

TO: HIS EXCELLENCY, THE REVEREND MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY, MEN AND WOMEN RELIGIOUS AND THE LAITY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA

RE: FEBRUARY MONTH OF VOCATIONS

Greetings of Grace and Peace!

“As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.”
– Mark 1:16-20

As the last Jubilee Door was solemnly closed by Pope Leo XIV on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, 06 January 2026, one truth remains ever open - the Lord continues to call us to be bearers and heralds of Christian hope. Amidst a world plagued by different struggles, conflicts, and problems such as wars, the lingering effects of the pandemic, rampant corruption in the country, typhoons, earthquakes, and other forms of suffering, we need, more than ever, agents who are willing to listen to the gentle voice that calls from within and brings hope, so that they may share the hope they themselves have received.

Following this profound truth, we gladly inform you that **the month of February is assigned as the month of vocation in the Archdiocese of San Fernando, Pampanga**. We implore the help of God so that more people will listen and answer to His call to religious and consecrated life.

In the same spirit, **we encourage every parish to pray the Prayer for Vocations, which is attached to this letter, after every Eucharistic celebration throughout the whole month** – particularly after the Prayer after Communion or at any other suitable time. Copies of the prayer in *Kapampangan* and English are included in this circular letter.

Moreso, we also gladly inform you that the **entrance examinations for the Mother of Good Counsel Seminary are scheduled on all Saturdays of February: February 7, 14, 21, and 28**.

Furthermore, **every Saturday, there are proposed activities in relation to a special prayer for vocation**. These suggestions are subject to the pastoral need of the community, hence under the discretion of the parish priest.

- a. 08 February 2026 - Holy Rosary for Vocation
- b. 15 February 2026 - Holy Hour for Vocation
- c. 22 February 2026 - BEC / Bible Sharing for Vocation
- d. 28 February 2026 - Youth *Taize* for Vocation

Lastly, as part of the vocation month, **there will be a general assembly of Parish Vocation Committee Presidents or any parish representative on 28 February 2026 at the Arzobispado de San Fernando, Old Chapel**.

Below is the schedule of the meeting of the Parish Vocation Committees:

TIME ACTIVITIES

7:30 AM Registration

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist

9:30 AM Snacks

10:00 AM General Assembly

11:45 AM Prayer for Vocation and Send-off

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For any queries or clarification, please message the official Facebook Page of the event: VOCARE ASF or please contact the Vocation Director of the archdiocese at the number: 0997-321-7484. *Santo Cristo del Perdon y Caridad – pakaluluan mu kami. Virgen de los Remedios, Indu ring Capaldanan, Tula ring Capampangan, Talayingat ning Arkidiocesis – ipanalangin mu kami.* Thank you for the kind attention, I remain

One with you as a servant to the servants of the Gospel,

(Sgd.) ✱ FLORENTINO G. LAVARIAS, D.D.
Archbishop of San Fernando
Pampanga

(Sgd.) REV. FR. DANNY Q. NACPIL
Chancellor

05 February 2026
Feast of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Archdiocese of San Fernando, Pampanga

Loving Father, God of joy and bounty,
you call us to walk the path towards you through Jesus,
your Son and our Lord, the Good Shepherd,
You share yourself with us, your children,
so that, as your Church, we can have life to the full.
Through men and women who dedicate themselves as Church ministers,
you nourish our faith communities.
Through their service and leadership,
you enable your people in the Archdiocese
to feel you and to find each other in your presence.
Give to your Church, we pray, especially to our Archdiocese,
the gift of young people
who will minister your presence that heals, renews, and saves.
Bless our families with children who will consecrate themselves to you
as living and life-giving witnesses
to your immense and unconditional love.
Continue to bless our aging shepherds.
Sustain their faith in you and their love for your people.
Enable them always to inspire young men and women in their flocks
to live lives of service for the Church.
Holy Mary, Mother of Good Counsel,
sure guide on the ways of God,
sustain with your motherly intercession our families and parishes.
Lead them to raise and encourage youth to a life of ministry.
Touch many young hearts with your own Fiat
so that they too can answer boldly the call of your Son, Jesus,
our Lord and Good Shepherd now and forever.
Amen.

PANALANGIN PARA KING VOCACION

O Ginu, icang linalang king banua't yatu;
Icang ginúlis king balang tau,
inya balu mu ke' ngan lagiu at panga-tau.
Ica mu naman ing mináus karing kechang alagad;
Ikang mémili karing malágad.

Mánigapu ke' keca, anti mong tapát mung balayan:
ring kechang talapag-obra king Kecang ubasan,
keca la sanang dagdagan,
uling tutung dacál ing palútan.

Saupan mu ke' ngan ban makibat
king aus Mung king banua mánibat.

Mag-lapo sa' karing keke'ng pusu
ing capagnasan ban sumúyu:
muna, Keka anti'ng keke'ng Ginu,
kadua, karing 'para ming tau.

At king pamanangu mi, paganacá mu sa' kecami:
'E mo ausan ding karapat-dapat,
nune ring tapát a mékibat, ilang gagáuan mung marápat.'

Iti aduan mi capamilatan ning Matas ming Sacerdote,
ing Anak mung y Hesus, ing Santo Cristo Del Perdon y Caridad,
king kametungan ning Banal a Espiritu,
ngeni't manga man king alang angga.
Amen.

O Maria, ing Indu ning Mayap a Usuc,
Ipanalangin mu kami.

O malugud a Hesus,
patubud kang pari agpang king kechang Sagradung Pusu!