

The Church will mark the **56th World Day of Prayer for Vocations** on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, **12 May 2019**. The

Holy Father has released a Message entitled "

***The courage to take a risk for God's promise***

", which is available on the Holy See's website. In his message, Pope Francis reminds us that: "Embracing this promise naturally demands the courage to risk making a decision. The first disciples, called by Jesus to be part of something greater, 'immediately left their nets and followed him' (

*Mk*

1:18). Responding to the Lord's call involves putting ourselves on the line and facing a great challenge. It means being ready to leave behind whatever would keep us tied to our little boat and prevent us from making a definitive choice. We are called to be bold and decisive in seeking God's plan for our lives. Gazing out at the vast 'ocean' of vocation, we cannot remain content to repair our nets on the boat that gives us security, but must trust instead in the Lord's promise."

[Link to the Holy Father's Message](#)