

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, Year B

This fourth Sunday of Easter is often referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday due to the Gospel. It has also been declared as World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Today we consider the unique call that God has for each one of us, whether it be to the priesthood, religious life, single life or married life. God calls each of us uniquely to live in accordance with His holy will.

Christ is the Good Shepherd and we are the sheep. While many of the sheep are faithful to the call of the Good Shepherd throughout their lives, it is true that many sheep stray from the path. The statistics show it all. I found the following piece of research:

“One out of every 10 Americans is an ex-Catholic. If they were a separate denomination, they would be the third-largest denomination in the United States, after Catholics and Baptists. One of three people who were raised Catholic no longer identifies as Catholic.”ⁱ

ⁱ <http://www.votf-li.org/Reese-The%20hidden%20exodus%205-11.pdf>