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Dear Serrans,

Since 2005, the USA Council of Serra International has sponsored a special event called Priesthood Sunday, officially designated for the last Sunday in October. Priesthood Sunday is a day set aside to honor and thank priests in the United States, for their service as shepherds to the faithful. This special day is also an opportunity for young men to consider the gift of a priestly vocation.

I join the USA Council in encouraging all clubs to reinvigorate their promotion and celebration of Priesthood Sunday. Observation is set for October 28, 2018, but if this date is inconvenient for your parish, I urge you to work with your pastor to find another Sunday during the year on which to celebrate the priesthood.

Priesthood Sunday is a chance for the various groups in your parish to honor priests in creative ways. Expressions of gratitude might include such things as collaborative art from school children, a dinner featuring the priest's favorite foods, or the reading of letters of thanks from members of the parish. These gestures will help to build a culture of vocations in your parish and may become a conduit for God's call in the hearts of young men.

I encourage you also to see Priesthood Sunday as an opportunity to grow your club by inviting others to take part in planning the day. Consider reaching out to parishes not currently affiliated with a particular Serra Club. Involve as many as possible in your efforts, with joy, and more will be attracted to this ministry in service of the Church.

Be assured of my prayers for you and gratitude for all you do.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Andrew H Cozzens, STD, DD  
Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis  
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