

**AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH  
(PARISH WEBSITE POSTING)  
TRAVELING VOCATION CHALICE PROGRAM**



Dear Parishioners,

The purpose of the Traveling Chalice Program is to encourage families, at our Ave Maria Parish, to pray for and to promote vocations as a family. Each week one family will receive the travelling chalice/paten (a generous gift from the Knights of Columbus, Council #8660). The family will have the chalice for a week and are asked to place it in a dignified and prominent place to remind them about praying as a family for vocations. A prayer booklet will also be given to the family and this will be theirs to keep, so that they can continue praying for vocations well after their assigned week. The chalice/paten will be returned to the office of the parish liturgist before the Saturday 5 p.m. Mass.

We are hoping to have fifty-two families sign-up in order to cover a full year. If your family is interested in participating, please fill out the slip below and return it to one of the members of the parish's Vocation Committee or contact them via email at: [vocations@diocs.org](mailto:vocations@diocs.org).

Should you have any questions please contact the parish office at (303) 841-3750 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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***Traveling Chalice Participation***

Name of Family & Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the Mass that you usually attend:

5:00 p.m.   7:30 a.m.   9:30 a.m.   11:30 a.m.   1:30 p.m.

## *What is the Traveling Chalice for Vocations Program?*

There are many ways to promote vocations awareness in our daily lives. Among the best is prayer. Many parishes in the Diocese of Colorado Springs have instituted a "traveling" chalice program, to help families come together and to pray for vocations. It's known as a "traveling" chalice because the chalice travels to the homes of different parishioners each week. While praying, the chalice serves as a visual reminder to those gathered, that the precious blood of Our Lord has saved and redeemed His people, and He continues to call men and women forward to minister at His holy altar and His Church - to "do this in memory of me."

The chalice is the vessel used at the Mass which contains the blood of our Lord. It is usually made of a precious substance, such as gold or silver. Many chalices are made from silver, and are then plated in a gold or silver enamel finish. Chalices usually come with a small plate or "paten", which holds the Presider's host or the the large host that is used at the consecration and elevated immediately preceding the Great Amen. Oftentimes, chalices have a rich history, and sometimes, that history can be revealed by looking on the bottom of the chalice. One may find a series of inscriptions indicating when the chalice was purchased, who the "first user" of the chalice was, and perhaps the name or names of those who gave the chalice as a gift. Oftentimes, priests have their own chalice, and many of them are quite rich in symbolism with words, images and designs that are special to the priest himself. Chalices last for many years, and there are some that have been preserved from the times of the medieval church! A chalice can be a rich piece of history as well as a testament of the enduring power of the Eucharist, that has been the foundational root of our faith for thousands of years.

Please direct any questions or inquiries to the parish's Vocations Committee at: [vocations@avemariaonline.org](mailto:vocations@avemariaonline.org).