

Diocese of Houma Thibodaux

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

September 15-16

All priests of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux will be gathering for a 2-day virtual Convocation Tuesday, September 15th and Wednesday, September 16th.

Please pray for our priests these days leading up to and most importantly on the 15th and 16th. Some ways you may want to consider praying:

- Pray the *prayer for priests* found at the bottom of this email
- Pray a rosary or even a decade of the rosary
- Spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament at an adoration chapel in your area or in the Church
- Offer a fast, forego lunch, or make some other sacrifice as an offering

Thank you for your prayer and sacrifice for our priests and for the Church.

Prayer for Priests

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for the gift of the priesthood. Particularly, we thank you for the gift of our priests here in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux.

We beg you to draw our priests closer to the Most Sacred Heart of Your Son, Jesus. And just as you drew together the first apostles, a band of brothers unto whom you imparted a unified mission, draw together now the priests of Houma- Thibodaux. Please hear again the words of your Son who said, “I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you Father are in me and I in you, that they also might be in us, that the world might believe that you sent me.” (John 17:20-21)

Grant that the hearts of all of our priests may be humble and docile, that You might lead them and together, reveal to them Your Will. Show them your view of the One Body with its many diverse gifts. Heal our diocese from every place of division and allow our unity to be a prophetic sign for our time.

Father, we trust that you are capable of providing much more than we often ask for. And so, at this time we ask for miracles for our priests.

Renew them in your love and set their hearts aflame with love and commitment to You and to Your people.

Give our priests the grace to welcome the new springtime, which the Holy Spirit is bringing about in the Church. Help them to shepherd us wisely during this time of renewal.

We ask this, through Jesus, the great High Priest
And Mary, Mother of all priests. Amen+