

All: May the Cross of the Risen Christ illumine our life.

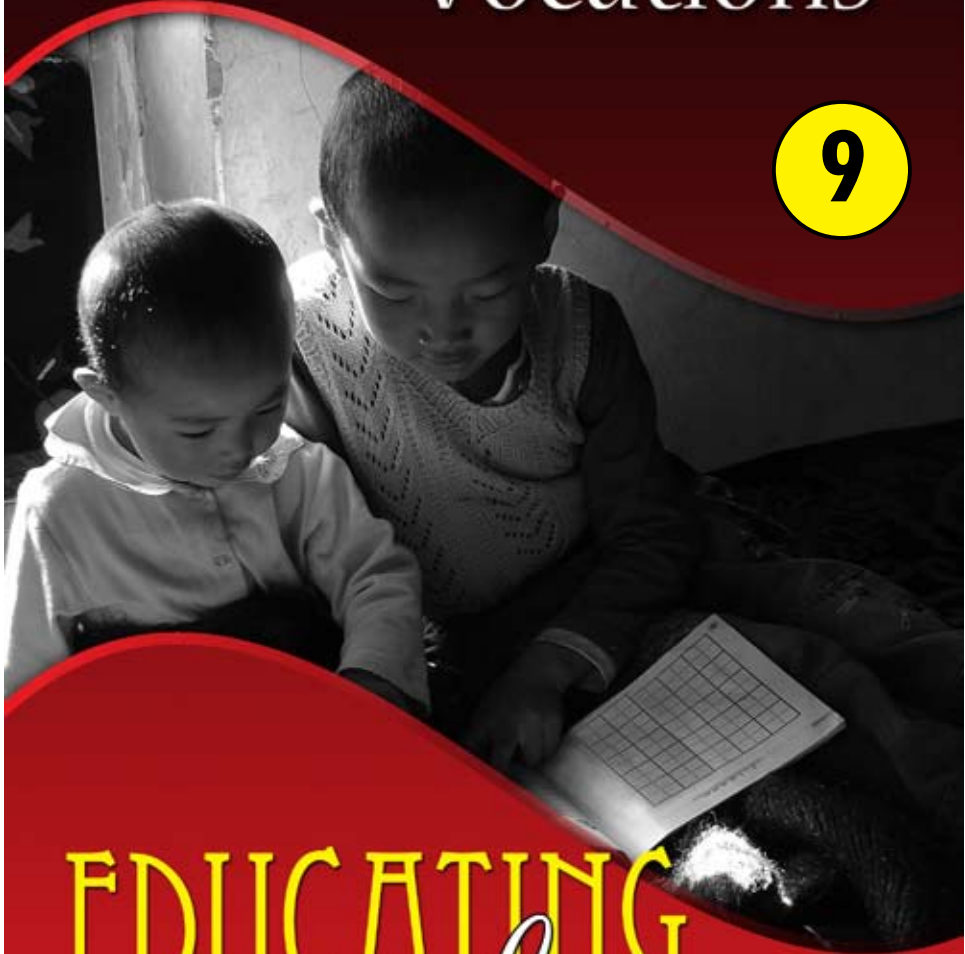
All: Our Father...

Short Pause for Silent Adoration


Final Song

Liturgical Celebration for Vocations

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Guide: If today there is a crisis of vocation of special consecration is it not because there is a crisis of faith?

Therefore the Shepherds of souls and Christian educators are entrusted with the duty to lead the youth to a deeper knowledge of Christ, to put faith in Him, to foster friendship with Him. Maybe there is a crisis of love more than a crisis of vocations.

It is therefore the duty of Priests, parents and educators to help young generations to cultivate love for Christ and His Church helping them to accept life and hardships in freedom and joy. To carry on consistently this mission, the educators will need an unshakable faith, deep generosity and much help from God together with a docile alternativeness to the action of the Holy Spirit.

During this time of prayer and adoration, we want to pray for all parents, teachers, and catechists particularly, so that in their services of educating young generations they may help them to grow free and open to all possible calls of the Lord, and will foster in their generous hearts, noble goals that have to be achieved by constant and joyful sacrifice.

Song (kneeling)

Short Pause

Guide: Jesus, Good Shepherd, you wanted to remain always with us in the Sacrament of the Eucharist to lead and educate us in renewing Your image in us, we thank you and adore you.

All: O Sacrament most holy, o sacrament Divine, all praise and thanksgiving be every moment thine.

All: Lord, increase our faith.

1. Every vocation is an act of love, of double love: of the Lord who calls and of the one who answers. Truly great is God's great fit of love when it concerns vocations especially consecrated to his service and to His Church: Vocation to priesthood, to deaconate, to religious life, to the ideals of the lay institutes, to missionary dedication. Much greater, therefore, must be the capacity to love of the one who receives that exceptional and demanding call. For this, Lord, we pray to you in the words of the apostle Paul that the charity of Christ, may reawaken the divine call in many young, noble and generous souls. May it push the hesitant to make their decision, and give support for the perseverance of those who already made their choice.

All: Charity of Christ, inflame our hearts.

1. Vocation also entails sacrifices, since the very first moment of the serious search, it already requires many renouncements. There is sacrifice at the moment of the decision because the person is conscious of the consecration. Sacrifice is coherent actualization of the vocation given by God, but freely and intimately accepted and lived. Difficult things are only for the courageous and the strong!

Because of this, Lord we pray to you that all of us may be strong and ready, like the suffering Christ, not follow our will but the will of the Father, when the weight of sacrifice will be united to the beautiful gift of his call as wanted and promised. May the Pascal joy of the Risen Lord, comfort them in every moment.

faith, witness and reason of hope for the future.
Let us pray.

2. Jesus, after having passed a night in prayer, you chose and appointed the Apostles, look at your Church and reawaken your divine call in the heart of the youth, and stir their hesitant spirit to make a generous decision of love. Let us pray.
3. Jesus, Master of Truth, help parents to understand their duty to their children as collaborators of your grace and witness of your faith, help them to handle with prudence their choice of vocation. Help them to favor, diligently the sacred vocation which would be eventually discovered in them. Let us pray.
4. Jesus, you educated the apostles by your word and your witnessing, help educators and catechists to have always words of truth on their lips and to witness with their life what they teach. May they also have the courage to propose vocations of special consecration. Let us pray.

SONG (standing)

Guide; Faith enlightens everything with a new light and it reveals the intention of God on the integral vocation of humans. Every vocation is born from faith, lives in faith, perseveres by faith; deep faith lived daily with simplicity and generosity of spirit, in confidence and friendship with the Lord. Nobody follows a stranger, neither does he or she offers his life for strangers; because of this, Lord we pray you in the words of the Apostles: “increase our faith”; increase it in our community and particularly in those you call or will call to your service.

Guide: Good Master, we desire to remain with you, to unite our hearts with yours, to participate in your intimate suffering for the lack of good educators and holy catechists who may lead the new generations on the ways of justice and truth.

All: O Sacrament most holy, o Sacrament Divine, all praise and thanksgiving be every moment thine.

Guide: Jesus, Way, Truth and Life of humans, we unite ourselves with your prayer so that the Church will never lack generous men and women who, through competent catechists will announce your word and show to every human the fundamental Christian vocation of opening their hearts to all forms of consecrated life at the service of God and humanity.

All: O Sacrament most holy, o Sacrament Divine, all praise all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

Reader: From the Book of Proverbs 22:17-21; 23:15-19 (seated)

Pause for Reflection and Adoration

Guide: Jesus, sweet Master of souls, we trust and consecrate to you teachers, writers, poets, authors, artists, those who are committed in politics and in public life and form public opinion. It is their responsibility or their merit if humans loose or find the right way how to live their lives. Jesus, in a special way, we entrust to you the well-being of families, the innocence of children, the future of the young, the vocations of every man and woman.

Guide: After each invocation we will say:

All: Send Lord, good educators and catechists.

1. Jesus, Son of the living God, for your incarnation that made you brother of every human, we pray.
2. Jesus, meek and humble of heart, for the Holy Eucharist, your visible presence among us and our food of eternal life, we pray.
3. Jesus, Good Shepherd, for the apostolic action by which you formed your apostles, we pray.
4. Jesus, Father of the poor, for the miracles by which you healed sickness and infirmity, we pray.
5. Jesus, eternal Wisdom, for your teachings which light our minds and guide our steps, we pray.
6. Jesus, our Way and our Life, for your death on the Cross by which you defeated our death and our sin, we pray.
7. Jesus, true Light, for your Resurrection, completion of your work of Redemption and our hope, we pray.
8. Jesus, infinite Goodness, for the love you came to bring on earth and for your desire that this love will keep burning, we pray.

Song (standing)

Reader: From the declaration on “**Christian Education.**”

All men of whatever race, condition or age, in virtue of their dignity as human persons, have an inalienable right to education. This education should be suitable to the particular destiny of the individuals, adapted to their ability, sex, and national cultural traditions, and should be conducive to fraternal relations with other nations in order to promote true unity and peace in the world. True

education is directed towards the formation of the human person in view of his final end and the good of that society to which he belongs, and in the duties of which he will, as an adult, have a share.

Similarly the sacred Synod affirms that children and young people have the right to be stimulated to make sound moral judgements based on a well-formed conscience and to put them into practice with a sense of personal commitment, and to know and love God more perfectly. Accordingly, it earnestly requests all those who are in-charge of civil administration or in control of education to make it their care to ensure that young people are never deprived of this sacred right. (G.E. 1)

This is the word of the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Pause for Reflection and Adoration

Guide: Lord Jesus, once you said: “The harvest is rich but the workers are few.” It is true! Today the need for priests, religious, missionaries, consecrated souls, is still immense. Lord, come help your Church. Revive in the educators and catechists the commitment to show the beauty of your love and happiness of the generous answer to your all so that with their action, the youth will be made attentive to your call and generous in their response.

Guide: *For each invocation we will say together:*

All: Send o Lord, holy apostles into your Church.

1. Lord Jesus grant that all Christians may understand that the presence, the quality, the number and fidelity to vocations of special consecration are signs of the vitality of their