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Priests make these 7 promises on their ordination day



By Philip Kosloski

Diocesan priests promise to be celibate, preach the truth, and obey the bishop.

Unlike priests who are members of a religious community, diocesan priests do not take vows of chastity, poverty and obedience. However, they **do** make several **promises** on their ordination day that are similar in scope.

1 ASSIST THE BISHOP'S MISSION

*Do you resolve, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to discharge without fail the office of priesthood in the presbyteral rank, as **worthy fellow workers** with the Order of Bishops for the Lord's flock?* Bishops are the primary shepherds in a particular region. Priests are meant to be **co-workers**, who assist the bishop in their pastoral mission.

2 PREACH THE TRUTH OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

*Do you resolve to exercise the ministry of the word worthily wisely, **preaching the Gospel and teaching the Catholic faith**?*

Priests are entrusted with the task of preaching the Catholic faith to their flock, handing on to them the heritage of the Gospel.

3 CELEBRATE THE LITURGY REVERENTLY

*Do you resolve to celebrate **faithfully and reverently**, accord with Church's tradition, the mysteries of Christ, especially the **sacrifice of the Eucharist** and the **sacrament of Reconciliation**, for the glory of God and the sanctification of the Christian people?*

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MASS SCHEDULE**Weekday Masses**

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our
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4 REMAIN CELIBATE

*In the presence of God and his Church, are you resolved, as a sign of your interior dedication to Christ, to **remain celibate for the sake of the kingdom** and in lifelong service to God and mankind?*

This promise is made at a priest's **diaconate ordination**, but applies to the rest of his life as a priest.

This is a promise to abide by the Church's directives for the liturgy and to celebrate them with great reverence and respect.

5 PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

*Do you resolve to implore with us God's mercy upon the people entrusted to your care by observing the command to **pray without ceasing**?*

This reminds the priest of his commitment to prayer, first mentioned at his diaconate ordination, where he promised to pray the Liturgy of the Hours on a daily basis.

6 IMITATE JESUS CHRIST

*Do you resolve to be **united more closely every day to Christ High Priest**, who offered himself for us to the as a pure sacrifice, and with him to consecrate yourselves to God for the salvation of all?*

This is a weighty promise, urging the priest to imitate Jesus Christ and consecrate his entire life to him.

7 OBEY HIS BISHOP

*Do you promise respect and **obedience to me and my successors**?*

This is the final promise a priest makes, and it is done more solemnly than the others. The priest **kneels before the bishop and places his hands between the bishop's hands**. It is a physical reminder and pledge to obey the bishop and his successors.

Prayer for Priests & Future Priests

Eternal Father,

we lift up these and all the priests of the world.

Sanctify them. Heal and guide them.

Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son,
Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

07/25 • Rev. Hector J. Cruz

07/26 • Rev. Aloysius A. Ezenwata, MSP

07/27 • Rev. Robert Cadrecha

07/28 • For Vocations to Priesthood & Religious Life

07/29 • Rev. Gary M. Fukes

07/30 • Rev. Jesus R. Martinez

07/31 • Rev. Timothy Williford

These are the names of the active priests and seminarians in our Diocese. Remember our Bishop has designated Wednesdays as Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please continue to pray that more young people will hear and answer God's call to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

July 25, 2021

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42-44 | Eph 4:1-6 | Jn 6:1-15

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I once saw Tony Melendez, a musician born without arms, play his guitar for the pope – with his feet – and I knew I had witnessed something exceptional, something extraordinary. We may be feeling the same way about some of the Olympic performances taking place right now. But however amazed Tony Melendez or an Olympic medal performance might make us feel, it is hard to imagine what it must have been like to experience Jesus taking a few barley loaves and fish, blessing them, and somehow feeding more than 5,000 people. How Great Thou Art, indeed! Participating in this miracle was life-changing for those who realized what Jesus had done. They were convinced, on the spot, that Jesus was a prophet, and were ready to carry him away as a king. But Jesus did not come to be an earthly king, he came to give his life for us, that we might have life with him in abundance.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

One boy gives up his lunch and Jesus feeds thousands – and there were *twelve wicker baskets with fragments* left over! Think of how God can multiply *our* gifts. Perhaps there are times we fail to share what we have, thinking it is too small to make a difference; thinking that what we bring to feed others can't possibly be worth anything. Sure, what usually happens with us isn't on a scale like today's Gospel passage, and our offering may not be "Olympic" in nature. But in sharing our gifts as Jesus calls us to – to love our neighbor and to do "small things with great love" as St. Teresa of Calcutta is purported to have said – there is no such thing as a gift or talent too small. Ask the Holy Spirit for fortitude as you strive to share your gifts.

ACTION Perhaps it's time to contact someone who has been on your mind lately. A seemingly small gesture of concern may be just the support they need right now. With the help of the Holy Spirit, perhaps you may be a source of affirmation for them, providing a catalyst that helps them discern their path more clearly.



Are You Looking to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Gene-reux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the Baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for information regarding the Pre-Baptism Class before scheduling a Baptism.

Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9-12 and 1-4
Closed for Lunch Noon to 1 pm

Website Mass

The church is open for our regular schedule of Masses. Recognizing that many will still be unable to attend Mass we will continue to record the Mass and upload it to the website. To view the Mass go to our website: btsp.org and click on the red words to start the video. The recorded Mass is from the Saturday vigil.

We are very grateful to Brent Beauchamp who has been volunteering his services to record the Mass each week. Thank you Brent for your continued support.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 24, Saint Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest
4:00 p.m. Jim Lawler (Dec) and
Patricia Sullivan (Dec)

Sunday, July 25, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Austin and James Getgen (Liv)
9:30 a.m. For Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Mary Rohan (Dec)

Monday, July 26, Memorial Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 a.m. Jay Holser (Dec)

Tuesday, July 27, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Dolores Ciminera (Dec)

Wednesday, July 28, Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. For Vocations

Thursday, July 29, Memorial of Saint Martha
8:00 a.m. Robert B. Murray (Dec)

Friday, July 30, Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
8:00 a.m. Carol Blankle (Dec)

Saturday, July 31, Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
8:00 a.m. Marcia Holser (Liv)
4:00 p.m. Dorothy Young, Nance Young (Dec)

Sunday, August 1, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Alan Wild (Liv)
9:30 a.m. For Parishioners
11:30 a.m. Carole and Walter Huff (Liv)
62nd Wedding Anniversary



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

It's All in the Basket

St. Therese of Lisieux made a point of going the extra mile in kindness towards those people who really got under her skin. It was part of her own brand of Everyday Stewardship — thanking God for all His creation, even the parts with which, in her own humanness, she struggled to cope.

I think about this a lot when I challenge myself to give thanks for things that bother me and people who challenge me. When I do this, I envision Christ giving thanks over those insufficient loaves. How many of us would see that paltry little basket and kick a rock in frustration because we can't feed all our people? "You didn't give me enough, Lord! You didn't give me enough patience, enough money, enough creativity, enough stamina to be a good steward. If you had given me more, I could also give more!"

In those moments of despair, we need to take a good look at the life God has given us. We need to look at the trials and the challenges and the shortcomings. The hopes that didn't pan out, the disappointments that keep cropping up. Somewhere therein lies what we need to be the steward God asks us to be, just as St. Therese's own stewardship was defined by the people she simply couldn't stand.

God does not give us all we want. He does not give us all we ask for. He does us one better: He gives us all we need. It's all in the basket.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Electronic Giving Information

During our recent Stewardship Campaign, a lot of people requested information on our Electronic Giving Program. Making contributions electronically is really easy, whether you would like to make a one-time gift or make it a recurring gift for a specific or indefinite period of time.

All you have to do is go to the parish website at www.btsp.org and click on the big green box on the home page that says



Then, click on "sign in" and then, if you're new to online giving, "register for an account". If you need help, our business manager, Alice Coston, will be happy to help in walking you through it. You can reach her at the parish office at (727) 867-3663.



Weekly Giving

Online Giving July 12-18

Offertory	\$ 915
Building Fund	\$ 20
Peters's Pence	\$ 25

July 18, 2021

Offertory	\$ 4,298
Special Donations	\$ 2,750
Funeral	\$ 500
Other	\$ 25
Gift Shop	\$ 93
SVDP	\$ 140

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Hurricane Season Safety

"Say to the LORD, 'My refuge and fortress,
my God in whom I trust.'"

-Psalms 91:2

Be Prepared

In the storms of life, we turn to God and pray that we will be spared from harm. We are also called to take the necessary precautions to protect the precious gift of life and to minimize damage to property. Here are a few helpful reminders:

Evacuation Shelters:

If you are elderly or have special needs, please contact your county's Emergency Management Office to pre-register prior to any storm if you will need to evacuate.

Mass Participation:

All parishioners are urged to use good judgment when deciding if conditions are safe to travel to Mass. In the event that roadways are not clear and weather conditions are unsafe to travel, the faithful are reminded that the obligation to participate in the Sunday Mass does not apply when there is grave difficulty in fulfilling this obligation (Code of Canon Law, Canon 1248 §2).

News and Updates:

If a storm threatens our area, please visit the Diocese of St. Petersburg website for the latest updates relating to parish and school closings. Also, follow the diocesan Twitter <https://twitter.com/DioStPete> and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/DioStPete/> and Spirit FM 90.5 for the latest news updates.

Resources from around our Diocese:

Florida Department of Emergency Management:
www.floridadisaster.org

Citrus County Emergency Management:
www.sheriffcitrus.org/emergency-management.php

Hernando County Emergency Management:
www.hernandocounty.us/departments/departments-a-e/emergency-management

Hillsborough County Emergency Management:
www.hillsboroughcounty.org/residents/public-safety/emergency-management

Pasco County Emergency Management:
www.pascocountyfl.net/365/Emergency-Management

Pinellas County Emergency Management:
www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/

For more information, visit:

www.dosp.org/insurance/hurricane-season

Prayer for Protection During Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

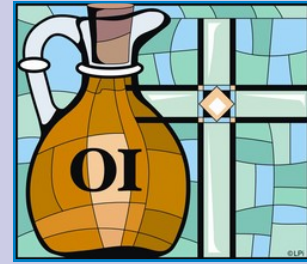
Please Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

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Anointing of the Sick

To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.

