

# World Day for Consecrated Life

FIRST WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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. The celebration of World Day of Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

## **BULLETIN BLURB**

World Day of Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and in parishes over the first weekend of February. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

## **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Lord of the Harvest, bless young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

Inspire all your disciples to mutual love and giving, for vocations to blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

Instill those in religious and consecrated life with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

Unite us to Jesus through prayer and sacraments, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace. Amen.

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