

## *The Calling Cup*

Have you ever seen the chalice in a glass case up by the altar and wondered what its purpose is? This chalice, known as *The Calling Cup*, is a consecrated chalice that goes from home to home and is used as a focal point to pray for **vocations** to the priesthood and consecrated life in our parish and diocese.

Everyone in the parish is invited to take part in having *The Calling Cup* in their homes. It is very simple to participate and is flexible with your daily schedule. Families, individuals, and couples sign up on the board in the gathering space to host *The Calling Cup* for a week. You choose the mass you want to attend on the weekend for which you have signed up, and then just walk up behind the people taking up the gifts at the offertory. After the gifts are handed to Father Phil, he will give you *The Calling Cup* to take with you back to your seat.

Once you take the cup home, display it in a prominent place where it will be seen often throughout the day. Each day for a week, during your family prayer time, the hosts pray for an increase and perseverance of vocations. You can use any prayer you'd like or the one that is with *The Calling Cup*. A prayer journal also travels with *The Calling Cup*. Each week the host that has the cup enters a thought, prayer, or scripture verse. Over time, this diary becomes a spiritual journal for the parish.

The hosts are asked to return *The Calling Cup* to church before the Saturday night mass at the end of the week. You can even drop it off on Friday if that is more convenient for you. Just place it in front of the altar.

Praying for vocations is a powerful tool in promoting and raising up vocations. Praying for vocations is the privilege and responsibility of all Catholics. Let us help those receiving a call from the Holy Spirit to listen and accept God's gift.

**Thank you for being a part of this special effort to promote vocations within our Sacred Heart parish family.**