

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR
VOCATIONS



**“My flesh
is true food.”**

1. INTRODUCTION

Leader: To celebrate the Body and Blood of Christ in this year in which the Family of the Rogate prepares to enter into the Centenary of the Blessed Passing of Saint Hannibal Mary Di Francia is, for us, a source of profound gratitude and renewed responsibility. The Eucharist reminds us of the primacy of God—of His self-giving Love, of His presence that abides. Saint Hannibal taught us that “the Eucharist and the priesthood were born as twin offspring from the Adorable Heart of Jesus,” and that from this same Heart springs the command of the Rogate, entrusted to the Church as a permanent mission. The Bread we break is the Sacrament of Love: Christ who gives Himself and who asks that we, too, give ourselves. For this reason, as we adore the Lord present in the Eucharist, we renew our vocation to be the people of the Rogate—intercessors, educators, sowers of vocations in the Church and in the world.

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

(Silent Adoration)

2. INVOCATIONS

All: After each invocation, together we say: **Lord, we give You thanks.**

- Because in the Eucharist You have given us everything...

- Because in the Eucharist You give us life...

- Because in the Eucharist You give us love...

- Because the Eucharist is the fountain of vocations...

- Because in the Eucharist You sustain the Family of the Rogate...

3. LISTENING TO THE WORD

Leader: The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ brings us back to the very heart of the charism of the Rogate: the Eucharist. It is from which the priesthood, the mission, and the prayer for good laborers are born. In the Centenary of the Blessed Passing of Saint Hannibal, we allow ourselves to be guided by the Word in which Jesus reveals Himself as the Bread of Life—Bread broken for the world, calling the Church to pray, to love, and to serve.

(John 6:51-58)

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.” The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?” Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats[s] my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in

him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Brief moment of silence.

4. COMMUNITY REFLECTION

Leader: Jesus reveals Himself as the Living Bread come down from heaven. His gift is total: His Body broken, His Blood poured out, His life handed over. The Eucharist is the place where the Church learns to live as He lived: in self giving, in service, in mission.

Lector: To eat the flesh of the Son of Man means to enter into communion with His life, His manner of living, His offering. It is an invitation to allow ourselves to be transformed, to become bread broken for our brothers and sisters. For the Family of the Rogate, this mystery has a particular meaning: Saint Hannibal saw in the Eucharist the very source of the Rogate—the strength to pray, to love, to serve the little ones and the poor, to generate vocations. In the Centenary of his holy transit, his teaching resounds anew for us: *“The Eucharist is the heart of the Church and the heart of*

vocations. Where Jesus in the Sacrament is loved, good laborers flourish.”

Moment of silence for reflection

Together: Grant, O Lord, that every desire of Yours may be welcomed and loved by us. Enlighten our choices, guide our steps, guard our fidelity. Give us a heart that seeks Your will, that is not led astray, that walks in the light of the Gospel. Lead us to contemplate Your Face for all eternity. Amen.

Hymn

Leader: From the Writings of Saint Hannibal Mary Di Francia

Lector: Our Lord Jesus Christ, in instituting the great Sacrament of the Eucharist and giving it to the Apostles at the Last Supper, had before Him the whole of His Church, which He would nourish with the same Bread of eternal life. In that moment He transmitted to the Apostles His own priesthood, giving them the power to consecrate His Body and Blood until the end of the ages, and to prepare souls through the forgiveness of sins. By saying, “Do this in memory of me,” Jesus entrusted this mission not only to the Apostles, but to all the priests of the future.

Refrain: We adore You O Lord.

Lector: The priesthood of Jesus Christ is handed on from bishops to priests, and thus His real presence in the Eucharist is perpetuated until the end of the world.

5. PRAYER FOR GOOD LABORERS

(All Kneel)

For this reason we say that the Eucharist and the priesthood were born together from the Adorable Heart of Jesus, for one cannot exist without the other. The priesthood has meaning because it renews and gives to the faithful the Most Holy Eucharist, after having purified them through sacramental forgiveness. And the Eucharist exists because the priest, by Christ's will, consecrates it and offers it to the People of God, according to that wondrous order established by the Lord at the end of His earthly life.

Refrain: We adore You O Lord.

Lector: Given this, it is unthinkable that Eucharistic Congresses should lack a reminder of the great command of the Heart of Jesus: "Rogate ergo..." Among the many ways of honouring the Most Blessed Sacrament, one cannot neglect what is most vital for the Church: the formation of a clergy both numerous and holy. For this reason, all true believers and lovers of Christ are called to give living fulfillment to His divine injunction: Rogate ergo.

Refrain: Send O Lord, Holy Apostles Into Your Church.

Silent Adoration

Leader: The Eucharist is the treasure of the Church. From it the mission is born; from it the Rogate springs forth. Saint Hannibal taught us to pray in this way:

All Together:

O Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament, who still pass along our streets as once You walked through the ways of Jerusalem, renew the miracles of vocations that You worked in the Apostles.

Remember that from Your Heart the Eucharist and the priesthood were born together. For this mystery of love, send to Your Church numerous and holy ministers—who may know You, love You, offer You to the Father, and guide Your people in holiness.

O Most Loving Heart of the Sacrament of Supreme Goodness, look upon Your Church that waits for You; look upon the world that hungers for the Gospel; look upon the Family of the Rogate that intercedes. Hear our supplications, that good laborers may never be lacking in Your harvest. Amen. *(Saint Hannibal Maria Di Francia).*

Eucharistic Benediction

Final Hymn



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