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**\_\_\_\_\_ (insert parish name) \_\_\_\_\_ to celebrate  
PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY on Oct. 25, 2009**

\_\_\_\_\_ Parish, (insert address), will join Catholic parishes throughout the United States on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009 to honor their priests on Priesthood Sunday.

"The purposes of Priesthood Sunday are to honor the priesthood and to get people talking about the declining number of priests," said \_\_\_\_\_, a spokesperson for \_\_\_\_\_ parish. "We hope to inspire more young men to consider a possible life as a priest."

To be recognized and honored for his (their) service is (are) Father(s)

\_\_\_\_\_.

Father \_\_\_\_\_ has been at \_\_\_\_\_ parish for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Special activities planned this year at \_\_\_\_\_ parish include:

\_\_\_\_\_

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(more)

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Priesthood Sunday was established by the National Federation of Priests' Councils in October of 2003 to give communities a way to honor priests who continue to serve so faithfully despite negative attention in the media. A day to focus on good priests is becoming increasingly relevant in light of the steady decline in the number of vocations to the priesthood over the past 30 years.

The USA Council of Serra International, based in Chicago, coordinates and sponsors the nationwide event.

Visit [www.priestsunday.org](http://www.priestsunday.org) for more information.

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