

Encouraging more Seven Sisters groups for more priests!



Prayer is ALWAYS the absolute best way to start.

Prayer will **make things clear** as to how to proceed.

- 1) **Who should I approach and when?** Be keen to interior nudges – or in response to conversations, concerns, questions shared with you about praying/prayer/priests. Suggesting prayer as a way to remedy an expressed frustration about a priest or situation may be welcomed by the person.
 - Notice regular attenders in the Adoration Chapel or at Mass.
 - Members of Third orders (eg, Carmelites, Lay Missionaries of Charity), Legion of Mary, Serra Clubs, or relatives of priests already have an interest in praying for priests and would be natural to ask.
 - Newly retired or new to the parish.
 - The priest himself may suggest names of intercessors.
 - Bulletin blurb (see below for examples)

2) How do I begin a conversation? (These are starters I have learned from YOU!)

If there is interest, continue to talk and give materials, Website info, or plan to meet again.

Ask the person to pray about the decision: it is a calling.

- “Do you pray for priests? Seven Sisters is an (international) Apostolate that prays for priests in the form of Holy Hours. Have you heard of it?”
- “I’ve seen you in Adoration (or Mass) and I wonder if you would like to offer one holy hour a week for a priest?”
- “We are starting an exciting prayer group at our parish to pray for our pastor. Do you have time to hear about it now?”
- “Do you know about Seven Sisters? We pray for priests. It is a blessing! Would you like to pray for a specific priest?”
- “I’ve not met you yet. My name is _____. What is your name? ... Are you interested in praying for priests? We are starting a group in our parish to do that.”
- “I just learned about an Apostolate that regularly prays for priests. Can I tell you about it? I think Fr _____ would really benefit! And those praying will too?”

BULLETIN BLURB examples – mix/match/adapt as space allows.

- (1) There is a women’s prayer group starting at our parish for Fr _____. We will offer prayer for him in the form of Holy Hours, using a simple structure by the Seven Sisters Apostolate, an international ministry, that has at least one group in every USA state and several countries! Want to learn more? Contact:
- (2) We all need prayer. Our priest needs prayer too! We are starting a group at (parish name) to offer Holy Hours for Fr _____. It is a simple structure designed by the Seven Sisters Apostolate. All we need are seven women to get this started. We will have an informational meeting after Mass on Saturday. Coffee and treats provided. Need 45 minutes of your time! Can’t make it, but interested? Contact:
- (3) It is a privilege to pray for our priests! Seven Sisters Apostolate has a mission to pray for individual priests in small groups of only seven. Each woman chooses a different day of the week and offers one Holy Hour. Thus, the priest receives a Holy Hour every day. It is a blessing for the priest and the intercessor! Learn more by contacting _____. There will be an informational following Monday afternoon Mass.