

**Congregation of the Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus
(RCJ)**

SUPPLICA
TO ETERNAL DIVINE FATHER
IN THE MOST HOLY NAME OF
JESUS



January 31, 2020

*“By prayer and petition, with thanksgiving,
make your requests known to God.”*

Phil 4:6

OUTLINE OF THE CELEBRATION

PRESENTATION

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

1. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
2. Listening to the Word of God

***SUPPLICA:** The Congregation makes memory of the benefits received from God.*

1. Praise and Petition for the Gift of Life and of Faith
2. Praise and Petition for the Gift of Vocation
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CONCLUDING RITES:

1. Concluding Prayer
2. Eucharistic Benediction

INDICATIONS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE *SUPPLICA*

1. *The **Supplica**, which highlights the Rogationist Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, is to be celebrated in each community with the due decorum and solemnity.*
2. *The roles of Guide and Lectors are to be assigned beforehand and the prayers may be distributed among all those present or be proclaimed by some lectors.*
3. *It may be wise to prepare ahead of time the last petitions, namely:*
 - *the second to the last by each Circumscription*
 - *the last one by each community.*
4. *The ensuing songs of praise and thanksgiving or Psalms foreseen at the end of each moment of the **Supplica** are also to be prepared beforehand.*

PRESENTATION

From the Writings of Saint Hannibal Mary Di Francia
(cf. *Rogationist Anthology*, p. 70-71)

“Since January 1888, we have given great importance to the *Supplica* of January 31, which in our houses is consecrated as solemn Feast of Jesus’ Most Holy Name. On that day a very special petition is to be presented to the eternal God the Father, in all our houses as we have been accustomed to do until now.

The worth of this *Supplica* is based on our Lord Jesus Christ’s divine promises as recorded in the Holy Gospels: ‘I tell you the truth: The Father will give you whatever you ask of Him in my name. Till now you have not asked for anything in my name; ask and you will receive, so that your happiness may be complete’ (Jn. 16:23-24).”

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Commentator: The *Supplica* is one of the most meaningful moments of the prayer of the Family of the Rogate. Year-by-year, it sustains the journey of the “small caravan” which started from Avignone.

United in the spirit handed down to us by the Father Founder, we welcome with faith the Lord Jesus who continues to deign it worthy to come and dwell among us in the Eucharist.

Exposition Song

1. EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Celebrant: Praise and thanks every moment

All: To the most holy and most divine Sacrament who has deigned to come and dwell among us.

Brief personal adoration

2. LISTENING TO THE WORD

Commentator: While we contemplate and adore the mystery of the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, let us listen to his Word which prepares our hearts to praise Him and pray to Him as He deserves. (cf. Rm 8:26-27)

From the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians (3:15-17)

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm (*Ps. 117 or similar*)

All: Alleluia, Alleluia

Praise the Lord, all you nations;

Glorify Him all you peoples! **(Response)**

For steadfast is his kindness toward us,

And the fidelity of the Lord endures forever! **(Response)**

From the Gospel according to Matthew (*18:19-20*)

Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Song or moment of reflection

SUPPLICA

THE CONGREGATION MAKES MEMORY OF THE BENEFITS RECEIVED FROM GOD

Commentator: With the same faith of the Father Founder, filled with the Spirit, let us give thanks for everything to God the Father in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Cf. Eph. 5:18-20).

1. PRAISE AND PETITION FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE AND OF FAITH

1. The Gift of Life and of Faith

We give you thanks, O Father, because in the design of your bounty you have created us in your image to make us sharers in your blessed life. We thank you because in this past year you have preserved us in life and above all in faith.

In particular, we ask you to grant to our leaders, lawmakers and health workers the due understanding of the sacredness of life, of strengthening in the faith those in doubt and of giving it back to those who are lost.

All: Blessed are you Lord, our Father.

2. The Gift of the Church

We praise you, O Father, through your Son, for calling us, in the Spirit, to become your adopted sons, and in Baptism you have inserted us in the communion of your Family, the Church.

We pray that you may strengthen and give justice to those who, in the Church, are persecuted for their faith.

We ask you that our charismatic presence in the Church may become a blessing proclaimed and lived out by each one of us.

All: *Blessed are you Lord, our Father.*

3. The Pope and the Bishops

We bless you, O Father, for Pope Francis whom you called to guide your Church, for his evangelical witnessing and for his apostolic zeal. We bless you also for the service rendered by Benedict XVI. Sustain them in your love.

We give you thanks for all the Bishops, in particular for our Bishop (*N. of the Bishop*) and for the Church of (*N. of the Diocese*) where you have called us to express the charism of the Rogate.

All: *Blessed are you Lord, our Father.*

4. The Eucharist Makes Us Grow as Mystical Body

We give You thanks, O Father, in the Name of Jesus, for welcoming us in His Mystical Body, nourished by His Eucharistic Body and called to the spirituality, which flows from the zeal of the Rogate.

Obtain that, in the example of Saint Hannibal, we may grow more every day in the love of the Eucharist, and fall in love with Jesus Christ, adoring his presence in the Paschal Sacrament and serving him lovingly in the little ones and in the poor.

All: *Blessed are you Lord, our Father.*

Silent pause. Each one remembers the most significant benefits received and thanks the Lord, in fidelity to his vocation.

Song of praise

*2. PRAISE AND PETITION
FOR THE GIFT OF VOCATION*

5. The Gift of the Rogate

Blessed are you God, our Father, you have blessed us in Christ with the gift of the Rogate, a charism which associates us to the compassion of your Son: in his likeness, transform us into good workers of the harvest.

We thank you because you have allowed us to remember the 150th anniversary of Rogate's Inspiration with various initiatives that have allowed us to grow in love for the charism. Allow us to be inspired by the zeal of our holy Founder.

All: We glorify you, Father, in the Name of your Son.

6. The Father Founder

We give You thanks, O Father, source of all holiness, because in your servant Hannibal Mary Di Francia, Apostle of the Rogate and Father of the Orphans and the Poor, you have enriched the Church with a new way of sanctity according to the Gospel.

Grant that we may be his devout children and help us to make him known and spread the devotion to him in the Church, so that he may be universally invoked and imitated.

All: We glorify you, Father, in the Name of your Son.

7. The Heart of St. Hannibal Mary

We thank you, Father, for allowing us to place the important relic of the Heart of St. Hannibal in the church dedicated to him and to St. Anthony in Rome.

Fill with your gifts the hearts and lives of those who come together to venerate him and find inspiration from his example.

All: We glorify you, Father, in the Name of your Son.

8. Rogationist Religious Consecration

Blessed are you Father, fount of all holiness, for having called us to consecrate ourselves, according to the spirituality of the Rogate, to the unceasing prayer for good workers, to the spreading of this prayer, and to the service of the little ones and the poor according to the example of our Founder.

Grant that we may be always faithful and full of zeal in the mission which you have given to us.

All: We glorify you, Father, in the Name of your Son.

9. The First Collaborators of Father Founder

We thank you, O Holy Father, for the faithfulness of the first collaborators of the Father Founder, in particular Mother M. Nazarena Majone, Fr. Francis Vitale and Fr. Pantaleone Palma. Like many other Confreres and fellow Sisters, they accepted his entire spiritual inheritance, wonderfully realizing it in their lives and transmitting it to us: grant us to imitate their examples and to let their radiant testimony be known.

If it is according to your will grant us a good result for the cause for beatification of the Venerable Mother Nazarena Majone and the recognition of the heroic virtues of the Servant of God Fr. Joseph Marrazzo. We thank you for the start of the Diocesan Process of Fr. Joseph Aveni. Help us to discern if it is your will, to initiate the cause of Fr. Palma.

All: We glorify you, Father, in the Name of your Son.

10. The Daughters of Divine Zeal

We praise you, O Father, for the many graces you have bestowed this year to the Daughters of Divine Zeal for their witnessing of consecration and the mission they do in the Church, and for the gift of new vocations with which you have blessed them.

We beseech you to accompany their vocational journey with abundant graces, for your glory and the salvation of souls.

We bless you for the gift that you grant us Rogationists, that of living the events of common spiritual growth in collaboration with them. We ask that all this may always develop, in the interest of the diffusion of the charism, and for the good of our Institutes and of the Church.

All: We glorify you, Father, in the Name of your Son.

11. The Union of Prayer for Vocations and the Priestly Alliance

We thank you, O Good Father, for inspiring Saint Hannibal to institute the Rogationist Priestly Alliance and the Union of Prayer for Vocations.

Grant us a renewed zeal to continue accompanying those who are enrolled in them and to spread the prayer for holy gospel workers, in collaboration with the entire Family of the Rogate.

All: We glorify you, Father, in the Name of your Son.

12. The Laity

We thank you, O Father, for the Rogationist charism shared, from the start, with the lay. We bless you for the journey of the Rogationist Missionaries and we ask you to guide the new Responsible and her Council. Accompany, O good Father the different Associations affiliated to the Union of Rogationist Associations: the Family Rog, the

Rogationist Lay Vocation Animators (LAVR), the European Rogationist Association (ERA), and the Alumni. We thank you, moreover, for the lay people who are not part of any of our associations yet in various ways, accompany us in our apostolate.

We ask you, O Father to assist us during the International Congress of the Rogationist Laity, which will take place in Messina from July 16-19, 2020.

Master of the Harvest, open us to a greater enthusiasm to the sharing of the charism with the laity and teach us to know how to share experiences and projects, in the complementarity of gifts.

All: We glorify you, Father, in the Name of your Son.

13. The Divine Superiors and Special Patrons

Father, in the name of your Son Jesus, we thank you for having inspired the Father Founder to dedicate our Institutes to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and to the Immaculate Virgin as effective and immediate Superiors.

We thank you also for the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel, of St. Joseph and of St. Anthony of Padua, our special patrons. May our life be always guided and sustained by their presence and their intercession.

All: We glorify you, Father, in the Name of your Son.

14. The Heavenly Rogationists and Daughters of Divine Zeal

We praise and thank you, O God of goodness, for the Saints whom you give to your Church. We recognize in them the reflection of your holiness. We thank you for inspiring our Founder to proclaim some of them as our Celestial Confreres and Sisters because we feel they are partners in our Rogationist spirituality.

Grant that we may be open to their testimony of life in order to be guided in our following of Christ, your Son.

All: Blessed are you, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit.

15. Our Communities

We give you thanks, O Holy Father, in the name of Jesus, for the gift of our communities. May they characterize their lives in the listening of the Word, in the celebration of the Eucharist, in the sharing of goods and responsibilities, and in work and service of neighbor.

We praise you for the anniversary of foundation of the following houses: 30th of Assisi and Cebu, 40th of Curitiba, 70th of Padua and Tarragona, and 70th of Passos. May you accompany, if it is your will, the other openings that are being considered.

We ask you to help us in particular to build together, with patience, the fraternal life in communion and sharing of charism and mission.

All: Blessed are you, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit.

16. The Superiors and the 13th General Chapter

We give you thanks, O Holy Father, in the name of Jesus present in the Eucharist, because you continue to guide us through the Superiors whom you give to our communities as your representatives.

We bless you for the visits that the Superior General is making to the Congregation and will be completed in the month of July. We ask you to accompany him with the gift of your Spirit.

Patient and merciful Father, give to those who guide us, wisdom and serenity, strength and prudence in promoting the journey to holiness and animating our communities in fraternity for your greater glory.

We beg you to accompany us in the preparation of the 13th General Chapter of the Congregation, starting from the definition of the particular theme of the first organizational choices.

All: Blessed are you, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit.

17. The Government of Circumscriptions

We thank you, God our Father, for the new Governments of the Province of St. Hannibal and of the Delegation of Our Lady of Guadalupe. We also thank you for the Assemblies of the Circumscriptions which you have granted us to celebrate in the past year. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the *apta consultatio* and the appointment of the new Government of the Quasi-Province of St. Joseph.

Assist the Governments of Circumscriptions in the demanding service of animation and guidance which they carry out, and accompany them with the protection of the Divine Superiors.

All: Blessed are you, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit.

18. The Brothers

To you be praise, blessing and thankfulness, all-powerful and eternal Father, in the name of Jesus, because through the years you have given many Brothers to our Congregation.

Reward, O Father, the precious work of the Brothers, confirm them in their consecration to you. Continue to give to our Rogationist Family numerous, generous and holy Brothers.

All: Blessed are you, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit.

19. The Sick and Elderly Confreres

O Father, your Son Jesus manifested your love for us and brought salvation through suffering and the cross. We give you thanks and adore your unfathomable plan of love hidden in the suffering of many of our Confreres and fellow Sisters who are sick and aged, and in their solidarity with the sufferings of humankind.

Good Father, give them strength and peace in accepting your will and, if it pleases you, the joy of their recovery. Help us to serve them with affection so that they could better live the preciousness of their suffering as participation to the common Rogationist mission.

All: Blessed are you, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit.

20. Youth Ministry

We give you thanks, O Father, in the Name of Jesus, because the vocation to consecrated life and to the priesthood is your gift to be begged with prayer. We thank you for the activities of Youth Ministry that have been accomplished in all the Circumscriptions.

Master of the harvest, grant that in a totally ministerial Church, each one of us may become witness of life and of commitment in the promotion of the Kingdom of God.

All: Blessed are you, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit.

21. Vocation Animation and Formation

Holy Father, in the name of Jesus chaste, poor and humble, we give you thanks because you continue to bless the Houses of formation and in particular the formation center for Postulants, the Novitiates, the Juniorates, and Center of Studies of our Institutes with the great gift of vocations.

We thank you for the formation house in Indonesia, which has been partially completed.

We praise you for the experience of the formation of formators held last year in Italy and we ask you to accompany us in the one started this year.

Revive in each one of us, the attention to the promotion of vocations, that it may begin from the witnessing of our life.

All: Blessed are you, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit.

22. Priestly Ordinations and Religious Professions

Holy Father, source of every Order and Consecration, to you be the praise and glory because once again you have called many young Confreres and fellow Sisters to receive, respectively, the Orders of Priesthood and Diaconate, and to profess the Religious Vows, in different Circumscriptions.

Father, in the Name of Christ the Eternal Priest, we thank you with joy together with the Confreres and fellow Sisters who have celebrated the jubilee of their Religious Profession and Priestly Ordination.

All: Blessed are you, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit.

23. The Gift of Perseverance

We thank you, Holy Father, in the name of Jesus present in the Eucharist, because you are faithful to your love you have granted us the grace of persevering in our Institute, through the daily support of so many Confreres, the journey of ongoing formation and the joy of apostolic service.

We thank you for the initiatives of ongoing formation which were organized at the level of the General Government and of Circumscriptions.

Sustain, O Father, with the strength of your Spirit, the Confreres who are passing through moments of difficulty. Grant to all of us the

fidelity in our radical commitment of Rogationist sanctity for your greater glory and the good of the Church.

All: Blessed are you, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit.

24. Our Departed

Father, source of life, in the name of your Son Jesus, the Risen One, we raise up to you our thanksgiving because your love extends beyond the boundaries of our earthly existence into the fullness of life in your House.

Praise be to you because in the past year the mystery of your love found its accomplishment in our Confreres: Fr. Pietro Chillemi, Fr. Ciro Quaranta, Bro. Moolakunnel Albin George, Fr. Alberto Oselin, Fr. Venuste Sibomana, Fr. Giuseppe Sergio, Fr. Euprepio Gennaro, Fr. Vito Girasoli, and some of our relatives, friends and benefactors.

O merciful Father, forgive their sins and welcome them in the peace of the heavenly Jerusalem and make the good example that they have left us be a stimulus to fidelity in our mission.

All: Blessed are you, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit.

25. Our Relatives

All powerful and Eternal Father, we glorify and thank you for sending us your Only Son to sanctify the affection of the family, and for giving us the grace of experiencing your love in our dear ones.

O Good Father, reward with your blessings our parents, who have offered us to you. Help our relatives in their difficulties and grant that one day we will all find ourselves together in the joy of your House.

All: Blessed are you, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit.

26. Friends and Former Confreres

We bless you, O Lord, for the gift of friendship that has allowed us to establish with many brothers a constructive relationship of mutual edification.

We remember those who had shared with us a portion of their journey and then have made other life choices. May the gift of Rogate not die in them, but continue to live in new and alternative forms, of which we could enrich ourselves through dialogue and fraternity.

All: Blessed are you, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Silent pause. Each one remembers in his heart the benefits received from the Family of the Rogate in the sharing of the charism, and give thanks to the Lord for them.

Song of praise

3. PRAISE AND PETITION FOR THE GIFT OF THE MISSION

27. The Diffusion of the Rogate

We thank you, O Father, for everything that our Religious Family was able to accomplish over the years with your help, in the zeal of the charism of the Rogate.

We bless you for the magazine *Rogate Ergo*, the first of such means to have given voice to our charism. Help us to promote its dissemination. We ask you to bless the Course of Formation in Psychology and Theology of Vocation started in Rome. We pray for the Rogate Centers in the Circumscriptions.

We ask you that such Centers may be established where they are not yet present, and actively work for the diffusion of your divine command, possibly with the collaboration of the Daughters of Divine Zeal and the Rogationist Associations.

All: May all the earth praise your Name, O Most High.

28. Apostolate of Social-Education and Schools

We praise you, O Father, in the name of Jesus, the friend of the little ones and of the poor, for having called us, in the footsteps of our Founder, to care for the integral education of the youth and the less fortunate. We are grateful also for the good you have granted us to accomplish in many parts of the world in favor of minors in difficulty and in the defense of life, adapting ourselves to the new challenges that this mission entails.

Good Father, make us intelligent educators by the strength of your love and attentive to the needs of our time. Help us to follow and form the youth in the school of Christ, so that they may realize their life as a vocation and loving service.

All: May all the earth praise your Name, O Most High.

29. Apostolate among the Poor and for the Care of Life

We bless you from the depth of our being, O Father, because you have given to Saint Hannibal Mary the grace to see the face of your Son in the faces of the least ones of Avignone and to hear in the depths of his heart, his divine words, "*Whatever you did to these little ones, you did it to me.*"

We praise you, O Lord, for all the possibilities of solidarity and human promotion towards the poor that you have granted us to realize in our Congregation.

Enlighten us and make us docile in welcoming the invitation of the XII General Chapter to rediscover the service to the poor as acceptance, closeness and sharing, in order to achieve a true evangelization.

All: May all the earth praise your Name, O Most High.

30. Apostolate of Missions

Almighty and eternal Father, we give you thanks in the name of Jesus, for the gift of the *missio ad gentes* for which we also, sons of Saint Hannibal, are vowed in order to announce the name of the Savior until the ends of the earth.

Sustain, O Father, our Confreres and fellow Sisters who are working in the missions and express their zeal for the Rogate far from their homeland. Make us feel the duty to support them with our prayer and concrete signs of affection and solidarity. Help, in particular, the missions that are experiencing particular difficulties in terms of living conditions (Erbil, Iraq and in Kitiwum, Cameroon) or hardships in the initial stages (Cuango, Angola).

We give you thanks for the annual Missionary Projects and for the distance adoption which is an instrument of providence for many children, their families and our seminarians in our missions.

Bless the missionary journey of our Congregation and grant that the seed sown may bring much fruit.

All: May all the earth praise your Name, O Most High

31. Parish Apostolate

We thank you, Holy Father, in the blessed name of Jesus, for the good you grant us to accomplish for the people of God in the various

parishes, shrines and place of worship. We bless you in particular for the 50th anniversary of the Parish in Padua.

Grant always new energies, O Father, to the Confreres assigned to this ministry so that their parishes may bear fruits in charitable, vocational and missionary works.

All: May all the earth praise your Name, O Most High.

32. Apostolate of the Anthonian Propaganda

We praise you because your fatherly love enwraps all our life and is manifested also through the constant and generous support of a great number of Benefactors, through the intercession of St. Anthony of Padua.

Father, make us orient our Anthonian Propaganda for the good of souls, and may you reward the generosity of the Benefactors.

We ask you to continue to bless us, with such secret of charity, and to guide us so that we may administer with fidelity and sobriety the goods that you entrust to us in order to serve the poor.

All: May all the earth praise your Name, O Most High.

33. The New Means of Social Communications

We give you thanks, Father of life, for the possibility you grant us to announce the Rogate with the modern means of social communications: for the collaboration with some television and radio networks, including that of Radio Vaticana, in the Communication Office of the Italian Bishops' Conference (CEI) and for the world wide web in which, even us the children of Saint Hannibal are present in order to proclaim the Gospel.

Guide us in knowing how to use properly and profitably these possibilities offered us for our life, for our formation and in particular for our apostolate to which we are called to serve.

All: May all the earth praise your Name, O Most High

Silent pause. Each one remembers in his heart the benefits received through the pastoral activity in which he has been committed, and give thanks to the Lord for them.

Song of praise

**4. PRAISE AND PETITION
OF THE CIRCUMSCRIPTION
AND OF THE COMMUNITY**

34. Our Circumscription

***All: Praise the Lord, invoke his Name;
proclaim to the peoples his wonderful works.***

35. Our Local Community

***All: Praise the Lord, invoke his Name;
proclaim to the peoples his wonderful works.***

CONCLUDING RITES

Commentator: With joy we have made memory of the benefits granted by the Lord to our Religious Family and with humility we have presented our petitions. Let us conclude this celebration by expressing our willingness to belong to the Lord and to be faithful to charism entrusted to us by Father Hannibal.

1. CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, Holy Father, in the name of Jesus here present, living and true in the sacrament of the altar, we give You thanks for having raised in the Church Saint Hannibal Mary Di Francia, calling him to be, through the charism of the Rogate, Apostle of Prayer for Vocations and Father of the Orphans and of the Poor, model of sanctity and inspirer of new apostolic dynamisms for the evangelization of the world. Enable us, Holy Father, to walk in the footsteps of our Founder who spent his life for the coming of the Kingdom of Your Son.

To You Almighty Father, through Jesus Christ, your Son, model of the evangelical workers, in the Holy Spirit, author of every gift, praise and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

2. EUCHARISTIC BENEDICTION

Tantum Ergo or another Eucharistic Song

Benediction

Final Song

*“For in Him our hearts rejoice;
in His holy name we trust.”*

Ps. 33:21

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