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Dear brothers,

I hope this finds you doing well. In March, I had the opportunity to address our Presbyteral Council on the topic of vocations to the priesthood, and I want to take this moment to encourage each of you to do something for the upcoming **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, which is **Sunday, May 11**. We need to call forth vocations from our people, which is part of shepherding them. I have included a simple analysis of how we're doing with priestly vocations, along with a few numbers. Please feel free to share it with your people.

Please preach on how God has called you to this priestly ministry. In addition, ask our people to be generous in praying for and supporting vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life and permanent diaconate. The Vocation Office will be hosting **Mass and a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations** at Holy Name Cathedral on **Friday, May 9**, from 5:15 to 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and pray with us.

Included in this mailing are a poster, a prayer card for our ordinandi, upcoming events, an evaluation of strengths and weaknesses of vocations in our archdiocese and a Quo Vadis poster. Please hang these up in your church and school, and remember the three steps for helping with vocations: prayer, invitation and mentoring. More resources are available at ChicagoPriest.com and on ArchLink such as bulletin inserts and prayers of the faithful.

Thank you for your priestly ministry and for your support of vocations.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Monahan'.

Fr. Timothy F. Monahan

P.S. Please note that the Vatican has changed the seminary and ordination timelines. God willing, our transitional deacons will be ordained on Saturday, December 13, at Mundelein Seminary. Their presbyteral ordination will be Saturday, June 20, 2026 at Holy Name Cathedral.