#### DAY SEVEN NOVEMBER 13

With Pope St. John Paul II we pray, Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts to the Divine Will. May a new flowering of vocations show forth the fidelity of Your love and may all know Christ, the True Light, who has come into the world, offering us hope and encouragement.

> We pray as Jesus taught us: Our Father...

#### DAY EIGHT NOVEMBER 14

Loving and generous God, You call us by name and ask us to follow You. Help us grow in love and service of the Church and all God's people. Give us the energy and courage of Your Holy Spirit to give of ourselves to help meet today's needs of hope and healing, of justice and peace. Bless the Church with an abundance of dedicated priests, and Religious women and men.

We pray as Jesus taught us:
Our Father...

#### DAY NINE November 15

Today we pray for priestly and religious vocations with the prayer popularly attributed to St. Francis of Assisi:

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not seek so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

### The Passionists

It. Paul of the Cross, Founder of the Passionists, has been called "God's Hunter of Souls." As a young man, Paul Daneo, a native of northern Italy, felt called to establish a religious community that would tell the world about Jesus Crucified. After many trials, Paul received Rome's blessing to gather companions and begin this holy work.

The Congregation of the Passion, founded in 1721, has grown steadily. Today the Passionists have 16 Provinces worldwide and 7 Vice Provinces, and minister in 61 countries.

The Passionists are known as Preachers of the Passion of Jesus. Their monasteries are houses of prayer. Their distinctive mission is carried on through retreat houses and parish renewals, in service to those who share the Passion of Christ because of illness, injustice or poverty, and they also minister as missionaries and pastors.

Paul of the Cross was canonized in 1867, the first of many Passionists honored by the Church for their outstanding holiness of life.

To learn more about The Passionists of Holy Cross Province and their ministry, visit passionist.org.





Passionists proclaim God's love for the world revealed through the Passion of Jesus Christ.



# Novena for Vocations

NOVEMBER 7 - 15, 2021

Jesus, moved with compassion, said to His disciples:

"...ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest..."

Matthew 9:37-38 (NIV)

The following Novena prayers were adapted from a variety of sources. They can be used during the 2021 Passionist Novena for National Vocation Awareness Week, or any time.

Thank you in advance for joining in prayer for the gift of Passionist vocations.



#### DAY ONE November 7

Lord of the Harvest, bless young people with the gift of courage to respond to Your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things, to lives of faith-filled service. Inspire all Your disciples to mutual love and giving.

> We pray as Jesus taught us: Our Father...

#### DAY TWO NOVEMBER 8

Father, with hearts grateful for the past and looking to the future with trust, we pray for priestly and religious vocations for the Church Universal, and the Passionist Community in particular.

May the love of Jesus Crucified motivate generous men and women to respond to Your invitation to follow their baptismal call.

We pray as Jesus taught us: Our Father...

## DAY THREE NOVEMBER 9

Jesus, You have called all of us to help build up Your Holy Church. We implore You to choose from among us many priests, brothers and sisters who will love You with their whole heart, and gladly spend their entire lives in loving and serving You.

We pray as Jesus taught us: Our Father...

#### DAY FOUR NOVEMBER 10

Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe, like you and St. Juan Diego, help us pay attention to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. May all of us, especially those discerning their vocation in life, say "Yes" to following Jesus in lives of love and service.

We honor you, Mary, as we pray: Hail Mary...

#### DAY FIVE NOVEMBER 11

Holy Spirit, stir up within us the passion to promote vocations to priesthood and religious life. Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity and joyful love. Bless those who have responded to God's call and help us all to grow.

We pray as Jesus taught us: Our Father...

#### DAY SIX November 12

Jesus Crucified, some 300 years ago
You inspired St. Paul of the Cross
to found a religious community
dedicated to the living memory of
Your crucified love. Continue to
bless the Passionist Community with
generous men and women who will
by word and deed proclaim this Good
News of God's love, especially to our
sisters and brothers in special need
of hope and encouragement.

We pray:
May the Passion of Jesus Christ
be always in our hearts.