

Pulpit Talk

(To be delivered by the Pastor or a Campaign Representative)

Good [morning/evening], my brothers and sisters in Christ,

As many of you know, the **Handmaids of the Precious Blood** – in our own Tennessee backyard – are a cloistered contemplative community of nuns who dedicate their entire lives to one mission: **praying for the sanctification of our priests.**

They've prayed for our parish, for our vocations, and for our families. Quietly, humbly, and consistently. Now, these faithful women need our help.

Their monastery is at a critical turning point. The chapel is too small. Their aging sisters don't have the care space they need. And God is blessing them with new vocations – more women are answering the call – but there's no room to receive them.

This is our moment to give back.

We're inviting you to respond in three very practical ways:

- 1 Spread the word.** Go to www.nunsforpriests.org and click the Holy Family Expansion Project button. There you'll find bulletin ads, pulpit announcements, and other tools to share the campaign in your parish and others across the diocese.
- 2 Consider organizing or supporting a fundraiser.** Even something simple – a bake sale, a BBQ, a pancake breakfast – once a year for the next three years. Every effort helps.
- 3 If you feel called, make a personal gift.** Any amount makes a difference. Every dollar goes directly to building what the sisters need to continue their mission.

You can learn more and download campaign materials by visiting www.nunsforpriests.org. There's a button right on the homepage for the Holy Family Expansion Project.

The Handmaids have been praying for our priests, our Church, and our world. Let's not miss this chance to stand with them – our neighbors, our spiritual allies, our sisters in Christ.

Thank you and may God bless you.

