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DIOCESE OF WINONA-ROCHESTER Office of Vocations

Dear Friends,

As Bishop of the Diocese and Vocations Director, we would like to thank you for your prayers for religious vocations in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. In order to increase awareness of and prayer for vocations, we would like to introduce the Traveling Crucifix Program.

With this simple ministry, a beautiful crucifix is circulated throughout your parish from household to household. It is given to a new family each week, preferably at Mass with a blessing. Those who have the crucifix are responsible for praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life that week.

When it is taken home, the crucifix should be placed in a prominent and safe place to serve as a visible reminder of vocations. The family hosting the Traveling Crucifix prays together each day for vocations. During the week, we encourage discussion about vocations and about God's plan for all to grow in holiness.

Thank you again for your commitment to pray for vocations in the Diocese of Winona-Rochester.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Robert Barron

Bishop of Winona-Rochester

Fr. Jason Kern

Vocations Director