

Celebrate together. Make gratitude a habit.

October is Clergy Appreciation Month. Pray for, thank and encourage the priests and deacons who serve our parishes and communities.

OUR FAMILY APPRECIATION CHALLENGE

☐ **Pray for a priest or deacon**

Choose a priest or deacon and include him in your family's prayers this week.

☐ **Write a note**

Send a handwritten card. Tell him something specific you appreciate about his ministry.

☐ **Share a meal**

Invite a priest or deacon to dinner or arrange to deliver a meal or favorite treat.

☐ **Remember the clergy who...**

Think of those who celebrated your family's sacraments, visited during an illness or helped in a difficult time. Reach out and say thank you.

☐ **Offer a spiritual gift**

Offer a Rosary, Holy Hour, Mass intention or special prayer for a priest or deacon.

☐ **Serve your parish**

Volunteer together, help with an event or ask where your family is needed.

☐ **Pray for vocations**

Pray that young people will listen for God's call to the priesthood and religious life. Pray for those discerning the diaconate, too.

OUR FAMILY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you for the priests and deacons who serve your Church. Strengthen them in their ministry, fill them with joy and help them know how deeply their service is appreciated. Bless those discerning a vocation and give each of us the courage to follow wherever you call. Amen.