



Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for February 2025 *Cor*

Each month, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses, shares a reflection on the passage, and issues a challenge for men to live during the month and discuss afterward.

This resource can easily be used for the Formation key element of *Cor*.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Open with the Sign of the Cross and a brief prayer.
- 2) Re-read the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge with the challenge that was lived during the previous month.
- 3) Open the floor for discussion on what it was like to try and live the previous month's challenge. Every month has a number of *Questions for Reflection* that may help facilitate discussion. Attendees who did not undertake the previous month's challenge can still participate in the discussion.
- 4) When finished with the discussion, read the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for the next month to prepare participants for the new challenge they will strive to live.
- 5) Close by asking if there are any intentions and end with a brief prayer.

PREVIOUS JANUARY 2025 MONTHLY CHALLENGE:

[A]nd on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. (Gospel for Jan. 5, Mt 2:11a)

The solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord recalls the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus. The Magi recognize the newborn king and offer him homage. This great feast occurs during the liturgical season of Christmas, which begins on Christmas Eve and continues through the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During Christmas time, we all remember and celebrate the reality that God assumed our human nature and became a little child. May this season also remind us to recognize the dignity of all children — including unborn children — today.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to work toward greater recognition of the sanctity of unborn human life by participating in a peaceful pro-life demonstration or supporting a pregnancy resource center.

Questions for Reflection: Do you look upon the lives of children — and all people — with respect, recognizing the dignity of human life? What more can you personally do to protect and support life wherever it is threatened or in need? Are there ways you can witness to others — in word or deed — to foster awareness of the sanctity of life?

NEXT FEBRUARY 2025 MONTHLY CHALLENGE:

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." (Gospel for Feb. 9, Lk 5:5)

St. Peter describes an experience to which many of us can relate. Sometimes, we work tirelessly at something but come up empty, failing at our task and seemingly accomplishing nothing. But Peter here finds overwhelming success when he listens to the Lord and tries again. It may remind us of the psalmist's words: "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build" (Ps 127:1a). In everything we do, let us always seek to do God's will. Then, no matter the outcome, we will not have worked in vain.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to begin each day by offering all your efforts to God. There are many different morning offering prayers; you can find one version in the Catholic Information Service booklet *Prayer Time* or in the *Vivat Jesus* spiritual planner.

For more information on the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge visit: kofc.org/monthlychallenge