

Our priests are being called into great heroic action by offering the sacraments, finding creative ways to serve parishioners, and maintaining less than full churches with limited staff support during a pandemic.

In response, Houston-based Vocation Ministry is launching its annual "Uplift Your Priest" international campaign from April 12-23, which is designed to inspire the laity to support and encourage their priests. We need to let our clergy know that their people recognize their daily sacrifices.

Here are some ideas to inspire you and your family to support your priest!

- Call/text/email your priest
- Send spiritual bouquets to him
- Drop off popcorn and snacks for movie night
- Send him drawings or paintings by children
- Pray, fast, and offer sacrifices for him
- Send him a Gift Card from Amazon or a restaurant
- Make a family video message/song of affirmation for him
- Create a sidewalk message in front of the church/rectory
- Post a picture of your family with your priest
- Drop off or have dinner/lunch delivered
- Send financial support to the parish
- Have a Mass intention said for him
- Hold a "Parade of Love" for him
- Challenge and tag three families/individuals to pray a Rosary for him on social media
- Invite him and other people or families for a digital "gathering"
- Write him a letter thanking him for his sacrifices
- Invite him for lunch/dinner with your family
- Highlight photos of individual priests on social media with a prayer request

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