## THURSDAY

## ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

### Format 1

***God has found us worthy of the Gospel***

**Song for Eucharistic Adoration**

**From the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians** (2:1-8)

You yourselves know, brothers, that our reception among you was not without effect. Rather, after we had suffered and been insolently treated, as you know, in Philippi, we drew courage through our God to speak to you the gospel of God with much struggle. Our exhortation was not from delusion or impure motives, nor did it work through deception. But as we were judged worthy by God to be entrusted with the gospel, that is how we speak, not as trying to please human beings, but rather God, who judges our hearts. Nor, indeed, did we ever appear with flattering speech, as you know, or with a pretext for greed—God is witness— nor did we seek praise from human beings, either from you or from others, although we were able to impose our weight as apostles of Christ. Rather, we were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us.

The Word of the Lord.

Silence and adoration

**From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia** (Vol. 10 [1823], p. 166)

For nineteen centuries, the Lord Jesus Christ has instituted his Church as the bearer of his Gospel, as the Teacher of truth to all peoples: he has made her as the Ark of salvation throughout the world so that all souls may be saved in her. But alas! for nineteen centuries the little Ship (*Navicella*) of Peter has been sailing on rough seas, and all the elements are raging against her to sink her. Thousands of castaways stand around her and perish before her eyes because they do not want to cling on to the life-saving boards of this mystical Ship. Alas, this is the terrible spectacle that the history of the Church presents to us in all times: from the Cenacle, the Apostles begin to spread the light of the Gospel in all regions and see the inhuman persecution of tyrants who rise against those Holy Apostles. The Apostles and the Disciples of Christ are succeeded by new Apostles and new Disciples, and while *the persecution of the sword ends, the persecution of the pen begins.* Jesus weeps, sighs, and stretches out his arms to save the poor souls, and he sends us preachers to wake them up, to keep them on board the Ship.

**Prayer for Vocations**

**O Lord Jesus,**

deign to send the almighty breath of holy vocation

into the hearts of so many young people,

whose spirit is open to the outpouring of your grace.

You who called Matthew from the tax collector’s booth,

Peter, Andrew, James, and John from their nets.

O Lord Jesus,

you are infinitely provident and loving,

deign to grant the necessary means of success

to all whom you are pleased to call,

that they may respond to their holy vocation,

and become the true salt of the earth and the light of the world.

We ask from you priests for the whole Church,

for all cities, for all towns and villages, for all lands,

and we ask that they may be according to your Heart.

(*St. Hannibal Mary)*

**Our Father**

**Benediction**

**Final song**

### Format 2

***Jesus spent the whole night praying to God***

**Song for Eucharistic adoration**

**From the Gospel according to Luke** (6:12-16)

In those days he departed to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God. When day came, he called his disciples to himself, and from them, he chose Twelve, whom he also named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon who was called a Zealot, and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Silence and Adoration

**From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia** (Vol. V, Ed. Rogate, pp. 415-416)

How necessary is this Prayer to which our Lord Jesus Christ exhorts us, almost as a command, by showing us, more than by any other testimony, the very example of our Divine Redeemer himself. He had to call to the holy priesthood the first ministers of the Law of grace, those who would be the first fruitful seed of the Catholic priesthood; so, what did He do? By what means did he use to form the vocation of the twelve fishermen? Before seeking them, before inviting them, He went up on a mountain to pray! He prays *on a mountain* (cf. Lk6:12)as if from there he wanted to raise his ardent prayer more directly to the Father; he prays *at night*so that no human concern would distract him from the great concern he wants to have with his Father; he prays *all night*because with the sacrifice of sleep and of his whole self, accompanying his prayers *with loud cries and tears* (cf. Heb5:7),he deserves more to be heard by the Father *through his total abandonment to him* (cf. Heb5:7). As soon as he comes down from the mountain, still drenched in tears and sweat, he calls his Apostles to follow him in order to make them the chosen first fruits of his eternal priesthood (cf. Lk6:12). What a great lesson for all to understand how such a sublime grace deserves to be asked for with special prayers.

**Prayer for Vocations**

**Lord Jesus,**

your Church turns her attention to all the young people of the world.

We pray that they might boldly take charge of their lives,

aim for the most beautiful and profound things of life,

and always keep their hearts unencumbered.

Accompanied by wise and generous guides,

help them respond to the call you make to each of them,

to realize a proper plan of life and achieve happiness.

Keep their hearts open to dreaming great dreams

and make them concerned for the good of others.

Like the Beloved Disciple, may they stand at the foot of the Cross,

to receive your Mother as a gift from you.

May they be witnesses to your Resurrection

and be aware that you are at their side

as they joyously proclaim you as Lord. Amen.*(Pope Francis)*

**Our Father**

**Benediction**

**Final Song**

**Format 3**

***And He said to him: “Follow me.”***

**Song for Eucharistic Adoration**

**From the Gospel according to Luke** (5:27-32)

After this, he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting at the customs post. He said to him, “Follow me.” And leaving everything behind, he got up and followed him. Then Levi gave a great banquet for him in his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were at table with them. The Pharisees and their scribes complained to his disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?” Jesus said to them in reply, “Those who are healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do. I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Silence and adoration

**From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia** (Vol. 43, [ASR 55], p. 157)

When this prayer, with its appropriate formulas, has penetrated into the Seminaries, the clerics and seminarians, by reciting it, will have a guide to the true success of their vocation and how to conduct themselves in order to achieve it. On the other hand, prayer will have a primary effect on them, with the good God either giving them or increasing in their young hearts the powerful efficacy of the vocation which alone can make them successful as chosen priests and holy laborers in the vast field of the Church. Let us be convinced: with a weak, imperfect, unsure, cowardly, artificial, and humanly driven vocation, it is not possible to have a Holy People, a Royal Priesthood of which the first Supreme Pontiff St. Peter wrote. Priests are initiated because of their holy qualities, but there are unfortunate failures as experience teaches us! But strong vocations do not come down from heaven if we forget the repeated command of Jesus Christ our Lord: The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest!

**Prayer for Vocations**

**Lord Jesus Christ,**

Shepherd of our souls,

you continue to call with your loving gaze

so many young men and women

who live in the difficulties of today’s world,

open their minds to recognize,

among the many voices that resound around them and inside them,

your unmistakable, gentle, and persuasive voice

which even today still resounds:

“Come and follow me”.

Move our young people to generosity

and make them sensitive to the aspirations of our brothers and sisters,

who are crying out for solidarity and peace, truth and love.

Direct the hearts of the young toward the radical call of the Gospel,

capable of revealing to the modern man and woman

the immense riches of your love.

Call them with your kindness

and draw them to you.

Accept and welcome them gently.

Entrust them with truth

and keep them safe in you. Amen. (*St. John Paul II*)

**Our Father**

**Benediction**

**Final Song**

Format 4

***Our fellowship***

***is with his Son, Jesus Christ***

**Song for Eucharistic Adoration**

**From the first letter of John** (1:1-4)

What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hands concerns the Word of life— for the life was made visible; we have seen it and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was made visible to us— what we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; for our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We are writing this so that our joy may be complete.

The Word of the Lord.

Silence and adoration

**From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia (**Vol. 61, [2172], p. 183)

Everything must begin with love. It is love for God the Supreme Good that gives priceless value to our every action. Love is the teacher of all perfection. Everything that is not done for love is lost. Love forms the uprightness of intention that makes us do everything for God, for his glory, for his honor, everything for the sake of gratitude to the Most High, for his divine benefits in the natural order, and to Jesus Christ Our Lord for the divine benefits of his redemption. Pure love impels the soul to love God for his sake, and not because of the obligation that God has placed upon us, which we have promised to fulfill with so many hardships, or because of the great benefits that come to us from loving God. This pure love, to which we must all aspire ceaselessly, is the summit of charity, and is an image of the most perfect charity with which the Blessed ones in heaven love God [...] Let this be the work of all works of divine love: to stir the mind, the will, the heart to this pure love.

**Prayer for Vocations**

***Choir I:*** O Lord Jesus, deign to send the almighty breath of holy vocation into the hearts of many young people who are spiritually open to the power of your grace; you have called Matthew from the tax collector's booth and Peter, Andrew, James and John from their nets.

***Choir II:*** O Lord Jesus, you are infinitely loving and provident; deign to give all those whom you call the necessary means of success, so that they may live up to their holy vocation and become the true salt of the earth and the light of the world.

***Choir I:*** We ask you for priests for all the Church, for all the cities, for all the towns, for all the lands of the unbelievers, and we ask you that they be according to your Heart. You have said: *I will raise up for myself the faithful Priest who will act according to my Heart*, and we ask of you: *Raise up for yourself faithful priests who will act according to your Heart!*

***Choir II:*** Form them full of your Holy Spirit and of the intelligence of the Divine Mysteries, separated from all the things of the earth detached from all worldly interests, learned in the science of the saints and Christian perfection, experts in ecclesiastical discipline, and consumed by the purest zeal for your glory and for the salvation of souls.

***Choir I:*** O powerful Lord, create a generation of holy Levites, a chosen army of Ministers worthy of your Sanctuary. If great is the grace that we ask of you and immense are the sins of the nations;  remember that your mercy is greater than our wickedness. Let your grace overflow where sin has abounded.

***Choir II:*** Supreme Lord of the mystical field, hear us; send good Laborers into your Harvest. Do it out of love for Most Holy Mary, your Mother and Mother of the Church. Remember how her lamentations wounded your heart, when with her sighs like a dove, she prayed for humanity and hastened your coming on earth.

***Together:*** We, therefore, present to you Mary’s sighs, her vows, her tears, her fervent petitions and her merits, which are your merits. For the love of Most Holy Mary, for the love of yourself, for the consolation of your loving Heart, hear us, graciously hear us, make haste! For the love of you: ‘*Hasten, do not delay; O Lord, let your face shine on your Sanctuary, which is deserted.* Amen.*(St. Hannibal Mary)*

**Our father**

**Benediction**

**Final Song**

### Format 5

***The Son of man has come***

***to seek and save what was lost***

**Song for Eucharistic Adoration**

**From the Gospel according to Luke** (19:1-10)

He came to Jericho and intended to pass through the town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; but he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in stature. So, he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.” And he came down quickly and received him with joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, “He has gone to stay at the house of a sinner.” But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone, I shall repay it four times over.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham. For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Silence and adoration

***Zancone: The meeting on the way of the poor…***

***Reader***: **The encounter with Francesco Zancone** happened by chance when Fr. Hannibal was still a deacon. It was Providence’s will that, as he was passing through a dark alley in Messina, just outside the city, he came across a poor man, sitting on the ground, with his eyes closed, almost a totally blind man, begging for alms. The city was full of such beggars. The poor man was in his thirties. *“Where do you live?”* asked the young deacon. *“In the houses of Avignone”,* the young man replied in the vernacular of Messina. *“Do you know the things of God?”* *“Who would teach me about him?”* *“Where are these Mignuni houses?”* Fr. Hannibal continued. *“Over there, by the Zaera.”* *“All right, I will come to find you.”*

***… to find the way that leads to God.***

***Reader***: This promise brought Fr. Hannibal to the most notorious district of Messina, the *Case Mignuni*, or the ***Avignone District,*** that is, the neighborhood par excellence of the poor. He was now on the eve of his priestly ordination and could not imagine what awaited him in this terrible reality. A neighborhood that had become a slum of poor people of all kinds and of all ages, where thirty or forty families lived in promiscuity. To the material poverty was added a terrible spiritual poverty. A priest had never been seen among these people. Everyone urged him not to go there, but **Fr. Hannibal read God’s will** in what his archbishop had told him: *“Go there, go there and save those poor people.”* **There, in that neighborhood** labeled as ***cursed*, he made his dwelling among the poor, who have since then become his favored ones.**

**Prayer for Vocations**

*Priest:* With the confidence that comes to us from the faith in Christ Jesus, viaticum for our journey to the Kingdom, let us raise our prayers that the Church may never lack Gospel laborers and dispensers of God's love:

***Choir I:*** O Lord Jesus, you do not need us creatures to be infinitely glorious and happy; but it is also true that your most loving Heart pines and worries over the loss of souls.

***Choir II:*** And yet rejoices and exults when the souls are edified, sanctified and brought to eternal life by good Laborers

***Choir I:*** Do it therefore for yourself, that is, for the consolation of your most loving Heart: send holy laborers into your Harvest.

***Choir II:*** We ask it of you with those fervent sighs with which the Prophets and Patriarchs longed for your coming on earth:

***Choir I:*** . ‘Let the clouds of heaven rain down the Just, they said, and let the earth bring forth the Savior.”

***Choir II:*** And we cry out with ever more fervent sighs: ‘Let your Divine Heart be opened, O Jesus, and from it may come the good and the holy Laborers for your Church! *(St. Hannibal Mary)*

***Reader***: And now, in communion with all the members of the UNION OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS, we lift up our closing prayer:

**O sweetest Heart of Jesus,** by saying: “Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest,” you have given us confidence that you will hear us when we ask you for this great grace; in obedience to this command of your divine zeal, we beg you, deign to send good laborers into your Church and for this purpose, we address to you the most effective of all the prayers, which you have taught us.

**Our father**

**Benediction**

**Final song**

### Format 6

***He who loves God also loves his Brother***

**Song for Eucharistic Adoration**

**From the first letter of John** (4:19-5:4)

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, “I love God,” but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. This is the commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother. Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves [also] the one begotten by him. In this way, we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.

The Word of the Lord.

Silence and adoration

**From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia** (Vol. 50, [2209], p. 549)

As a Priest of Jesus Christ, ever since I embraced this Sacred Ministry, I have always felt a lively affection that has made me desire the good and happiness of others as much as I desire it for myself.

I feel that I have a bond of holy friendship with everyone on earth, whether they are of my religion or another, whether they are rich or poor, lords or laborers, humble and miserable people, or high aristocracy. I see in everyone a brother and my Lord, and what I wish for myself in this life and in the next, I wish for everyone as well.

**Prayer for Vocations**

**Lord Jesus,** You, who lovingly looked

on Fr. Hannibal Mary and gave him the Word of the Rogate,

turn your gaze to the youth of today

who seek the path of a generous life.

Speak your Word also to them

and grant that they may offer themselves

as bread broken for the needs of the world

and give all people the hope of your resurrection.

Bless your Church and all religious Families

with the gift of many, new, and holy vocations. Amen.

**Our father**

**Benediction**

**Final song**

### Format 7

***He felt compassion and said to him:***

***I do will it, be made clean!***

**Song for Eucharistic Adoration**

**From the Gospel according to Mark** (1:40-45)

A leper came to him [and kneeling down] begged him and said, “If you wish, you can make me clean.” Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, “I do will it. Be made clean.” The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. Then he said to him, “See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them.” The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Silence and adoration

**From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia** (Vol. 10, [1815], pp. 136-137)

A very characteristic quality of a noble and generous heart is compassion. Compassion consists of a certain mixed feeling of love and tenderness that makes us sympathize with the sufferings of others, dry the tears of those with misfortune, and share the sorrows of the afflicted.

He was moved by the sight of the miseries of others. It does not take much to understand how compassionate the Heart of Jesus is. And was He not always in contact with the miserable humanity? Jesus Christ did not delight in being among the great and sharing their joy. On the contrary, he remained with the poor, with the afflicted. And how much that divine heart melted at the sight of their misery! Observe him: how much compassion he feels for the widow of Naim. When he saw her weeping, [he was moved and raised her son back to life (cf. Lk 7:11-15)). He was [teaching] in the mountains of Judea when he noticed [that a large crowd was following him], and while Philip [had no answer as to how to feed so many people], he felt compassion and multiplied the loaves (cf. Jn 6:5-11).

He showed even more tender compassion at the Pool of Bethesda: he saw a poor paralytic who [had been sick] for 38 years: and he approached the man and healed him (cf. Jn 5:2). He did the same to the man born blind [who was crying]: Son of David, have mercy on me (cf. Mk 10:46-52; Lk 18:35-43).

In his mortal life, Jesus Christ saw all human misfortunes: misery, poverty, hardships, sickness, and for him, all these meant tenderness, compassion, and mercy.

**Prayer for Vocations**

***Choir I:*** O most compassionate Heart of Jesus, may our sighs that we raise up to you, reach your presence. Great and immense mercy we have come to ask of you, for the good of your Church and for the salvation of souls: deign to send holy Priests in the midst of all the peoples.

***Choir II:*** O most merciful Jesus, you passed through the cities of Judea and sighed in seeing those crowds, abandoned like sheep without a shepherd, you said: “The harvest is great, but the laborers are few; pray therefore to the Lord of the Harvest that he may send laborers to his Harvest.”

***Choir I:*** Most adorable Jesus, you are the Lord of the Harvest, you are the Mystical Gardener who has planted the vineyard of souls and has watered it with your Most Precious Blood.

***Choir II:*** You have formed your Church as a flowering field, as an enclosed garden, in which you like to gather the flowers of holy virtues and the fruits of good works, and these fruits are sweet to your palate.

***Choir I:*** You have hunger and thirst for souls, O sweetest Jesus, and your loving Heart is consumed with love.

***Together:*** The number of laborers in your vineyard has become scarce! The good laborers in your Church have diminished! The light of the world has eclipsed. Hence the people remain in the darkness of ignorance and sin; hence, poor souls perish; hence, Satan devours the prey; children ask for the Bread of Life, and there is no one to break it for them.(*St. Hannibal Mary)*

**Our father**

**Benediction**

**Final song**

### Format 8

***Love for the Little ones and the Poor***

**Song for Eucharistic Adoration**

**From the Gospels** (Lk 14:1.12-14; 18:15-16; Mk 9:36-37)

On a sabbath, he went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. Then he said to the host who invited him, “When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous. People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them, and when the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. Jesus, however, called the children to himself and said, “Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Taking a child, he placed it in their midst and putting his arms around it he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Enlightened by the Rogate

***Zeal for the poor...***

***Reader***: Fr. Hannibal loved his neighbor with a supernatural love, and he sacrificed himself for them because he wanted to save their souls. All that he had and all that he did was always in view of the love of God and of neighbor.

*The love that I have for my Lord Jesus Christ, as the true God, urges me to obey all his words and produces in me another flame of love, which is* ***love of neighbor****. Jesus said to love your neighbor as yourself: and I strive to love my neighbor as myself; and for this, I have devoted my miserable life to the good of my neighbor as best as I can. Jesus said: “Whatever you do to the least of these you do to myself”; I try not to reject anyone, and* ***in the person of the poor, I venerate Jesus Christ****.*

***… and the heart opened wide in charity to the little ones and the orphans.***

***Reader****: Jesus said, “Do not despise any of these children, for their Angels are continually contemplating the face of God.” And for this reason,* ***I love children very much and I strive to save them****. [For] the salvation of tender children is the holiest of all holy works; therefore we will take care of them with every sacrifice and with a spirit of intelligence we will understand the supreme good that we are doing in snatching children from vagrancy, from danger, from perversion, to lead them to education and instruction, to make of them good Christians, perfect Catholics, honest and hardworking citizens, and one day, if God so desires, good parents of families.”*

**Prayer for Vocations**

**Holy****Father**, look upon this humanity of ours, that is taking its first steps along the path of the Third Millennium. Its life is still deeply marked by hatred, violence, and oppression, but the thirst for justice, truth, and grace still finds a space in the hearts of many people, who are waiting for someone to bring salvation, enacted by You through Your Son Jesus. There is a need for courageous heralds of the Gospel, for generous servants of suffering humanity. Send holy priests to Your Church, we pray, who may sanctify Your people with the tools of Your grace. Send numerous consecrated men and women, that they may show Your holiness in the midst of the world. Send holy laborers into Your vineyard, that they may labor with the fervor of charity and, moved by Your Holy Spirit, may bring the salvation of Christ to the farthest ends of the Earth. Amen. *(St. John Paul II)*

**Our father**

**Benediction**

**Final song**

Format 9

***You are the Christ***

**Song for Eucharistic Adoration**

**From the Gospel according to Mark** (8:27-33)

Now Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” They said in reply, “John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter said to him in reply, “You are the Messiah.” Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Silence and adoration

**From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia** (Vol. IV, Ed. Rogate, pp. 577-588).

*Proclamation of Saints Peter and Paul as Heavenly Rogationists.*

We take comfort in you because you have so conformed yourselves to every grace, every favor, every inspiration; and we are consoled because you were both chosen by the adorable Lord Jesus Christ for the sublime mission of the Apostolate. We are comforted in you, O glorious St. Peter, because Jesus the Supreme Good drew you to his Love, and you fervently confessed that he was the Son of the living God, whereby He had to tell you: *And I say to you, that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it**!* And then he added to it: *I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loosen on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”* (cf. Mt 16:18-19)

Angels and Saints, join us in praising the Most High [God] for having constituted this glorious Saint as the first Head and Supreme Pontiff of the holy Church.

We take comfort in you, most amiable Saint, because the risen Jesus commissioned you to feed his mystical flock (cf. Jn 21:15-17), and we take comfort in the great mission you had to go to Rome, the center of Paganism, and usher Christianity there.

We give praise to the Most High because he rescued you once from the sea, and twice from prisons by sending an Angel to untie your chains and set you on your way (cf. Acts 12:3-11).

**Let Us Pray for Vocations**

Priest: Let us gratefully welcome the light that comes to us from the Gospel and the life experience of St. Hannibal Mary. Let us pray together:

**R.Send, O Lord, laborers into your harvest!**

- Lord Jesus, to You who went through all the towns and villages, teaching in the synagogues, proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease, we say: **R.**

- Lord Jesus, to You who upon seeing the crowds, felt compassion for them, because they were tired and exhausted, like sheep without a shepherd, we say: **R.**

- Lord Jesus, to you who said to your disciples and who repeats it to us today: *“The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few!”*, we say: **R.**

- Lord Jesus, to You who are the Anointed one sent to the poor, the comforter of the brokenhearted and Liberator of captives, we say: **R.**

- Now we pray to you Lord: come to the aid of our weakness and give us good laborers, who are the proclaimers of Your Gospel: **R.**

- Pour out your sanctifying grace on all candidates for the ordained ministry, so that, consecrated by the anointing of your Spirit, they may be compassionate and holy priests: **R.**

Priest: O Lord, we offer this prayer, especially for those who will be ordained priests throughout the world in these days. May they experience your peace and the power of your consolation. We ask you this in the words that you yourself have taught us.

**Our father**

**Benediction**

**Final Song**

Format 10

***Ask and you will receive***

**Song for Eucharistic Adoration**

**From the Book of Esther** (Vulgate, Est. 4:17 n. p-r. aa-bb. gg-hh)

Queen Esther, seized with mortal anguish, fled to the Lord for refuge. Then she prayed to the Lord, the God of Israel, saying: “My Lord, you alone are our King. Help me, who am alone and have no help but you, for I am taking my life in my hand. From birth, I have heard among my people that you, Lord, chose Israel from among all nations, and our ancestors from among all their forebears, as a lasting inheritance, and that you fulfilled all your promises to them. Put in my mouth persuasive words in the presence of the lion, and turn his heart to hatred for our enemy, so that he and his co-conspirators may perish. Save us by your power, and help me, who am alone and have no one but you, Lord. O God, whose power is over all, hear the voice of those in despair. Save us from the power of the wicked and deliver me from my fear.”

The Word of the Lord.

Silence and adoration

**From the *Writings* of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia** (Cf. Vol. VI, Ed. Rogate, p. 317; Vol. V, Ed. Rogate, p. 419)

As much as prayer is necessary, it is also effective. Here is a comforting truth. What does the efficacy of prayer mean? It means that when we pray with faith, fervor, and proper dispositions, prayer reaches the divine presence and obtains with certainty what is asked for. This certainty is based on nothing less than the very infallible promise of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who told us: “Seek and you will find, ask and you will receive, knock and the door will be opened to you, for he who asks, receives, and he who seeks, finds, and to anyone who knocks, the door will be opened” (Mt 7:7-8). He told the parables of the friend who knocked at his friend’s door to ask for three loaves of bread (cf. Lk 11:5-8) and of the widow who received justice from a judge who refused to give it to her because he was unjust (cf. Lk 18:1-8). Furthermore, the people cannot merit from God this Grace that surpasses all others, that is, to obtain chosen ministers of God, if they are not accustomed to ask for it from God. To this end, the words of the Divine Redeemer could be repeated to the people: “Up to now you have not received because you have not asked. Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you” (Mt 7:7).

**Prayer for Vocations**

**O Lord of the harvest,** hidden under the veil of Bread, we thank You for raising up in our time, your servant and our Father, Hannibal Mary, the father of the orphans and refuge of the poor. With the power and help of Your Spirit, you made him an admirable minister of your compassion to the crowds. Following your teachings, he was a true herald of the Gospel, who is constantly imploring the gift of laborers for your harvest.

You revealed to him the mystery of your compassionate Heart and your Word: *Pray the Lord of the harvest, so that he may send laborers into his harvest*. You filled him with your zeal for the glory of God the Father and consecrated him as your priest forever, making him in the Church the father of a multitude of children whose goal is your Kingdom, whose condition is the prayer of the Rogate, and whose law is your zeal and compassion. In caring for the orphans, he showed your face as the Comforter of the afflicted; in opening his hands to the poor and destitute, he opened for them the gates of heavenly joy.

O Lord Jesus, sure hope of the humble, through the intercession of St. Hannibal Mary, whom you made an outstanding apostle of prayer for vocations, send into your harvest many and holy laborers of the Gospel, prophets and witnesses who are full of zeal for your glory, filled with compassion for the salvation of souls, dedicated to prayer and the sacrifice of praise, so that the world may see their good works and glorify You who are in heaven and live and reign with your Father and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

**Our father**

**Benediction**

**Final Song**