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To: All priests and deacons

From: Patricia DeJarnett, Associate Director, Office for Divine Worship

Re: Days of prayer and special observances

The secretariat of Divine Worship has compiled a list of days of prayer and special observances. The list is not exhaustive but includes many common observances promoted by the Holy See.

Dates given are those shared with the universal Church except as indicated, where the USCCB has approved alternate dates in the United State for special observances.

One special day is mandated in the dioceses of the United States – the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on January 22. The *Roman Missal* provides Mass texts for this day.

Mass texts may be drawn from the *Masses for various needs and occasions* as found in the *Roman Missal*. On Sundays in Ordinary Time, permission is required of the diocesan bishop to use these texts.

OBSERVANCE	DATE
World Day of Peace	January 1
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	January 18-25
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children [USA]	January 22
Sunday of the Word of God	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Day for Consecrated Life	Sunday following February 2 [USA]
World Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking	February 8
World Day of the Sick	February 11
World Day of Prayer for the Church in China	May 24

World Day of Prayer for Vocations	Fourth Sunday of Easter
World Communications Day	Seventh Sunday of Easter
World Day for Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests	Solemnity of the Sacred Heart
World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	September 1
Catechetical Sunday	Third Sunday of September [USA]
World Day of Migrants and Refugees	Last Sunday of September
World Mission Sunday	Penultimate Sunday of October
World Youth Day	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [USA]
World Day of the Poor	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time