



Knights of the Southern Cross – 11th National Prayer Crusade for Vocations

We invite all Catholic Organisations and individual Catholics throughout Australia to join us in our 11th National Prayer Crusade to pray for an increase in the number of Catholics willing to serve the Church in the priesthood, diaconate and religious life (including service as Catholic Chaplains in the Australian Defence Force).

Your prayers during the 10 crusades conducted so far have been fruitful and we pray that more young people (and others) will consider a religious vocation during this year. **In relation to Catholic Chaplains, 3 priests have become chaplains this year. 2 candidates are currently in training to become chaplains as permanent deacons – 1 being ordained this year and one in 2018. 2 ADF members are expected to begin training as permanent deacons this year. A further 7 priests are wanting to become Defence Chaplains. There is still an urgent need for priests, deacons and religious brothers and sisters throughout Australia, particularly in the case of Catholic Chaplains, who are needed to look after the welfare of servicemen and servicewomen serving with the Australian Defence Force in Australia and overseas and their families. Full-time and part-time chaplains are needed.**

By praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and diaconate, we hope to be able to relieve the situation throughout Australia thereby enabling additional priests and deacons to be available for service as Catholic Chaplains in the Australian Defence Force. Will you please help us in 2017?

WHEN: 3 September – 25 November 2017 (12 Weeks)

WHAT IS REQUIRED: Each organisation or individual Catholic participating is asked to say the special Crusade prayer on the Registration Form each day for 1 week during the Crusade period. You can continue for additional weeks if you wish.

TO JOIN THE CRUSADE: Simply fill out the attached Registration Form and return it by e-mail, fax or post to the National Executive Officer, Knights of the Southern Cross as soon as possible.



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Registration Form

Name of Catholic Organisation or Individual Catholic

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Contact Person.....Phone.....
E-mail address.....

Please indicate which week you will be praying:

Week 1 (3 Sep – 9 Sep.) []; Week 2 (10 Sep – 16 Sep.) []
Week 3 (17 Sep-23 Sep.) []; Week 4 (24 Sep – 30 Sep.) []
Week 5 (1 Oct – 7 Oct.) []; Week 6 (8 Oct – 14 Oct.) []
Week 7 (15 Oct - 21 Oct.) []; Week 8 (22 Oct – 28 Oct.) []
Week 9 (29 Oct - 4 Nov.) []; Week 10 (5 Nov – 11 Nov.) []
Week 11 (12 Nov-18Nov.) []; Week 12 (19 Nov– 25 Nov.) []

Crusade Prayer

“Heavenly Father, you know the faith, courage and generosity of your people throughout Australia including the men and women serving at home and overseas with the Australian Defence Force. Please provide your people in Australia with sufficient Priests, Deacons and Religious to meet their needs and be with them always as they endeavour to meet the challenges of their daily lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.”

**Please return Registration Form to: National Executive Officer,
Knights of the Southern Cross, PO Box 216, Campbell ACT 2612 or
by e-mail to - neo@ksca.org.au
Phone: (02) 6247 2977; Fax: (02) 6247 2944**

Privacy Statement – By completing this registration form, I understand that my details will be held by the Knights of the Southern Cross (KSC) and will not be released to any other party except the Clergy of the Catholic Church.