



40 Hours Devotion for Vocations Diocese of Salt Lake City

Sample materials may be found on the Diocese Website, Vocations Page

The Forty Hours Devotion is a special 40-hour period of prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. The focus of this devotion is on the Holy Eucharist and this year, a special emphasis will be placed on praying for Vocations in the Diocese of Salt Lake City.

Each parish and mission in the Diocese will be asked to prayerfully participating in a one Forty Hour Devotion period beginning the week of November 30, 2014 and continuing until November 28, 2015.

How to get started:

1. Select an option that works for your parish
 - Option 1: 40 continuous hours over a 3 day period
 - Option 2: 10 hours a day over a 4 day period
 - Option 3: 8 hours a day over a 5 day period
2. One month prior to the 40 Hour Devotion, a member of the parish Vocation Team or priest/deacon gives a brief explanation of the 40 Hours Devotion and the importance of building up all vocations in the church. Encourage parishioners to pray specifically for vocations to the priesthood and consecrate life and ask them to sign up for an hour of adoration during the 40 hours period. You may also want to put an announcement in the parish bulletin (see sample) and include an Intercession for Vocations during the Prayers of the Faithful (see sample).
3. Each hour, if possible, should have at least two people signed up for it (see sample Sign-Up Sheet).
4. The Coordinator of the 40 Hours Devotion may want to gather contact information for those signed up for each time slot and remind them what hour they have agreed to be present at Adoration during the 40 Hours.
5. In the Church or Chapel, provide a seminarian poster, prayer cards and 40 Hours Devotion Booklet (see sample) to encourage people to pray specifically for priestly and religious vocations.
6. The parish may choose to have an opening Mass to begin the 40 hours. Information regarding the Opening Celebrations of the Eucharist and the Closing Celebration for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist can be found in the Order for the Solemn Exposition of the Holy Eucharist, USCCB, published by Liturgical Press.
7. The week of the 40 Hours Devotion for Vocations include in the Prayers of the Faithful vocation intercessions (see samples).

Sample Bulletin Announcement

Come pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life, and all vocations, on _____ at _____! Sign up for an hour with the Lord, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, and spend some time asking the Lord of the Harvest to send more laborers. To sign up for a particular hour, see _____ from the parish Vocation Team for details.

Sample Intercessions for Prayers of the Faithful

For a strengthening of all vocations, that we may all strive to follow God's call to holiness.

For our young men and women whom God is calling to serve as Priests and Religious, that they may have the grace of God to hear the call and the support of their family and friends to answer.

That families will strive to make their homes places where children can hear God call them by name.

That parents may realize their responsibility to be an example of faith for their children.

That those who feel a call to and desire for priesthood or religious life may find the courage to say yes to what God asks of them.

That our parish communities will nurture religious vocations through their lives of prayer and service, giving witness to God's loving action in the world.

In thanksgiving for those priests, sisters, and brothers who inspire and strengthen us by the witness of their commitment.

We pray that through the power of Your Holy Spirit You fill those You call with the courage and faith to respond to a life of service.