

DELCHESTER SERRA CLUB



January 2026

Meditations for Vocations on the Sundays of Advent

World Day for Consecrated Life, February 2, 2026 Celebrated in parishes Jan. 31 - Feb. 1, 2026

This global celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation on February 2. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day for women and men in consecrated life.

Source: National Religious Vocation Conference, World Day for Consecrated Life, February 2.



Serra for Priestly and Religious Vocations

Continue to pray for religious vocations.



Vocation Quotes from *Christus Vivit*, Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation to Young People and the People of God

38. Those of us who are no longer young need to find ways of keeping close to the voices and concerns of young people. "Drawing together creates the conditions for the Church to become a place of dialogue and a witness to life-giving fraternity". We need to make more room for the voices of young people to be heard: "listening makes possible an exchange of gifts in a context of empathy.

200. Roots are not anchors chaining us to past times and preventing us from facing the present and creating something new. Instead, they are a fixed point from which we can grow and meet new challenges. It does us no good "to sit down and long for times past; we must meet our culture with realism and love and fill it with the Gospel. We are sent today to proclaim the Good News of Jesus to a new age. We need to love this time with all its opportunities and risks, its joys and sorrows, its riches and its limits, its successes and failures".

276. In discerning your vocation, do not dismiss the possibility of devoting yourself to God in the priest-hood, the religious life or in other forms of consecration. Why not? You can be sure that, if you do recognize and follow a call from God, there you will find complete fulfilment.

Source: <u>National Religious Vocation Conference, selected quotes from Christus Vivit by Pope Francis, March 25, 2019.</u>

Schedule for January 2026 - February 2026 Monthly Mass 8:30 a.m. at the Church of St. Joseph, Aston - Upper Church. Membership meeting will follow at 9:00 a.m. in the Neumann Meeting Room - Lower Level. Officers and Trustees meeting will immediately follow the Membership meeting. Monthly Mass 8:30 a.m. at the Church of St. Joseph, Aston - Upper Church. Membership meeting will follow at 9:00 a.m. in the Neumann Meeting Room - Lower Level. Officers and Trustees meeting will immediately follow the Membership meeting.

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