

## What Are Members Asked To Do?

- ♦ Pray daily [preferably as a family] for the perseverance and fidelity of their Bishop and Pastor
- ♦ Pray daily [preferably as a family] for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life (as well as for the perseverance of priests and consecrated religious)
- ♦ Pray daily [preferably as a family] for our apostolate, namely the success of our Family Vocation Days
- ♦ Foster, promote and pray for holiness in family life; first among their own family and then to others
- ♦ To be faithful and obedient to Holy Mother Church and Her teaching office, the Magisterium

*Laminated Prayer Cards will be provided for each specific intention.*



## How to Join

Please fill out and return the following if you would like to join *Family Vocation Ministries*, or sign up online at [www.familyvocations.org](http://www.familyvocations.org):

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FAMILY MEMBERS AND AGE OF EACH FAMILY MEMBER

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Return to:  
Family Vocation Ministries  
7375 Day Creek Blvd Ste 103-223  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739

## Our Vision Statement

*Family Vocation Ministries* envisions, 10 to 20 years in the future, witnessing a substantial increase in vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. The ministry also aspires to sow an increase of awareness regarding the importance of family life.

We hope and pray to have a direct effect on at least:

- ♦ Five to ten men ordained to Christ's ministerial Priesthood.
- ♦ Five to ten Consecrated Religious professed to God with perpetual vows of obedience, poverty, and chastity.
- ♦ Forty to fifty families improved in practicing their Catholic faith. This may include, but is not limited to: attending Sunday Mass together faithfully, praying the rosary together at least once a week and learning together about the Church's special vocations concerning the priesthood and the consecrated life.

## How Does Family Vocation Ministries Operate?

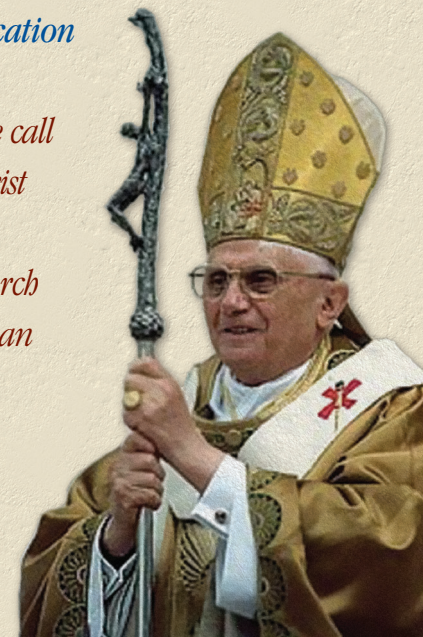
*Family Vocation Ministries* operates solely on prayers, monetary donations, and grants.

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e-mail [info@familyvocations.org](mailto:info@familyvocations.org), or call (800) 818-0584.



# Family Vocation Ministries

*Amidst a time of significant decline in religious vocations to the Priesthood and the Consecrated Life, Family Vocation Ministries answers the call of Jesus Christ and Holy Mother Church to pray for an increase of religious vocations.*





## What is Family Vocation Ministries?

*Family Vocation Ministries* is a non-profit organization founded for the purpose of promoting and praying for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood and the Consecrated Life by sanctifying family life.

## Why Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life?

A simple set of questions and answers can sum up the importance of priestly vocations.

**No Priest? No Eucharist. No Eucharist? No Church.  
No Church? No Jesus.**

The Church, as the living Body of Christ, has both a mind and a heart. The mind of the Church, refers mostly to the hierarchy (bishops and priests), and has an enormous task to lead the people of God in the fullness of Truth revealed by Jesus Christ. Because of the demanding and prodigious role of the hierarchy (the mind), ample support by the “heart” of the Church is needed for the Body of Christ to function properly. A significant portion of the Church’s heart relies heavily on the special vocation set apart by Holy Mother Church, **Consecrated Religious**. Therefore, *Family Vocation Ministries* esteems both of these special vocations, and thus promotes and prays for both an increase of vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life.

## Evangelization and Mission

*Family Vocation Ministries* thrives because of the constant sacrifice and prayers of its members. The primary members of *Family Vocation Ministries* are families consisting of parents and their children. It is through the family (often referred to as the “seedbed of vocations”) that our ministry hopes to evangelize and pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life.

The families from *Family Vocation Ministries* work in conjunction with two of the Church’s greatest gifts:

**Priests and Consecrated Religious.** Through the contemplative prayers and sacrifices of families, and from the active works of priests and consecrated religious (particularly during our Family Vocation Days), both groups rely on, and complement each other, in fulfilling its mission to promote and pray for vocations.

*Family Vocation Ministries* is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It is under the patronage of the Foster Father of Jesus, St. Joseph, and is consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of “Queen of Families.”

## Why Involve Priests & Consecrated Religious?

The laity, since the early Church, and even today, look to priests and religious as signs of hope for the life to come. By the constant example and witness of consecrated religious and their vows of obedience, poverty, and chastity, as well as priests and their promises of obedience and celibacy and their role in speaking in “persona Christi” (in the person of Christ), all three groups (the laity included) look to, and rely on, one another to spread the Gospel of Christ. For this reason, *Family Vocation Ministries* continues to offer prayers and sacrifices for the special vocations set apart for the service of Christ and Holy Mother Church.

## Our Apostolate

*Family Vocation Ministries* reaches its high point when it sponsors and prays for **Family Vocation Days**. These Vocation Days constitute the active part of the ministry (coupled with the contemplative prayers of the family) to promote vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life. The Vocation Days are conducted primarily by priests (diocesan and religious) as well as consecrated religious brothers and sisters, and diocesan seminarians in theology.

The objective of the Vocation Days is two-fold: first, to pray, to familiarize, and to catechize the faithful in the topic of religious vocations, i.e. the priesthood and the consecrated life; secondly, to help families answer the universal call to holiness. All people, regardless of vocation, age and gender, are invited to come and experience the Vocation Days.

## Benefits of Membership

Membership in *Family Vocation Ministries* is free. As members, families will receive periodical updates of our apostolate and ministry. Catholic material will also be distributed to help promote holiness among families. All members receive the following:

- ♦ A free issue of the *Magnificat*®
- ♦ A free Rosary (if desired, for each family member)
- ♦ A free Scapular (if desired, for each family member) with enrollment rite
- ♦ Access to our database containing all the talks from each of our Family Vocation Days. These talks will be made available online to download or can be requested to be sent via data CDs through the postal mail
- ♦ Catechetical CDs explaining various Catholic doctrines, Traditions and prayers
- ♦ Laminated Prayer Cards for each of the four specific Family Vocation Ministry Intentions
- ♦ Enrollment in our newsletter which keeps our families updated on our apostolate and ministry
- ♦ An EWTN TV Schedule
- ♦ Pamphlets and information on vocations, i.e. the priesthood, the consecrated life, and the married life
- ♦ Enrollment in our ever-growing Family Vocation Ministry Prayer List

*Most of the Catholic items are distributed upon sign up at our Family Vocation Days. Some material may be distributed at a later date.*

