## Introductory Prayer

Brothers and sisters, as we 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 for young people in our diocese to discern vocations to the priesthood, consecrated life, permanent diaconate, and holy matrimony. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That young men from our diocese will consider laying down their lives to serve the Lord's people through the priesthood. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer

That young women from our diocese will consider bearing witness to Christ by embracing lives of poverty, chastity, and obedience in religious life. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

That Christian parents support their children as they discern how God is calling them to serve his people. We pray to the Lord.

**R.** Lord, hear our prayer.

That our seminarians, and all those in religious and diaconate formation, receive the graces to respond to Christ's great commission. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

For the sick and suffering and those who are called to serve them in their vocation. We pray to the Lord.

**R:** Lord, hear our prayer.

For deceased priests and religious who have served the Diocese of Scranton and all those who have died, that they may rest in the peace of Christ. We pray to the Lord.

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

## Concluding Prayer

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the blessings you have bestowed upon your Church. Accept the prayers we offer you and, in your mercy, answer them through Christ our Lord.