

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious God,

Each of us is called to discipleship with your Son Jesus through the sacrament of Baptism. We are sent to proclaim and to be the Gospel of Jesus, bring the good News of God's saving love.

Hear our prayer as we ponder the redemptive vocation of Jesus who continues to call men and women to walk in His way, renewing his church and caring for his people.

We give you thanks for the mystery of vocations in church service and we pray for all who have answered your call. Send forth your Holy Spirit upon the faithful and rekindle in them the fire of your love drawing many young men and women to dedicate themselves to the work of Christ and His Kingdom. Amen.

### FIRST STATION

**Jesus, you were publicly condemned to death.**

Jesus, we ask that you call young men and women today to publicly accept your invitation to follow you in spite of what others may think or say. Give to them a passion for reaching out through your love to the needs of your brothers and sisters.

Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be...



### SECOND STATION

**Jesus, you took up your cross and carried it.**

Jesus, help those you call to see in the cross the symbol of union with you. Give to them the zeal and talent to minister to those who are burdened with pain, sorrow, confusion and alienation. Let them see that in the cross is life.

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### THIRD STATION

**Jesus, you fell.**

Jesus, let those you call know that they do not have to be perfect. Let them be open to your transforming grace that can accomplish more than anyone could imagine. Give to those who respond to your call to minister a deep trust that you will complete what you have begun in them.

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### FOURTH STATION

**Jesus, you met your mother, who was your disciple and friend.**

Jesus, instill in young men and women the desire to come to know your Mother and find in their prayerful reflection of the scriptures, a woman of faith, hope and love whose vocation is an example for all. Help parents to promote and support vocations among their children, families and church communities.

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### FIFTH STATION

**Jesus, you gratefully accepted the help of Simon.**

Jesus, send forth your grace upon those you call to church leadership. Help them to accept and affirm others' gifts in the building of community, in proclaiming the message and in reaching out in service.

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### SIXTH STATION

**Jesus, you left an imprint of your face on Veronica's veil.**

Jesus, call forth numerous men and women to see your face on all whom they meet. Help your servants to truly understand that whatever good is done to the least of your brothers and sisters is done to you.

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### SEVENTH STATION

**Jesus, you fell again.**

Jesus, teach those you call to church service to accept their own and others' limitations, relying on God's merciful grace. Help them in these times of darkness to reach out especially to those whom the world calls "fallen:" the addicted, imprisoned, the poor, Aids victims, the unattractive.

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## EIGHTH STATION

### **Jesus, you revered women and called them to be your disciples.**

Jesus, remove any prejudices or biases from all whom you call to walk with you in church service. Let those who follow you see that all God's people are equal, regardless of race, culture or gender, and that our heavenly Father has no favorites. Let their words and example speak of God's peace and justice.

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## NINTH STATION

### **Jesus, you fell again.**

Jesus, help those you call to know that all vocations are gracefilled; that priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, consecrated men and women, married and single are all favored by God. Instill in them the understanding that nothing can separate them from the love of God who is actively present in good times and in bad.

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## TENTH STATION

### **Jesus, you were stripped of your clothes.**

Jesus, clothe our church servants with sincere compassion, kindness, humility, holiness, gentleness and patience, forgiveness and thankfulness...and over all these clothes, let them put on love. Let your love touch the hearts of those discerning a vocation to church service.

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## ELEVENTH STATION

### **Jesus, you were nailed to the cross.**

Jesus, instill in youth today a deep desire to make a difference in the worlds no matter what the cost. Let the example of modern martyrs in Central and South America touch their minds with questions and challenges. Fill them with you presence and grace to respond to the call to "go out to all the world."

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## TWELFTH STATION

### **Jesus, you died for us.**

Jesus, give to all who are pondering a vocation a deep love of the Eucharist, brought to completion in your death and resurrection, and celebrated eternally. Let them find in the Mass a daily renewal of your invitation to live out their lives through you, with you, and in you, giving glory and honor to God.

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## THIRTEENTH STATION

### **Jesus, you were taken down from the cross.**

Jesus, touch the minds, hearts and spirits of those you call to serve the people of God. Surround them with your grace; embrace them with your love. Enable them to repond to your call to reach out to all humankind in prayer and service, bringing your comforting presence, Jesus, to a world grieving and fearful.

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## FOURTEENTH STATION

### **Jesus, you were laid in the tomb.**

We thank you, Jesus, for the infinite power of your death and resurrection which brought salvation and healing to the world. We thank you for all whom you have called to follow you in the past 2000 years, men and women formally dedicating their lives to the upbuilding of the church. We pray for all seminarians and novices in formation. Let all young men and women today reflect on the lives of the saints, and let them come to meet and know priests, religious, and lay ministers in our times who continue to respond to Christ's call, "Come, follow me."

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## LET US PRAY:

Lord Jesus, source of all consolation, from the cross you gave us your mother to be our mother, too, knowing too well how much we need her prayers and intercession and particularly her motherly love and guidance as we journey in this world.

We place under her protection all priests and religious, that they may remain ever faithful to you. We ask, too, that you inspire young men and women to give themselves totally to the work of your church. Amen.