

The Elijah Cup Program

The purpose of the Elijah Cup, a consecrated chalice, is to provide a focal point for prayer. We are all aware of the need for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and to the religious life. But sometimes we forget just how powerful praying for an increase in vocations can be. If we pray with the faith of the widow of Zarephath, our cup will never run dry! We will always have priests to bring us Jesus in the Eucharist.

How the Program Works

- If you wish to participate in the Elijah cup program, please register your name in the Book provided at the entrance of the Church.
- Each week at the 8:00 am Sunday Mass, at the end of Communion, the priest calls a family, individual, or couple forward to receive the Elijah Cup.
- Another family member or the same person, in the case of an individual, will receive a folder with the instruction of what to do and a journal book.
- A blessing is given and the person or family takes the cup home, putting it in a place of honor.
- Each day for a week, during prayer time (morning, bedtime or at meals), pray a Rosary for the priest you have chosen and the diocese he belongs to.
- A list of all the priests in the Malaysia-Singapore-Brunei is found in the instruction folder.
- Please choose one priest from the list to pray for each day and record the name of the priest and the diocese he belongs to on the journal book.
- Please pray not only for the chosen priest but also for more vocation in his diocese.
- Return the Elijah Cup at the Offertory the following Sunday at the 8:00 am Mass.
- Each week the family, individual, or couple that has the cup may also enter a thought, prayer, or scripture verse in the prayer journal. Over time, this diary becomes a spiritual journal for the parish.

Praying for vocations is the most powerful way to support vocations. A vocation is a call from the Holy Spirit, a gift from God that is nurtured in prayer. When we pray for vocations, we lift up to our Father those men and women who he is calling in a very special way. We hope that those who bring the cup home will continue to pray for vocations daily.

Journal entry each day:

Date _____

Name of priest _____

Diocese _____

Thought / Prayer / Scripture verse (if any)

Family / Individual / Couple name
