**TRIDUUM IN HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH**

**SECONDARY PATRON**

**OF THE CONGREGATION**

**First Format**

Incorporated into the celebration of the Vespers.

**First Day: March 16**

***St. Joseph prays for good laborers***

After the short reading:

**From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary** (Vol. 54, [4252], pp. 247-248)

In this humble chapel of ours, in the oratory of our Mother House, a silver lamp burns day and night for the most glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, which for some years we have called the *Lamp for Vocations*. It reminds the greatest of all the saints how much confidence we place in his most powerful intercession before the good God to obtain for us good evangelical laborers for the holy Church. Oh, how beautiful is the mission that the good God has deigned to entrust to this Institute, which is to pray to Him daily, by means of a vow, so that He may send holy ministers to his sanctuary.

Instead of the Rogationist Intercessions:

Holy Father, you who revealed to St. Joseph the mystery of the Virgin Mary,

- grant us to understand more and more the mystery of love and grace that you have given us through the Rogationist vocation.

You feed the birds of the sky and clothe the lilies of the field, and through St. Joseph, sustained the first steps of the Works of the Evangelical Rogation,

- continue to sustain your vineyard through many and holy vocations.

Look kindly upon the dying and the departed,

- make them eternally happy with Jesus and Mary.

**Second Day: March 17**

***St. Joseph calls good laborers***

After the short Reading:

**From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary** (Vol. 54, [4252], p. 247)

And what is a holy vocation to the religious life and the priesthood, if not a vocation, that is, a call made with a whispering voice, with an inner voice that makes itself heard in the depths of one’s heart? Now, through whose mouth, which produces sounds that the world neither hears nor appreciates, does the Lord use to invite his chosen ones to enter the sanctuary to cultivate the vineyard of the great Father of the family? Without a doubt, it is the one of St. Joseph, whom the Gospel calls the Just One, that is, the one who possesses every virtue.

Instead of the Rogationist Intercessions:

Faithful and just God, through St. Joseph you made sure that Jesus came from the line of David,

- through his intercession confirm your protection over the Church by giving her many and holy laborers.

You entrusted to St. Joseph the upbringing of Jesus, your Son made man,

- grant that our Confreres may grow in chastity, poverty and obedience so that they may become authentic heralds of the divine Rogate.

We pray to you, O Lord, for our deceased Confreres, relatives, and benefactors,

- open to them your merciful embrace, so that they may share eternally in the joys of the Saints.

**Third Day: March 18**

***St. Joseph nurtures good laborers***

After the short Reading:

**From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary** (Vol. 54, [4258], p. 270)

The holy Patriarch watched over the Work of the Evangelical Rogation as if it had been entrusted to him from the beginning by the Most Holy Heart of Jesus and Mary, the divine Bride. That little plant was entrusted to St. Joseph, and he lovingly protected it in the midst of clouds and storms. He nourished it according to the wishes of Jesus and Mary. He strengthened its roots, stretched its branches, and made its fruits ripen.

Instead of the Rogationist Intercessions:

Holy Father, you entrusted the earth to man so that it may bear fruit by the work of his hands,

- teach us, in the school of St. Joseph, to work humbly every day for justice and peace, to the praise and the glory of your Name.

You have promised to reward those who give in your Name,

- grant that the friends and benefactors of our Religious Family may always enjoy the protection and care of St. Joseph.

O Father, through the sacrifice of your Son,

- grant forgiveness and peace to the souls of our Confreres, relatives, and benefactors.

**PRAYER TO THE GLORIOUS PATRIARCH ST. JOSEPH**

**WITH THE LIGHTING OF THE LAMP FOR VOCATIONS**

On the Solemnity of St. Joseph or at the beginning of the Triduum, we renew the rite of the lighting of the Lamp for Vocations in front of the image of the Saint. After the lighting, the following prayer is recited.

O most loving Patron and Protector, St. Joseph, trusting in your power and mercy, we pray to you for this small harvest of the Lord; provide it with evangelical laborers. Behold the lamp for vocations burning before you; through it, we beg unceasingly for mystical laborers for the Holy Church and for our Institutes.

O heavenly Provider of the Holy Church, provide for us according to your mercy and our needs. The greatest of all graces is what we ask of you, but it is always less in your favor with God. Listen tenderly to our fervent supplications.

If the words of the Holy Scripture, *Go to Joseph (Ite ad Ioseph),* refer to you, how can we not run to your feet in our hunger and thirst for justice that afflict us; in the scarcity of laborers in this small harvest that afflicts us? Strengthen the hope we place in you and listen to our petition.

What grace do Jesus and Mary deny you in heaven? Are not all the treasures of the divine mercy entrusted to you? Through that adorable Child whom you hold in your arms, hear us; through your Immaculate Spouse, hear us; through those divine Hearts that thirst and hunger for souls, hear us; through the zeal and the charity of the adorable Heart of Jesus that made him utter these divine words: *Rogate ergo Dominum messis, ut mittat operarios in messem suam,* hear us. We are waiting for this special grace from you; do not let our hope be disappointed.

From this poorest of gardens,

If the humble desire reaches you,

If the word of the divine zeal of the Son of God

Is so dear to you,

When the lamp that burns around you

Beseeches you for the Chosen ones, night and day,

Oh, show us your favor,

O ever-faithful Co-founder! (*Scritti,* Vol. IV, Ed. Rogate, pp.154-155)

**DEVOTIONAL RENEWAL OF VOWS**

It is recommended that the renewal of vows take place after Communion.

**Consecrated to you, O Father,** following your Son and led by the Holy Spirit, on this Solemnity of St. Joseph, the Patron of the Interior Life and Vocations, in full freedom, I renew forever to You, my vows of chastity, poverty, obedience, and the zealous fulfillment of the command of your Son: *Rogate!*  I entrust myself with all my heart to the loving kindness of my brothers, so that with your grace, the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of St. Joseph, in the footsteps of St. Hannibal Mary, I may attain perfect charity in the service of you and the Church. Amen.