A EUCHARISTIC HOUR FOR CHURCH VOCATIONS

Silent Version: An hour of quiet reflection to be used by a parish or by an individual for private prayer

(Scripture passages may be typed out on a sheet of paper or people may use Bibles.)

- 1. Select a passage five to ten verses from the Bible (see the passages listed below).
- 2. Find a place where you will be alone, not bothered, and free to move, speak, and be uninhibited in your response to God's presence.
- 3. Find a comfortable posture, relaxed and peaceful.
- 4. Be aware of the presence of God. Acknowledge and respond to it.
- 5. Pray the passage from scripture.
 - Listen to the message God has for you.
 - Read, whisper aloud so you can hear, see, say God's word very slowly.
 - Rest on any words that call you to respond in a grateful, loving way-always in truth.
 - Read on, when nothing seems to happen.
 - When the time is up, thank God for speaking to you.

Suggested Scripture Passages

Gen. 12: 14; 15: 6	1 Thes. 5: 11 Ex. 3: 11-12
Deut. 29:3	Ex. 3: 11-12
1 Kgs. 19: 9-21	1 Sam. 3: 1-10
Acts 9: 1-19; 13: 2-3; 22: 6-21; 26: 12-19	Is. 6: 1-9; 6:8-10
Jer. 1: 4-10, 17-19; 15: 10-21	Am.7:15
Mk. 1:16-20	Lk 9: 57-60; 5: 1-11; 12: 49-53
Jn. 1: 35-51	2 Tim. 1: 6-13

Praise and Worship Version

Interspersing songs and praise with scripture and petition the whole Holy Hour is spent focused on vocations to committed Baptismal living and specific calling to religious life and the priesthood.