

## THE ELIJAH CUP

### Praying For Vocations

#### Elijah and the Widow

#### 1 Kings 17:8—15

After some time, however, the brook ran dry, because no rain had fallen in the land. So the LORD said to him: “Move on to Zarepath of Sidon and stay there. I have designated a widow there to provide for you”. He left and went to Zarepath. As he arrived at the entrance to the city, a widow was gathering sticks there; he called out to her, “Please bring me a small cup of water to drink.” She left to get it, and he called out after her, “Please bring along a little bit of bread.”

“As the LORD, your GOD, lives.” She answered, “I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug. Just now I am collecting a couple of sticks, to go in and prepare something for myself and my son; when we have eaten it, we shall die.”

“Do Not Be Afraid,” Elijah said to her. “Go and do as you propose. But first make me a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son.”

For the LORD, the GOD of Israel, says, “The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.”

She left and did as Elijah had said. She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well.

#### PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

The purpose of the Elijah Cup, a Consecrated Chalice, is to provide a focal point for prayer.

We are all aware of the need for vocations to the Priesthood, the Diaconate and the Religious Life. But sometimes we forget just how powerful praying for an increase in vocations can be.



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The Elijah Cup Program is as follows. At a Sunday Mass, the Chalice and Patten used at that Mass will be given to a; Family, Couple or Individual who have requested to be enlisted in this program.

Before the closing prayer, Fr. Robert, Fr. Raymond or Fr. Tim will call whoever has requested the Elijah Cup to come forward to receive the case with the Chalice and Patten inside. They receive a Blessing and place the Chalice and Patten in a Place Of Honor in Their Home.

Whoever has the Elijah Cup is requested to pray for vocations by; saying the Rosary, Praying Favorite Prayers, or each time the Elijah Cup is seen a prayer is said to God to continue His Work by calling men; to be Priests, or Deacons or to call women to Religious Life as Sisters.

A Prayer Journal also travels with the Elijah Cup. Any; Prayers, Scriptural Readings or Thoughts can be written in this Prayer Journal. Recording any of the above in this journal is optional. Over time, this Prayer Journal becomes a Spiritual Journal for St. Paul Parish.

To become a part of the Elijah Cup Program, please register either on line or use the form below to sign up for this program. Please also add the time that you usually attend Mass on the weekend. As of this date, we will be contacting those who are requesting the Elijah Cup as to what week is available for your 7 days of Prayer. Thank You .

Father Tim



Request for the ELIJAH CUP. Please Print.



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ MASS YOU ATTEND: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

February 15—Introduction of the Elijah Cup

February 22—Invitation to request to have the Elijah Cup in your home.

March 1—The program begins. Families take the Elijah Cup home and pray for Vocations.