



# OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

## Suggested Intercessions for the Month of August

August 7            NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

That young people might learn to listen for that “tiny whispering sound” of the Lord’s voice and not be afraid to respond with a generous and whole-hearted “yes” to His call in their lives, we pray to the Lord.

August 14           TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For Christopher Cicero and John Sheridan, seminarians of our Diocese, who today will be admitted to Candidacy, that they may draw closer to Christ and be his witnesses in the world as they continue their preparation for priesthood, we pray to the Lord.

August 15    ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

That through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary we, too, may recognize the great things the Almighty has done for us, and, like Mary, respond with a wholehearted “yes” to God’s plan for us, we pray to the Lord.

August 21           TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For those being called to a vocation in service to the Church, that they may be inspired by the solid faith of St. Peter, we pray to the Lord.

August 28           TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For all Christians, that in following Jesus we may discern the will of God in our lives and discover that vocation which is good, pleasing, and perfect for us, we pray to the Lord.

# Suggested Stewardship Bulletin Inserts for August / September

August 7, 2005 (19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's first reading, Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He asks of us.

August 21, 2005 (21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's readings, St. Paul reminds the Romans-and us-that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are." Good stewards understand that *all* is gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent and treasure from which they have been blessed.

September 8, 2005 (23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest that for the Christian steward the answer is "Yes!"

September 22, 2005 (25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's Gospel, the vineyard owner says, "I am free to do as I please with my money, am I not?" We are likewise free. Is a generous return to the Lord in thanksgiving for His many blessings among the choices we have made?

August 14, 2005 (20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Romans, "God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." To what is God calling me today? What gifts are mine to share?

August 28, 2005 (22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

In today's second reading, St. Paul exhorts the Romans to *total* stewardship. Brothers and sisters, he urges, "...offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God."

September 15, 2005 (24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Stewardship is not optional! "None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master," says St. Paul. "While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as his servants."

September 29, 2005 (26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The first son in today's Gospel said he would do his father's bidding, but did not. The second son balked at first, but then repented and did as he was asked. What service is God calling me to do? Which son am I more like?

# Intercessions for Life

AUGUST 2005

## **August 7<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

For all unemployed fathers  
who cannot feed and clothe their children:  
that God might hear their prayers;  
We pray to the Lord:

## **August 14<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

For all single mothers,  
and especially those with infant children:  
that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
they might receive the grace to be strong and faithful;  
We pray to the Lord:

## **August 21<sup>st</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

For teenagers everywhere,  
that they might learn from our example  
the value of every human life;  
We pray to the Lord:

## **August 28<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

For doctors and nurses,  
and especially those who work with young people,  
that by all that they say and do  
they might practice and teach  
the wonder and beauty of every human life;  
We pray to the Lord:



**T**he pope "must not proclaim his own ideas, but rather constantly bind himself and the Church to obedience to God's Word, in the face of every attempt to adapt it or water it down, and every form of opportunism.... That's what Pope John Paul II did, when ... in the face of erroneous interpretations of freedom, he unequivocally stressed the inviolability of the human being, and of human life from the moment of conception until natural death..."

May 7, 2005  
Pope Benedict XVI  
Installation as Bishop of Rome

**R**oe raises “the question whether we have a written constitution, with the limitations thereby implied on the creation of new constitutional rights, or whether the Constitution is no more than a grant of discretion to the Supreme Court to mold public policy in accordance with the Justices’ own personal and shifting preferences.”

U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Richard A. Posner, “The Uncertain Protection of Privacy by the Supreme Court,” *Supreme Court Review* (1979): 173-216, at 199 (footnotes omitted)

**F**ar from being passive recipients of the Church’s pastoral care, older people are irreplaceable apostles, especially among their own age group, because no one is more familiar than they with the problems and the feelings of this phase of life.

Pontifical Council for the Laity, “Dignity of Older People and their Mission in the Church and in the

**F**or modern man, the idea of placing limits on research sounds like blasphemy. However, an intrinsic limit exists, and this is human dignity. Progress obtained at the price of the violation of human dignity is unacceptable. If research attacks man, it is a deviation of science. Even if we protest that this or that research will open possibilities for the future, we must say no when man is at stake. The comparison is a bit strong, but I would like to recall that already once before someone has carried out medical experiments on persons who were held to be inferior. Where will the logic that consists in treating a fetus or an embryo as a thing lead?

*With this kind of manipulation [making “designer babies”], man makes other men his own artifacts. Man no longer originates in the mystery of love, by means of the process of conception and birth, which remains in the end mysterious, but is produced industrially, like any other product. He is made by other men. He is robbed thereby of his proper status and of his true splendor as a created being.*

Pope Benedict XVI, *God and the World*, p. 134