

St. Ann Parish

Traveling Chalice for Vocations

You've probably seen that wooden box in front of the ambo in church, which is sometimes empty and sometimes has a chalice on display. You may have wondered, "What's that all about?"

St. Ann Parish has a Traveling Chalice Program to encourage our parishioners to pray for vocations for the priesthood and religious life. Our prayers have already borne fruit, as we have at least one priest, one seminarian and one religious sister who have come from our parish.

The program is simple.

Sign up to take the Traveling Chalice home for one week through our signup genius link:

<https://tinyurl.com/yeh5ts5y>

On the date you have signed up, please pick up the Traveling Chalice from the altar area when you attend Mass on the weekend. Your week will last from Saturday/Sunday to the following Weekend. You may choose to take the whole case or just the chalice and booklet home with you.

What do I do with the chalice?

When you bring the chalice home, place it in a prominent place in your home where you will see it often, for example on the mantle or in the center of your table. If you are praying as a family, hosting the chalice is a great way to encourage meaningful conversation with your children about vocations and God's plan for them to grow in holiness.

When do I return the chalice?

Please return the chalice, and case, to the altar in time for the next person on the list to pick it up at the weekend Mass they are attending.

Can I take the chalice home more than once?

Yes! Please sign up as often as you would like. This is a powerful way to support an increase of vocations in our Church. What if I have questions? We welcome your questions, suggestions and feedback. Contact: Virginia at jvcarrano@att.net

How can I get more involved?

We would love to have more parishioners involved in our Parish Vocation Commission. Contact: Virginia at jvcarrano@att.net for more details and to join our commission.

Read about some experiences from those who have participated in the Traveling Chalice Program.



- ◆ The traveling Chalice has enriched my prayer life & deepened my appreciation for my Catholic Faith. This prayer time is a privilege I look forward to & I have come to value more deeply our priests & religious in the consecrated life.
- ◆ I feel that having the chalice sitting on our table is a wonderful reminder at meals to pray for vocations. Our prayers are so powerful in encouraging young men and women to consider a vocation. You don't know whose life you've touched with your prayers but God knows!
- ◆ Having the Vocation Chalice at my house makes my home feel like a shrine. There are the beautiful formal prayers but also the short spontaneous ones each time the chalice comes into my view. I thought about a religious life years ago but didn't follow the Lord's calling. I hope my prayers will encourage others to the priesthood or religious life.
- ◆ Praying with the chalice brings a deeper meaning to the event. I try to make my prayers be directed toward God and try to have as serene an atmosphere as possible.
- ◆ In praying for vocations at St. Ann's, I believe this is one small thing I can do in my daily prayer time for the faith-filled men and women who are feeling the call to serve God. It also gives me an opportunity to pray and give thanks for Fr. Randy and all other priests who lead us closer to God every day.
- ◆ Each morning we read St. Mother Teresa's teaching for the day from the book *Do Something for God*. Then, during our week to pray with the chalice for vocations, we would choose a prayer to read. Our hope was that our prayer would reach out to a man or woman who would recognize and accept God's call to the religious life. We believe God hears and answers our prayers.
- ◆ I can say that when we pray for vocations with the chalice present, I am filled with thanksgiving. Thanksgiving for the young people from our parish who have answered the call to religious life. Sister Incarnata and Tommy O'Donnell are two of them. I am thankful for how our parish and school foster and nurture our Catholic faith. And I am thankful for the bright young people in our parish today who show obvious devotion to their faith and promise for vocations in the future.


St. Ann
Vocation Commission

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