



# Kaya Idalangin



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Prayer Aid for Vocations

## Vocations, and the Door of Mercy

On the 29th of November 2015, right at the beginning of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, our Holy Father Pope Francis conveyed his message for the *53rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations*, celebrated on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, with the theme: **The Church, Mother of Vocations.**

Let us listen and reflect on *an excerpt* from his message:

“All the faithful are called to appreciate the ecclesial dynamism of vocations, so that communities of faith can become, after the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary, like a mother’s womb which welcomes the gift of the Holy Spirit (cf. Lk 1: 35-38). The motherhood of the Church finds expression in constant prayer for vocations and in the work of educating and accompanying all those who perceive God’s call. This motherhood is also expressed through a careful selection of candidates for the ordained ministry and for the consecrated life. Finally, the Church is the mother of vocations in her continual support of those who have dedicated their lives to the service of others. **We ask the Lord to grant to all those who are on a vocational journey a deep sense of belonging to the Church; and that the Holy Spirit may strengthen among Pastors, and all of the faithful, a deeper sense of communion, discernment and spiritual fatherhood and motherhood.**”



### January 2016

#### The Pope’s Intention of the Month:

**Interreligious Dialogue.** That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

#### Word of God:

Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. (*Acts 10:34-35*)

#### Reflection:

Mercy is the heart of God. It must also be the heart of the members of the one great family of his children: a heart which beats all the more strongly wherever human dignity – as a reflection of the face of God in his creatures – is in play. Jesus tells us that love for others – foreigners, the sick, prisoners, the homeless, even our enemies – is the yardstick by which God will judge our actions. Our eternal destiny depends on this. (*Message of Pope Francis for the 49th World Day of Peace, 8 December 2015*)

#### Prayer:

Make me a channel of your peace, where there is hatred, let me bring Your love, where there is injury, Your pardon Lord,

and where there’s doubt, true faith in You. Make me a channel of your peace, where there’s despair in life let me bring hope, where there is darkness, only light, and where there’s sadness, ever joy. Oh Master, grant that I may never seek, so much to be consoled as to console, to be understood, as to understand, to be loved, as to love with all my soul. (*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*)

#### Suggested Activities:

Offer one (1) decade of Rosary for peace in the world, or pray for peace using the “*Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi*”. (see above)

### February 2016

#### The Pope’s Intention of the Month:

**Care for Creation.** That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

#### Word of God:

God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth. God also said: See, I give you every seed-bearing plant on all the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your

food; and to all the wild animals, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the earth, I give all the green plants for food. And so it happened. God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good. (*Genesis 1:27-31*)

### Reflection:

Because we dwell in a common home, we cannot help but ask ourselves about the state of [earth's] health, as I sought to do in *Laudato Si'*. Water and air pollution, the indiscriminate exploitation of forests and the destruction of the natural environment are often the result of man's indifference to man, since everything is interrelated. Then too, there is the way we treat animals, which has an effect on the way we treat other people, and the cases where people freely do elsewhere what they would never dare do at home. (*Message of Pope Francis for the 49th World Day of Peace, 8 December 2015*)

### Prayer:

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen. (*"A Prayer for Our Earth", from Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si'"*)

### Suggested Activities:

Offer one (1) Holy Mass for the intention of the "Care for Creation", or pray the "Prayer for Our Earth" every visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

*March 2016*

### The Pope's Intention of the Month:

**Families in Difficulty.** That families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

### Word of God:

Jesus said in reply, "Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate." (*Matthew 19:4-6*)

### Reflection:

The family is a school of humanity, a school which teaches us to open our hearts to others' needs, to be attentive to their lives. When we live together life as a family, we keep our little ways of being selfish in check – they will always be there, because each of us has a touch of selfishness – but when there is no family life, what results

are those "me, myself and I" personalities who are completely self-centered and lacking any sense of solidarity, fraternity, cooperation, love and fraternal disagreements. (*Address of Pope Francis at the Meeting of Families in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption, Cuba - 22 September 2015*)

### Prayer:

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love, to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. (*Pope Francis, on the Synod of Bishops for Families*)

### Suggested Activities:

Pray daily the prayer for families composed by Pope Francis (above) or offer a weekly Rosary for the intention of peace in families.

## Featured Saint: ST. AGNES

Feastday: **January 21** (Martyred)  
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*"Jesus Christ is my only Spouse... I am already promised to the Lord of the Universe. He is more splendid than the sun and the stars, and He has said He will never leave me!"*



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## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

by St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia

**Lord God,** for the sake of your holy begotten son, Jesus, who is thirsty for souls, hear our prayer. Have mercy on His very loving heart that longs for holy priests. Hear the prayer, vows, wishes of the divine heart that pleases you completely. Amen.



**CateVoc** A Catechism of Vocations

### Can there be a lack of vocations in the Church?

Vocations cannot be lacking because Jesus who loves the Church and knows all its needs continues to call many in the arduous and happy path of, the priestly and consecrated life. Vocations can die through our fault if we do not apply all the possible means at our disposal in order to promote and support it.





# Vocations: Gift of God's Mercy

## Entrance Hymn

and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (*kneeling*);  
Personal, Silent Adoration

## Leader/Guide:

St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia says that “holy vocations do not rise by chance, do not form themselves; but come from Divine mercy who creates them, generates them and gives them to the world.” Following this teaching, let us pray today for vocations. This is an invitation to generosity which concerns us in a special way because we have consecrated ourselves to the service of the Church by force of a singular vocation. Only prayer can make the voice heard. Let us therefore pray to the Master that He may send laborers into his harvest.

## Lector 1: From the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah (3:15-17)

Thus, says the LORD, “I will appoint for you shepherds after my own heart, who will shepherd you wisely and prudently. When you increase in number and are fruitful in the land—oracle of the LORD— They will in those days no longer say, “The ark of the covenant of the LORD!” They will no longer think of it, or remember it, or miss it, or make another one. At that time they will call Jerusalem “the LORD’s throne.” All nations will gather together there to honor the name of the LORD at Jerusalem, and they will no longer stubbornly follow their wicked heart.” (*Silence for reflection follows*)

## 1<sup>st</sup> Intercessory Prayer:

**L:** Lord, while we pray for holy vocations in your Church, make of us specialized good laborers in your kingdom of justice and peace here on earth.

**A:** Grant us numerous and holy vocations. Amen.

## Lector 2: From the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians (5:14-15, 20)

For the love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised... So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. (*Brief Silence for Reflection*)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Intercessory Prayer:

**L:** Lord, you are the best “gift” that gives us joy, peace and love.

**A:** Extend your gift of joy, peace and love to all peoples by sending numerous and holy vocations. Amen.

## Gospel: From the Gospel according to Saint Luke (10:1-9)

After this the Lord appointed seventy [-two] others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this household.’ If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him;

but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God is at hand for you.’

**Homily (by Priest or Deacon), or Brief Silence for Reflection (after a brief silence, any reflection song of choice)**

## Community Prayer: Please all kneel.

### Prayer for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: “If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

(*You may recite this prayer personally or as community, even outside the Eucharistic Adoration.*)

## Tantum Ergo / Benediction / Prayerful Silence after Benediction

### Divine Praises for Vocations:

Blessed be God, Author of Vocations

Blessed be the Name of the Lord of the Harvest.

Blessed be Jesus Christ the Compassionate Lord

Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart, the Merciful.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood, who washed our sins.

Blessed be Jesus in the Eucharist our spiritual food.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, Light of all those who are called.

Blessed be the Great Mother of God, Mary Mother of Vocations.

Blessed be her Immaculate Conception, the Model of all Priests.

Blessed be the Name of Mary,

Virgin and Mother of all Missionaries.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption,

intercessor upon all the Candidates to the Consecrated life.

Blessed be St. Joseph, Protector of the Universal Church.

Blessed be God, in His Holy Apostles and Saints of the Church.

## Recessional Hymn: Pananagutan

### Concluding Prayer:

*Send, O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!*

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## GOOD NEWS!

The DIOCESE OF PARANAQUE endorses *Kaya Idalangin* as the **Prayer Leaflet for Vocations** in the parishes, schools and lay faithful of the Diocese. It was recorded in the Diocesan Circular Letter of Endorsement as **DOP END 2015-032**, signed by the bishop, Most Rev. Jesse E. Mercado, D.D., and the Chancellor, Rev. Fr. Carmelo O. Estores, acting upon the positive recommendation of Rev. Fr. John Francis Frederick K. Manlapig, Chairman of the Diocesan Commission on Liturgy and Popular Religiosity. May God be praised! DEO GRATIAS!

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Feb. 10 - Ash Wednesday, LENTEN SEASON begins

Feb. 13 - Meeting of UPV Members for formulation of UPV Pastoral Plan

Feb. 15 - Anniversary of the *Decretum Laudis* for the Rogationists

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**Send, O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!**



## Letters Messages and Greetings

Thank you for your correspondence as well as your community's apostolate of prayer for vocations which is much needed in the Church today. I will be happy to receive your prayer leaflet and will pray that the Lord of the harvest will bless the ministry of the Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus abundantly. God bless.

**Most Rev. Michael Joseph Fitzgerald, D.D., J.D., J.C.D. V.G.**  
Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (USA)

Greetings in our Lord Jesus!

Our office, the CBCP-Episcopal Commission on Youth, thanks you for the complimentary copy of Rogate Ergo magazine and copies of "Kaya Idalangin", received through Br. John Francis Aberion, RCJ. Likewise, we are grateful for your openness to provide complimentary copies of "Kaya Idalangin" to our participants in the National Youth Day 2015 this November 11-15. Praying with you for the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
**Rev. Fr. Conegundo B. Garganta**  
Executive Secretary - CBCP Episcopal Commission on Youth

I do pray daily Rosary. I offer at least 1 Pater Noster, Ave & Gloria daily for mission and vocation... *Thank you, Jesus, Mary, Joseph. We love Thee, save souls, send us abundant holy priests and overflowing holy religious vocations! Amen.* Please enroll me these Ember Days, that in my own way I can contribute for Prayer for Vocations...

**Ferdinand E. Tauro, m.i.**  
Guidance Teacher / Court Employee

(text message last July 20, 2015)

Good morning! Thanks for including us in your publication. Our procedure is anytime a candidate wishes to answer God's call, he can approach his parish priest to introduce himself and also for him to be introduced to the parish life for possible parish immersion/involvement then after that his parish priest will endorse him to me as vocation director for my interview and then if he passes, I would recommend him to our Bishop Jesse for his possible search in the following seminaries: San Carlos, UST, Don Bosco, and Holy Apostles Senior Seminary (for late vocations or late response)... For the Diocese of Parañaque, October is our vocation campaign month for our ParDS (Paranaque Diocesan Seminarians) to our different parochial schools and also during our October Mission Possible (MP) day. We also have vocation campaign since it is also our Diocesan Youth Day. Thanks! God bless you!

(text message last September 23, 2015)

Good morning! Thanks for the vocation prayer aid "Kaya Idalangin". *Ang ganda ng title.* Our diocese would appreciate a lot if you include our contact. Thanks!

**Rev. Fr. Joseph Landero**  
Vice-Chancellor, Diocesan Vocation Director  
Diocese of Parañaque

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