



# Dehonians USA

PRIESTS OF THE SACRED HEART

## WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Friday, February 2, is World Day of Consecrated Life; the date was chosen by Pope John Paul II to correspond with the Feast of the Presentation. Many parishes will commemorate the day during the February 3-4 liturgies.

What is “Consecrated Life?” It can take several forms, but one of the most common is that of priests, brothers and sisters who live their vocations as members of a religious order. Through their vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, members of the Priests of the Sacred Heart, or Dehonians, live Consecrated Life following the charisma of their founder, Fr. Leo John Dehon.

Let us pray for those who live the call to Consecrated Life, and for those discerning God’s call to be a religious:

Lord,  
you have provided us  
with priests, brothers, and sisters  
throughout the history of your Church  
to serve the poor,  
to preach the Gospel,  
and to journey with us  
in our celebrations, our successes, and our losses.

Make us sensitive to the call to religious life  
in our own hearts  
and give us the courage to join you  
in your ministry of love.

When we sense the call in others,  
may we pray for them,  
encourage them, and honor them.  
May your kingdom come.  
May you will be done.

Amen.

[Prayer by Br. Ray Kozuch, SCJ]

FOR MORE INFORMATION about consecrated life, and ways to commemorate World Day of Consecrated Life, you may want to visit the National Religious Vocation Conference website:

<https://nrvc.net/home>

DO YOU KNOW of someone discerning the call to religious life, or someone who simply has questions about a religious vocation? Contact the Dehonians’ vocation director at [vocations@dehoniansusa.org](mailto:vocations@dehoniansusa.org) or speak to someone on your parish staff. We are all responsible for nurturing vocations for our Church.