*O loving and gracious God, Father of all,*

*you bless your people in every time*

*and season and provide for their needs through your providential care.*

*Your Church is continually in need of priests, sisters and brothers to offer themselves*

*in the service of the gospel*

*by lives of dedicated love.*

*Open the hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to your call in their lives.*

*Give them the gift of understanding*

*to discern your invitation to serve you*

*and your Church. Give them the gift*

*of courage to follow your call.*

*May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when*

*he said to you, "Speak Lord,*

*for your servant is listening."*

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Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift

of the priesthood and consecrated life.

We beseech your Holy Spirit to inspire men and women in the Archdiocese of Washington to answer the call to the priesthood and consecrated life. Give them the courage to embrace their vocation, the faith and zeal to follow You with joy, and the perseverance to remain loyal friends of your Son. Please protect and strengthen our seminarians, priests, deacons, brothers and religious sisters. Help all Christians to become better disciples of Jesus, and when our earthly pilgrimage is complete, bring us to the joy of your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

During past Lenten seasons, Little Flower parishioners have prayed each day for a seminarian discerning a call to the priesthood in our Archdiocese. We notified each man with the specific date we were sending prayers for his vocation.

Here are some excerpts of the many grateful replies we’ve received:

*“I know how powerful your prayers are in obtaining grace for my brothers and me as we’re being formed to be priests, especially through the intercession of St. Therese!”*

*“Thank you for your support of my vocation, especially of course for your prayers.*

*It is a blessing to know I am not alone on my way but that God sends me many wonderful people accompanying me.”*

*“I will lift you all up in my Holy Hour today, expressing my gratitude to the Father for loving me through your care.”*

*“Thank you for your prayers for me and the other seminarians at Pope John Paul II Seminary. I will keep your community*

*in my prayers as well.”*

*“Thank you for your prayers and support*

*as I continue to follow the Lord’s will*

*for my life.”*

*“As I draw closer to my ordination date*

*for the Diaconate, it means a great deal*

*to me to know I am supported by prayers.”*

*“It is inspiring to know of the support from the people of God. Be assured of my prayers for you all as well.”*

Prayers for Vocations

**Vocations Week 2020**

As a parish community, let us take this time to pray for those being led by the Holy Spirit to the priesthood in the Archdiocese of Washington or to a vocation with our Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Little Flower Parish

**WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR**

**The Archdiocese of Washington seminarians in formation at:**

**Saint John Paul II Seminary**

Christopher Meyer

Maximillian Korzan

Brendan Parlett

Jessiah Rojas

Ray Gilmore

Danny Morrison

Colin Snyder

Kolbe O’Donnell

Peter Trossbach

Marco Cerritelli

Peter Fairbanks

Gerard Gayou

Clifton Mastran

Joseph McHenry

Chukwuma Odigwe

Marcus Lloyd

Aiden Perusse

**Mount Saint Mary's Seminary**

Christopher Feist

Caleb Gaeng

Thong Nguyen

Benedict Radich

John Winslow

Conor Hardy

Peter Mlynarczyk

Martin Begley

Gerald Andrews

**Theological College**

Joe Heisey

Dylan Prentice

Nathaniel Roberts

Stephen Wong

Vincent Vu

Jonathan Barahona

Ryan Braam

Kyle Vance

**Redemptoris Mater Seminary**

Edmundo Medel

Maycon Adams da Silva Bonfim

Pedro Lopez

Federico Mariano

Lucas de Lima Podda

Marcin Szpot

David Nikhil

Karlo Stjepanovic

Fidele Bimenyimana

David Narváez

Isaac Sagastume

Fredy Calderon

Matthias Gneiding

Jose Alvarez

Pablo Villa

Mattia Cortigiani

Carlos de Rodrigo Gutierrez

Juan Pablo Noboa

Grzegorz Okulewicz

**Pope Saint John XXIII National Seminary**

Joseph Gonzalez

Gregory Zingler

**Seminario Hispano, Mexico City**

David Valencia

**North American College**

Benjamin Bralove

James Fangmeyer

Matthew Ludwig

Deacon Nicholas Morrison

Taylor Colwell

John Lado

Jimmy Morgan

Tom Robertson

Alexander Wyvill

**Pastoral Year**

Louis McHale

Sean Skahen

**The women in formation with the IHM Sisters:**

Liz McGill

Giovana Fuentes

*Heavenly Father, since the*[*time*](http://www.catholic.org/encyclopedia/view.php?id=11571)*of the Apostles you have inspired the Church*

*to commission certain members to assist in a special way in the pastoral mission*

*of Christ. Thank you for calling [names] and all who are preparing for a vocation*

*in your Church.  Bless them that they may be humble and faith-inspired in their service to your people.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ,*

*our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.*