

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI Vocation and Healing Monstrance



Pope Benedict XVI fulfills a promise made by the late John Paul II by blessing the special monstrance for Eucharistic Adoration at Serra Conventions. The monstrance is presented by Past International President Chainarong Monthienvichienchai, who recounts the event below.



(pic credit- St. Charles Borromeo Church, St. Anthony MN)

The "Pope Benedict Vocation Monstrance" refers to a special monstrance blessed by Pope Benedict XVI (formerly Cardinal Ratzinger) during the Year of the Eucharist, intended to be used for prayer specifically focused on encouraging vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. It originated from a promise made to Pope John Paul II who asked Cardinal Ratzinger to promote vocations through such a monstrance if he became pope; this promise was fulfilled when Ratzinger ascended to the papacy as Benedict XVI.

We are inviting everyone to join the Portland Serra Members and the Parishioners of St. Juan Diego in a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration on November 15 from 6:30-7:30 PM, the night before Deacon Chi-Nhan Vo's Priestly Ordination, and to pray for an increase in individuals answering the call to ordained ministry and consecrated life.

Serran's have unique access to this monstrance and availability to bring it to any diocese to be used in veneration.

Other Days for Holy Hours for Vocations

Saturday, November 16 – 3:30-4:30- St. Pius X Church

Monday, November 18 – 11:30 - 3:30 PM – Our Lady of Peace Retreat Center

Tuesday, November 19 - 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM – St. Anthony Church, Tigard

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