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## **CALL TO CONVERSION AND HOLINESS**

### **Special Need for Priestly Vocations in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia**

**One body, many members**

#### *Long Form*

We are all familiar with the Letter to the Romans, in which St. Paul speaks of the Church as being like the body, which has many parts, not all having the same function. All the parts, however, are working toward the same goal. As members of Christ's Body, we are working towards the same goal: union with Him. This is a "work" which He has already accomplished, but which needs our cooperation.

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