

Rome, April 12, 2023

60<sup>th</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations

To the Rogationists  
To the Daughters of Divine Zeal  
To the Family of the Rogate

Dearly beloved

After the celebration of our respective General Chapters, in the spirit of fraternity and synodality that rightly animated them and, in accordance with the practice of previous Governments, the General Governments of our two Congregations have met several times with the desire to walk together as Sisters and Brothers, as daughters and sons of Father Hannibal, witnesses of the charism of the Rogate.

In today's meeting, as we approach the World Day of Prayer for Vocations which will take place on April 30, the 60th anniversary of its institution, we felt the need to call the entire Family of the Rogate to live this Rogationist Day par excellence with renewed enthusiasm.

Father Hannibal invited us to make the following promise "I will be ready, with the Lord's help, to make any sacrifice, even to give my blood and my life, so that this Rogation may become universal". With this Day, which is also the fruit of the animation that our Founder carried out throughout his life, this prayer reaches the universal Church, and we could say that it is the fulfillment of his dream. But we know how far we still have to go in order for this prayer to penetrate the hearts of all the faithful.

This is our vocation and our mission.

In the meeting that brought us together to reflect on this important event of our Rogationist Family, we agreed to propose to each and every one of you, to the Communities, to the Missionaries of the Rogate, to the Associations linked to the charism, to the Laity who share the mission, in the contexts in which we carry out our apostolate in the parishes and in the socio-educational works, the following proposals. They are simple, but we hope they will also be meaningful:

1. On this Day, dedicate 60 seconds to pray, personally or in groups, to implore vocations and spread the initiative in social networks.
2. Whenever possible, in Religious Communities or in our parishes or oratories, gather for 60 minutes of adoration, during the Triduum, or on the eve, or on the day itself. *See Rogationists in Prayer, pp. 199-213.*
3. Light a lamp in front of a statue or picture of St. Hannibal.

4. Make every effort to be an animating presence of the Rogate in the Local Church.

5. Promote St. Hannibal as "Apostle of Prayer for Vocations and Patron of Vocations Animators."

We entrust these initiatives to the Superiors of the Circumscriptions, to the Communities, and to the leaders of the Associations, renewing the invitation to live this important event for our Family of the Rogate with the zeal of Father Hannibal and Mother Nazarena.

We enclose the resource "Prayer for the 60th World Day of Prayer for Vocations". You can also make use of the resources of the Rogate Centers of the Circumscriptions or of the Local Churches prepared for this event.

Renewing our most fervent wishes for Holy Easter, we greet you with affection, and invoke the blessing of our Divine Superiors.

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