**Vocation Prayer**

Roman Catholic Diocese of Youngstown 2022-23

Lord of the Harvest,

From age to age, you nurture growth in your people,

That your goodness and love might flourish in our world.

Bless the Church of Youngstown with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit,

Bringing forth from our families and parishes willing and worthy

spiritual leaders

to be holy servants,

trusting stewards,

faithful shepherds,

and missionary disciples.

Open the ears and hearts of our faithful,

especially our young people,

to attentively hear, and courageously respond,

To your call to service for the Church

as priests, deacons, religious, and lay ecclesial ministers.

Bless all married couples and single persons

and bestow upon them the grace to not only be life giving

but also to be steadfast supporters of religious vocations

for the good of your Church.

May all those who respond to your call

come to behold their giftedness

and the confidence you place in them

to continue the mission of the Church

trusting always that it is you who call and you who equip.

We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen.