proclaim His kingdom as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 23, 2024

“He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.” Is Christ calling you to die to self and live for Him as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Nativity of St. John the Baptist -- June 24, 2024

“The Lord called me from birth.” Listen with an open heart, and pray for the vocation that the Lord is calling you to. Could it be as a priest, sister, or brother? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 30, 2024

“She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth.” Let us lay down our lives before Jesus and share the whole truth with him. He may be calling you to follow Him as a priest, sister, or brother. Listen. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 7, 2024

“My grace is sufficient for you.” Consider a calling to the priesthood or consecrated life. God's grace is all you need. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 14, 2024

“He began to send them out two by two.” Just as Jesus was sending out His disciples in pairs, perhaps you too are being called to discipleship for this shared mission as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 21, 2024

“They were like sheep without a shepherd.” Do these words of Christ challenge you to give your all for Him and lead the flock as a priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 28, 2024

“I implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called.” Are you being called to help feed the people of God as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 4, 2024

“The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven.” Reflect upon the sacred nature of the divine bread and contemplate if He is calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 11, 2024

“I will raise him on the last day.” Reflect on the profound promise of resurrection and what your path to eternal life looks like. Will your path of holiness be as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary -- August 15, 2024

“Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.” You may be called to observe the word of God and embrace a calling to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 18, 2024

“Always give thanks for all things.” Give thanks to the priests, sisters, and brothers who answered God’s call with open hearts to serve Him. Is Christ calling you to serve as a priest or in consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 25, 2024

“You have the words of eternal life.” Could God be calling you to be a vessel of his eternal love and wisdom that guides and inspires others? Follow Him into a life of service to others as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 1, 2024

“Keep the commandments of the Lord.” Seek a life deeply aligned with His divine will and purpose. If you feel He is calling you to become a priest or religious brother or sister, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 8, 2024

“He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.” If you feel Christ encouraging you to be a transformative instrument as a priest or religious brother or sister, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 15, 2024

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.” Are you seeking a simplistic way of life? You may be called to take the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Discover that life as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 22, 2024

“The Lord upholds my life.” He indeed is our strength and foundation. Pray and ask him sincerely if he could be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 29, 2024 - Priesthood Sunday

“Whoever is not against us is for us.” Pray for your priest. They heard God calling them to the priesthood and chose to serve Christ. Now, they enrich our spiritual well-being everyday in the name of God.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 6, 2024

“We see Jesus crowned with glory and honor.” Will you let the Holy Spirit lead you to be a reflection of His divine glory as a priest? Seek the opportunity to serve and lead others. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 13, 2024 - Deacon Sunday

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” Pray for those men who serve us as deacons. By answering a call to the diaconate, a man seeks to follow Jesus' path by serving and enriching the lives of others. If you are called to the serve as a deacon, speak with your pastor or contact the Office of the Diaconate.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 20, 2024

“What do you wish for me to do for you?” Listen closely to your heart. Is God calling you to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Let the grace of prayer encourage you. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 27, 2024

“Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you.” Will you share in Christ’s saving mission? He may be calling you to a beautiful and sacrificial life as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

All Saints Day -- November 1, 2024

“Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great.” Consider the priesthood or consecrated life! The life is joy-filled and comes with great spiritual rewards. Is He calling you? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 3, 2024 - National Vocation Awareness Week

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 10, 2024

“Do not fear: go, do as you have said.” Let the reassuring words of Christ lead you. If you are being called to be a priest or religious brother or sister, courageously say “Yes!” Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 17, 2024 - *World Day of Cloistered Life - November 21*

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.” Cherish the precious words of the Lord. He may be calling you to a life of contemplation as a cloistered monk or nun, whose lives are devoted to prayer and reflection. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org

Solemnity of Christ the King -- November 24, 2024

“My kingdom does not belong to this world.” Help lead others to Christ and to know his merciful love. Prayerfully consider he may be calling you to serve in this world as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (207) 773-6471 or via email: vocations@portlanddiocese.org