

## **MONSTRANCE FOR VOCATIONS Parish FAQ Sheet**

At the Chrism Mass on Thursday, March 21, 2013, the Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain, Archbishop of Seattle, blessed the Monstrance for Vocations. The Monstrance spent the next six years traveling throughout the Archdiocese visiting every parish and mission to facilitate prayer for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

- April - October 2013 – Southern Deanery
- October 2013 - December 2014 – South Sound Deanery
  - January - November 2015 – Pierce Deanery
- December 2015 - August 2016 – Olympic Deanery
  - October 2016 - May 2018 – South King Deanery
  - June 2018 - October 2018 – South Seattle Deanery
- November 2018 - February 2019 – North Seattle Deanery
  - March - June 2019 – Eastside Deanery
  - Snohomish Deanery ( July - October 2019)
- Northern Deanery (November 2019 – February 2020)

After a pause during the pandemic, the monstrance is now ready to travel again!

### **1. When will my parish have the Monstrance?**

Contact Kathleen Koeneman in the Vocations office to make sure the monstrance is available. Work with your pastor (and dean if it will be traveling in your deanery) to organize a schedule that will work for all of you. We recommend each parish to have the monstrance for 1 week and for each mission to have it for 1 week.

### **2. What do we do while the Monstrance is in our parish?**

At minimum, while the monstrance is there in your parish and/or mission, spend at least one Holy Hour praying for vocations in your church. Of course, you are encouraged to have as many parishioners attend as possible and perhaps those who might be discerning a vocation to priesthood or religious life. You are welcome and encouraged to do more than this if you already have regular adoration or if you would like to organize a procession/other events as well!

### **3. What resources are included with the Monstrance?**

We provide the monstrance. Also included are resources intended for planning your parish and/or mission's time of prayer. Printable files and other resources are at <https://archseattle.org/living-catholic/god-is-calling-you-vocations/vocations-resources/>

- **Holy Hour:** "Holy Hour to Know My Vocation"
- **Stations of the Cross:** "Stations of the Cross for Vocations"
- **Additional Vocation Prayer Cards:** "Archdiocese of Seattle Prayer for Vocations"

### **4. How is the Monstrance transported between parishes?**

Parishes are encouraged to coordinate with staff members between parishes. Please inform Kathleen Koeneman in the Vocations office when the monstrance moves to a different parish.

5. **We had a Holy Hour and I took great photos; how can I share them?**

Send your photos and a little description to [kathleen.koeneman@seattlearch.org](mailto:kathleen.koeneman@seattlearch.org) or share them on social media and tag us!

(Facebook: /SeattleVocations, Instagram: @SeattleVocations, Twitter: @SeattleVocation)

**Other questions?** Please feel free to contact:

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