



ORDINE OSPEDALIERO | di
SAN GIOVANNI DI DIO

Roma, 23 april 2020

5TH WEEK OF PRAYER FOR HOSPITALLER VOCATIONS.

Dear Brothers and Co-workers, and Dear Members of the Hospitaller Family,

Together with our warmest wishes for a HAPPY EASTERTIDE, the General Commission on Vocations Promotion and Formation of the Hospital Order of St. John of God is the material for the 5th Week of Prayer for Hospitaller Vocations.

We are living through difficult times because of the health emergency all over the world, and are therefore suggesting that together with our prayers for vocations, we should also pray for the present situation and for the many people who are suffering so much at this time. We believe it important to keep this intention prayerfully in mind and unite it to the Week of Prayer for Vocations which this year will run from 27 April to 3 May. We wanted to link the last day with the 57th World Day of Prayer for Vocations which the entire Church celebrates on the fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday).

Our daily prayer suggestions are flexible so that you can use them at whatever time of day you consider appropriate. We have drawn on Pope Francis's message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, several biblical texts, some vocational reflections, and excerpts from the *Formation Programme for the Hospitaller Brothers of St John of God* book.

During this pandemic, many people are being treated by Brothers and Co-workers in the Order's Centres. We are convinced that the vocation to Hospitality continues to be a calling which the Church and the world need. We believe that we must continue to offer it and propose it so that many others will discover this vocation in their lives and are able to welcome it.

We invite you, as a community, to join in our prayers to ask God to send the gift of vocations to the Church, and in particular to the Hospitaller Order of St. John of God.

May St. John of God and St. Richard Pampuri pray for us all.

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