## Introductory Prayer

Brothers and sisters, as we now make our prayer for our community and for the world, let us ask for God's blessing upon the church of Scranton

During National Vocation Awareness Week, we pray that young people discern vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially here in the Diocese of Scranton. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

That our parishes will be joyful houses of prayer and discernment, allowing our young people to hear the call of the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

That young men from our diocese will consider accepting the responsibility to serve God's people through the priesthood. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

That young women from our diocese will consider serving as witnesses to the Kingdom of God through the vocation to religious life. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

That Christian parents, as they live their own vocations to marriage, will encourage their children to consider accepting Jesus' invitation to follow him as priests, brothers, or sisters. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

That our seminarians, and all in discernment towards priesthood and consecrated life, receive the graces they need to respond to Christ's great commission. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

For all deceased priests and religious men and women who have served the Diocese of Scranton, that they may receive Christ's reward. Let us pray to the Lord.

R. Lord hear our prayer.

## Concluding Prayer

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the blessings you have bestowed upon our local church. Accept the prayers we offer you on behalf of your people and, in your mercy, answer them through Christ our Lord.