

In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated Good Shepherd Sunday as *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, protects us as his flock and promises us the gift of eternal life. As followers of Jesus we are called by name and are lead by our Good Shepherd into fullness of life.

As we celebrate this feast we pray for fidelity to our vocation. The Church invites us to honor the vocation of all Christians given at baptism. May we who have dedicated our lives to God through the vocation of marriage, priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life, and the single life continue to follow Jesus who has called us by name. May those who are discerning their life vocation listen to the grace of God to guide them.

NCCV has produced this resource for the celebration of *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*. There are many other vocation resources that are available to enhance vocation awareness in your parish, religious community, or other church groups. Please let us know how we can help you in your ministry.



## World Day of Prayer for Vocations April 13, 2008

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#### Fourth Sunday of Easter

- Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36–41
- Psalm 23
- I Peter 2:20b–25
- John 10:1–10

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