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CALL TO CONVERSION AND HOLINESS

Special Need for Priestly Vocations in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

The priest is not his own

Long Form

“The Priest Is Not His Own” is the title of a well-known book written by Archbishop Fulton Sheen. This statement certainly applies to the priest’s role of service, but it also applies, in an even greater way, to the fact that the priest’s actions of grace, especially in the Eucharist and in the confessional, give life to the entire Church. Without the ministry of the priest, the Church cannot live. In that sense also, the priest is not his own.

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