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Dear brothers,

I hope this finds you doing well in your respective ministries. In February I had the opportunity to address our presbyterate on the topic of vocations to the priesthood, and I want to take this moment to encourage each of you to do something on the upcoming World Day of Prayer for Vocations, which is Sunday, April 25th. Within the Archdiocese, this day will become the **Annual Vocations Appeal**. We need to call forth vocations from our people, and this is part of shepherding them.

The Cardinal will be sharing his own vocation story, and I ask you to preach on how God has called you to this ministry. In addition, please appeal to our people to be generous in praying for and supporting vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, and permanent diaconate. In addition, the Vocation Office will be hosting a Eucharistic Holy Hour for vocations at St. Alphonsus in Lakeview from 3-4 p.m.

Included in this mailing are a poster, homily aids, upcoming events, and a Quigley Discerner (high school) brochure. Thank you for your priestly ministry and for your support of vocations. Jesus will raise up vocations in our Church!

You can learn more about our programs by visiting us at Chicagopriest.com or on social media:



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Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rev. Timothy Monahan'.

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