

# Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations

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**St. Michael the Archangel**



**First Saturday of Each Month**

**4:00 pm**

**Basilica of the Co-Cathedral  
of the Sacred Heart  
Charleston, W. Va.**

Gracious God,  
You have called me to life  
and gifted me in many ways.  
Through Baptism You have sent me  
to continue the mission of Jesus by  
sharing my love with others.  
Strengthen me to respond to  
Your call each day.  
Help me to become all You desire of  
me. Inspire me to make a difference in  
others' lives.  
Lead me to choose the way of life  
You have planned for me.  
Open the hearts of all to listen  
to Your call.  
Fill all with Your Holy Spirit that we  
may have listening hearts and the  
courage to respond to You.  
Enkindle in my heart  
and the hearts of others the  
desire to make the world a better  
place by serving as  
Lay Minister, Sister, Priest,  
Brother or Deacon.  
Amen.

*USCCB Committee on Clergy,  
Consecrated Life and Vocations*

***“Unless we pray for vocations, we’re not going  
to get them. Unless we pray for vocations, we  
don’t deserve them.”***

**Cardinal Edwin Frederick O’Brien**

## **Exposition (3:00 pm)**

As the priest comes to the altar and exposes the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance, all sing:

### **O Salutaris Hostia**

O salutaris Hostia  
Quae coeli pandis ostium.  
Bella premunt hostilia;  
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino  
Sit sempiterna gloria:  
Qui vitam sine termino,  
Nobis donet in patria.  
Amen.

## **Adoration**

While the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, the people pray silently. Everyone is asked to pray for an increase in vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life.

### **Serran Prayer for Vocations**

O God, Who wills not the death of a sinner, but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, Saint Joseph, her spouse, Saint Junipero Serra, and all the saints, an increase of laborers for Your church, fellow laborers with Christ to spend and consume themselves for souls, through the same Jesus Christ Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever, and ever. Amen

## **Prayer for Vocations**

Holy Father, look upon this humanity of ours, that is taking its first steps along the path of the Third Millennium. Its life is still deeply marked by hatred, violence and oppression, but the thirst for justice, truth and grace still finds a space in the hearts of many people, who are waiting for someone to bring salvation, enacted by You through Your Son Jesus.

There is the need for courageous heralds of the Gospel, for generous servants of suffering humanity.

Send holy priests to Your Church, we pray, who may sanctify Your people with the tools of Your grace.

Send numerous consecrated men and women, that they may show Your holiness in the midst of the world.

Send holy labourers into Your vineyard, that they may labour with the fervour of charity and, moved by Your Holy Spirit, may bring the salvation of Christ to the farthest ends of the Earth. Amen.

*Pope Saint John Paul II*

*39th World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

## **Prayer For Vocations**

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in him, with him and through him we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Vocations Committee  
Supreme Council, Knights of Columbus*

## **Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations**

O God, You have constituted Your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of Your majesty and the salvation of mankind: grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received.

*Serra International*

## **Benediction (4:00 pm)**

Toward the end of the exposition, the priest goes to the altar, genuflects, and kneels. All sing:

### ***Tantum Ergo***

Tantum ergo Sacramentum  
Veneremur cernui:  
Et antiquum documentum  
Novo cedat ritui:  
Praestet fides supplementum  
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque  
Laus et jubilatio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque  
Sit et benedictio:  
Procedenti ab utroque  
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

Priest: You have given them Bread from heaven.  
All respond: Having all sweetness with it.

The priest continues with the following:

Let us pray:

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All respond: Amen.

The priest continues with Incensation of the Blessed Sacrament and Blessing of the faithful.

The people join the priest in praying ***The Divine Praises:***

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His holy name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

The priest reposes the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle, and all sing:

***Holy God We Praise Thy Name***

Holy God, we praise thy name;

Lord of all, we bow before thee;

all on earth thy scepter claim; all

in heaven above adore thee.

Infinite thy vast domain; everlasting is thy reign.

Infinite thy vast domain; everlasting is thy reign.

Hark the loud celestial hymn

angel choirs above are raising;

cherubim and seraphim,

in unceasing chorus praising;

Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Fill the heavens with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;

While in essence only One, Undivided

God we claim thee;

And adoring, bend the knee, While we own the mystery.

And adoring, bend the knee, While we own the mystery.