



SAINT JOHN NEUMANN, C.Ss.R.

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FOURTH BISHOP OF PHILADELPHIA

A PRAYER WITH  
SAINT JOHN NEUMANN, C.Ss.R

**Saint John Neumann,**

You were once a layman:

help those in the priesthood of the laity  
to respond gladly to God's call to us holiness.

You were once a seminarian:

help our young men and women  
to answer God's call for service in the Church.

You were once a catechist:

help those in the teaching ministry  
to burn with the divine Word that they proclaim.

You were once a diocesan priest:

help all of our priests  
to serve in vowed commitment to the Lord.

You were once a member of a religious order:

help all of our religious  
to walk faithfully in the footsteps of their founders.

You were once a Bishop:

help the leaders of our Church  
to shepherd us in building God's kingdom today.

Saint John Neumann, help us all. **Amen.**

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