

Prayer of a Seminarian

God, my loving Father,
You have called me to discern the holy priesthood.
During these days of prayer, study and formation,
I ask for the graces of humility, wisdom and generosity,
that I may grow in the likeness
of Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest.

I call upon you, Saint Katharine Drexel,
a Philadelphia heiress,
who discerned your vocation
while giving palliative care to your step- mother
over a three-year period.
You initially were drawn
to enter contemplative religious life.
Through prayer and spiritual direction
you came to realize
that God was calling you to religious life
combining action and contemplation.
May your own discernment serve me
during these years of priestly formation.

Pray for me, Saint Katharine,
to make selfless and wise decisions.
You spent your life devoted
to African and Native American people.
You founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament:
help me always to remember
the centrality the Holy Eucharist
must always have in my own daily life.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for me.

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