

The ***Papal Monstrance for Vocations*** is coming to
St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude Church from
October 19 through October 25, 2011

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**Origins and Purpose of the
Papal Monstrance for Vocations**

The Papal Monstrance for Vocations

The six Papal Monstrances were blessed by Pope John Paul II for the encouragement of religious vocations, and one is dedicated for service in North America.

On November 24, 2004 the late Pope John Paul II blessed six monstrances for use during the Year of the Eucharist for people to pray for an increase of vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life. The Year of the Eucharist began October 17, 2005 and concluded in October, 2006 with a world Synod of Bishops with the Eucharist as its theme. The monstrances were designated for Eucharistic adoration for vocations for each major continent or geographical area around the world as a symbol of the connection between the Eucharist and priestly vocations. The Serra International – USA Council of Chicago Illinois oversees the loaning of the North American monstrance to parishes and vocations organizations in North America.

The six regions given a monstrance are: *North America, Latin America, Europe, Asia, Africa and the Pacific.*

