



# Fiat Chalice Program

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## Overview

Our diocese has a great need for priests. Connecting pastors to their parish communities and providing families with an accessible way to engage in and create a culture of vocations is vital to helping young people properly discern their vocation. The purpose of the Fiat Chalice Program is to encourage families to pray for and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Diocese of Green Bay through intentional, family prayer, centered around a key symbol of the priesthood, the chalice.

## Goals

1. To have families intentionally speak about and pray for vocations in our diocese.
2. To provide pastors with a simple and organic way to engage families in their parish.

## Specifications

- Create a signup sheet (paper or online) where families choose a week that they will bring home the chalice case.
- Announce at Mass that the parish is offering an opportunity to take home the chalice case to pray for an increase in “yesses” for vocations from the parish.
- After the families sign up, you or a member of your staff, call the family signed up for the coming week reminding them it is their weekend to take home the case.
- Either before Mass or after the Prayer after Communion, call the family forward to receive the items followed by a prayer and a blessing.
- The family places the chalice in a place of honor within their home.
- Each day for that week, during prayer time (morning, bedtime, or at meals), the family prays for an increase of “yesses” for more religious vocations.
- The following Sunday, the family returns the chalice case to a table near the sanctuary or in another designated place so the priest knows it’s been returned.
- Contents of the case include:
  - Chalice (provided by either parish or vocation office)
  - Prayer cards
    - Fiat Prayer Society prayers
    - Seminarian Prayer Card

## Prayers (from the Fiat Prayer Society)

### I. Daily Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, you are the Lord of the call.

Your Son Jesus told us to ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. We turn to you now and ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit to awaken the hearts of those whom you are calling to the priesthood and religious life in the Diocese of Green Bay.

May they hear your call and respond with a profound “yes,” just as Mary did when she was asked to become the mother of your Son, Jesus. Keep these your sons and daughters always close to you in the Eucharist and protect them from all evil.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

### II. Daily Prayer for Our Priests and Religious

Almighty Father,

We thank you for those who have answered your call to serve as priests and religious men and women in the Diocese of Green Bay.

We are grateful for your call you placed within their hearts, and we are grateful for their “yes.” We ask for an outpouring of your Holy Spirit upon them. May you strengthen them in their service to your holy people and sustain them in prayer.

May the word of God and the most holy Eucharist always be the source of their strength and their defence against all evil and temptation.

We ask that Mary wrap her mantle around them and bring them close to her Immaculate Heart and the most Sacred Heart of her Son, Jesus.

Amen.