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Dear Brother,

I hope this finds you doing well in your priestly ministry. I would like to take this moment to encourage and remind you of the upcoming **World Day of Prayer for Vocations on May 8th**. Cardinal Blase Cupich has called for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to be an Annual Vocations Appeal within the Archdiocese. Every year, World Day of Prayer for Vocations falls on Good Shepherd Sunday. 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 on this day, 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, on **Friday, May 13th**, the Vocation Office will be hosting a **Mass and Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations**: marriage, single life, lay vocations, ordained, and consecrated life. We will celebrate and pray for those preparing for ordination to the diaconate and priesthood in our archdiocese. The Mass and Holy Hour are open to all and will be held at Holy Name Cathedral (735 N. State St.) from 5-6:30 p.m. This will also conclude the **Centennial Holy Hours** for Vocations across the Chicago area. Bishop Robert Lombardo, CFR, will be the main celebrant along with priests, seminarians, religious, and lay faithful from across the Archdiocese.

To promote this event, we have included in this mailing a few posters, homily aids, upcoming events, bulletin blurbs and prayers for the faithful. Other resources are also available for free on our website, ChicagoPriest.com. Thank you for your priestly ministry and for your support of vocations. We are confident that Jesus will raise up vocations in our Church!

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