



Vocation Celebration

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CALLED TO
SOW HOPE AND
BUILD PEACE

OPENING REFRAIN

IT IS GOOD TO INSERT A REFRAIN FROM A VOCATIONAL SONG



1. HERE WE ARE!

GUIDE: Brothers and sisters in Christ, today, in a special way, for our Celebration we let ourselves be led by Pope Francis' Message for the **61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations**.

We are gathered **in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Song (vocation)

L1 (Reader): "The World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us each year, to consider the precious gift of the Lord's call to each one of us. [...] This Day, then, is always a good occasion to recall with gratitude to the Lord the faithful, persevering and frequently hidden efforts of all those who have responded to a call that embraces their entire existence".

Song (vocation)

L2: "Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty even in the name of a religious ideal is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness".

Song (vocation)

L3: "Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves".

(Song (vocation))

Moment of silence

2. YOUR WORD, LORD!

GUIDE: In the journey to build peace, in the way we respond to the Lord's call, His Word is what nourishes us, it is what strengthens us in the face of adversity. With a disciple's ear let us open ourselves to listen to the Word.

ALL:

Speak Lord, your servants hear you!

Alleluia or another song suitable for listening to the Word of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

From the Gospel according to Saint Luke.

(Lc 10,1-5)

T.: Glory to you O Lord.

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. 2 He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. 3 Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. 4 Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. 5 "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.'

Word of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Moment of silence



3. EAR OF THE DISCIPLE

GUIDE: The field is vast, the work is intense and tiring, but the labourers are few. Many are invited, but not all answer “yes”. But who are those who understand the call and dedicate themselves to the harvest?

L1: “I think of mothers and fathers who do not think first of themselves or follow fleeting fads of the moment, but shape their lives through relationships marked by love and graciousness, openness to the gift of life and commitment to their children and their growth in maturity”.

L2: “I think of all those who carry out their work in a spirit of cooperation with others, and those who strive in various ways to build a more just world, a more solidary economy, a more equitable social policy and a more humane society. In a word, of all those men and women of good will who devote their lives to working for the common good”.

Song (vocation)

L3: “ I think too of all those consecrated men and women who offer their lives to the Lord in the silence of prayer and in apostolic activity, sometimes on the fringes of society, tirelessly and creatively exercising their charism by serving those around them”.

L4: “ I think of all those who have accepted God’s call to the ordained priesthood, devoting themselves to the preaching of the Gospel, breaking open their own lives, together with the bread of the Eucharist, for their brothers and sisters, sowing seeds

of hope and revealing to all the beauty of God’s kingdom”.

Song (vocation)

GUIDE: The invitation is done! “ To young people, and especially those who feel distant or uncertain about the Church, I want to say this: Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let him challenge you by his presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis. More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose, but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him. And, should he ask it of you, by giving yourself completely to him”.

Song (vocation)

L1: This Day is dedicated in a particular way to imploring from the Father the gift of holy vocations for the building up of his Kingdom: “Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest” (Lk 10:2).

L2: “Prayer – as we all know – is more about listening to God than about talking to him. The Lord speaks to our heart, and he wants to find it open, sincere and generous. His Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, who reveals to us the entire will of the Father”.

Song (vocation)

L3: “In this present year, devoted to prayer and preparation for the Jubilee, all of us are called to rediscover the inestimable blessing of our ability to enter into



heartfelt dialogue with the Lord and thus become pilgrims of hope. For “prayer is the first strength of hope. You pray and hope grows, it moves forward. I would say that prayer opens the door to hope. Hope is there, but by my prayer I open the door”.

L4: Prayer guides us, strengthens us in our journeys. “We are pilgrims of hope and builders of peace. Whoever undertakes a pilgrimage seeks, first of all, to have a clear destination and to keep it always in his heart and mind.

Song (vocation)

L1: “Pilgrims because we are called: called to love God and to love one another. Thus, our walk on this earth never ends in aimless toil or aimless wandering; on the contrary, every day, responding to our call, we try to take the steps possible towards a new world, where we live in peace, justice and love”.

L2: “We are all called to “give body and heart” to the hope of the Gospel in a world marked by such epochal challenges: the threatening advance of a third world war in pieces; the crowds of migrants fleeing their land in search of a better future; the constant increase of the poor; the danger of irreversibly compromising the health of our planet”.

(Song (vocation))

4. LORD SENDS US!

GUIDE: Pope Francis invites us, then, to have the courage to put ourselves invites us to get involved, to become pilgrims of hope. Let us then [in two choirs] make his words our prayer of encouragement, of sending us into the vast field where we must act as good Workers of the Lord:

FIRST CHORUS: “Let us wake up from sleep, let us come out of indifference, let us open the bars of the prison in which we have sometimes locked ourselves up, so that each of us may discover our vocation in the Church and in the world and become pilgrims of hope and builders of peace!”

SECOND CHORU: “Let us be passionate about life and commit ourselves to the loving care of those around us and the environment we inhabit. I repeat: have the courage to get involved!”

ALL: “**Let us rise, then, and set out as pilgrims of hope, so that, as Mary did with Saint Elizabeth, we too may bring announcements of joy, generate new life and be artisans of fraternity and peace.**”

Final song

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