

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS



**“Pray to the Lord of the harvest:
the interior discovery of God’s gift.”**

1. INTRODUCTION

Leader: : Brothers and sisters, as we continue our journey of preparation for the Centennial of the Blessed Passing of Saint Hannibal, we gather before the Eucharist to let ourselves be enlightened by our Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who lays down His life for His sheep.

In his message for the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that every vocation is born from an interior discovery of God's gift—a gift that blossoms in the depths of the heart and makes life “truly beautiful” when we allow ourselves to be guided by His loving gaze.

Let us pause in silence, for—as Saint Augustine teaches—“*truth dwells in the inner man.*”

We ask that this time of adoration may open within us spaces of listening, trust, and vocational growth.

Let us welcome the Lord who comes among us, as we lift our hearts in song.

(Silent Adoration)

2. OPENING PRAYER

L. Holy Spirit, Counselor, who inspired the prophets and the apostles: awaken even today hearts that are docile and generous, capable of hearing the voice of the Good Shepherd.

A. Glory to you, Breath of Life!

L. Holy Spirit, Power from on high, who overshadowed Mary and made her the dwelling place of the Word: enable us to welcome the gift of vocation as a plan of love and true happiness.

A. Glory to you, Strength of God!

L. L. Holy Spirit, Defender, who enkindled in the apostles the fire of witnessing: grant to the Church holy laborers after the Heart of Christ.

A. Glory to you, Spirit of God!

3. LISTENING TO THE WORD

Leader: In this Easter season, as we celebrate the new life bestowed upon us by Christ, the Gospel of the Good Shepherd invites us to renew our attentiveness to His voice. Let us receive the Word with open hearts, ready to follow Him with trust and joy.

Jn. 10:1-10

Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.” Although Jesus used this figure of speech, they did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, “Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came [before me] are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter

and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Brief moment of silence.

4. COMMUNITY REFLECTION

Leader: Let us remain before the Eu-
charist, allowing ourselves to be reached by the voice of the Good Shepherd, just as Pope Leo XIV invited us to do in his Message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Vocation does not arise outside of us, but in the most intimate place of the heart—where God dwells and where His light goes before us.

It is there that the Lord speaks to us, draws us to Himself, shapes us, and enables us to recognize the beauty of the life He sets before us.

All: Lord, speak to us in the silence of the heart.

L.1 Jesus is the Good Shepherd: His beauty is the beauty of One who loves without measure, who lays down His life, who brings light into our darkness. A Vocation is born when we allow our-selves to be reached by His gaze—when we permit Christ to touch what is most authentic and most fragile within us. It is an experience of attraction, of light, of truth that reveals itself slowly, like a seed that sprouts in silence. Saint Augustine reminds us that God is “more inward than my inmost self.” Vocation is a gift that grows within, not outside. It requires

listening, interiority, and a readiness to be led. God knows us better than we know ourselves; for this reason, we can trust His voice.

All: Lord make us docile to Your voice.

L.2. Trust is the decisive step in every vocational journey. Like Joseph, we are called to welcome even what we do not yet understand, confident that God is guiding our story. A Vocation grows through the daily “yes,” through small acts of fidelity, through the willingness to be surprised by the Lord’s will. And We do not walk alone. Vocation grows and matures within the Church, within the community, within the bonds of fra-
ternity that sustain and accompany us. The community is the place where a call is recognized, safeguarded, tested, and purified. There we learn that our life is a gift for others, not an individual project.

All: Lead us, Lord, on the path of trust.

Leader: For the Family of the Rogate, this journey takes on a special meaning as we draw near to the Centennial of the passing of Saint Hannibal. He lived his vocation as a burning response to the command of Jesus: “*Pray the Lord of the harvest.*” He believed that the harvest is great and the laborers are few, and he spent his life so that the Church might have holy shepherds—
hearts aflame, hands capable of mercy. The Pope reminds us that vocation is not a static goal but a dynamic process: it requires discernment, perseverance, and fidelity to the Spirit. It is like the vine that grows only if it remains united to the branch: it needs care, pruning, and light. Nothing is accidental, nothing is wasted;

everything can become part of God's design if we allow ourselves to be guided by His grace. In this time of adoration, let us ask to rediscover the beauty of our call and to become a community that accompanies, supports, generates, and safeguards. And as we prepare to celebrate Saint Hannibal, let us ask for his very heart: a heart that sees, loves, serves, and gives itself.

All: Send, O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church.

Hymn

Silent Adoration

During the time of adoration, brief sayings of Saint Hannibal are offered for meditation:

"I found myself engaged, according to my poor strength, in bringing spiritual and temporal relief to that abandoned people."

"What are these few orphans, who are saved, compared with the millions who are lost and lie abandoned like sheep without a shepherd?"

"I considered the smallness of my wretched strength and the narrow limits of my abilities, and I sought a way out—and I found it, vast and immense, in those adorable words of our Lord Jesus Christ: 'Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest.'"

5. PRAYER FOR GOOD LABORERS

(All Kneel)

Leader: Every vocation is always God's initiative: He is the One who calls us to follow Him, the Good Shepherd. Yet, *"vocations, like efficacious grace, must come down from above; and if one does not pray, if one does not carry out the command given by Our Lord Jesus Christ, vocations from on high do not descend"* (Saint Hannibal Mary Di Francia).

All: Good Father, giver of life, in the silence of adoration we recognize Your presence dwelling within the heart and illuminating our path. You have called us from our mother's womb and have placed within us the desire for a life that is full and beautiful.

Send Your Spirit to enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may recognize the gift that we are and the gifts You have entrusted in the Church. May the light of the Good Shepherd transform our frailties and make Your beauty shine through us.

As we journey toward the Centennial of the Blessed Passing of Saint Hannibal, grant us his ardent and trusting heart—a heart able to pray, to love, and to serve. Make our vocation fruitful, and let each of us take part with joy in the work You desire to accomplish in history.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Song



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