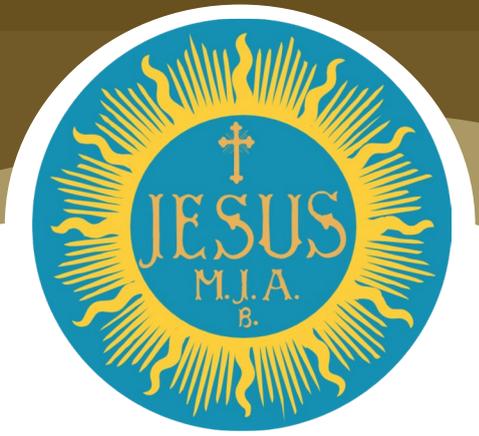
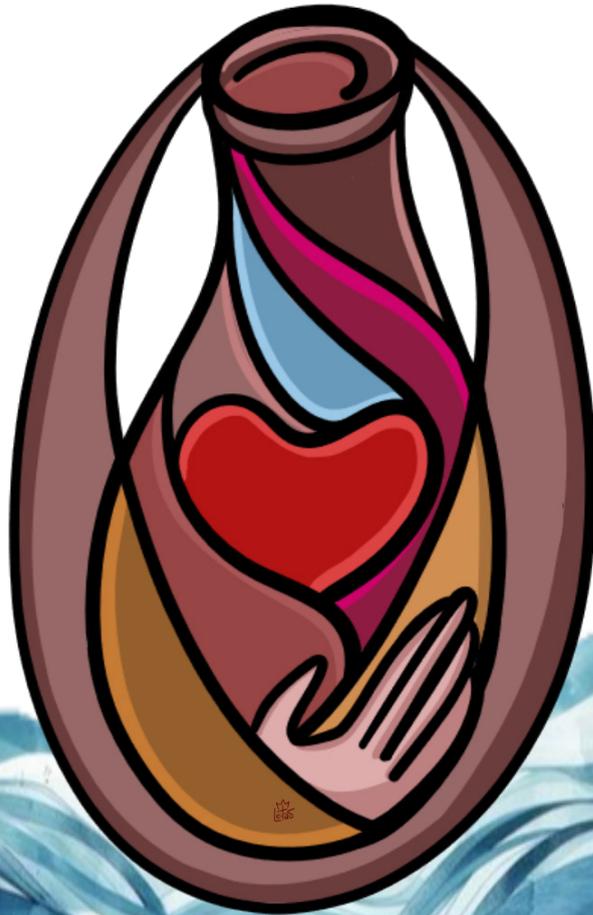


EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS



**“If you knew
the gift of God”**



1. INTRODUCTION

Leader: In this year of grace, as we continue our journey toward the Centenary of the blessed passing of Saint Hannibal Mary Di Francia, we gather before the Lord like thirsty pilgrims seeking the spring of living water. The Centenary is not merely a remembrance; it is an invitation to return to the roots of our charism and to let ourselves be renewed by the living water who is Christ.

The Gospel leads us to the well of Sychar, where Jesus waits for the Samaritan woman and, in her, for each one of us. We come carrying our jars—our labors, our questions, our desires. The Lord looks upon us, knows us, and offers us the gift of the Spirit, who can transform thirst into mission and fragility into witness.

As Benedict XVI reminded us in one of his Lenten Messages, every human being carries within a deep thirst: a thirst for God, for true love, for a life that is full. It is precisely there that the Lord speaks to us.

Saint Hannibal, a man of longing and compassion, lived his entire life as a continual going to the well: to draw Christ and to offer Him to the little ones, the poor, and the young. Nourished by the Eucharist, he became a spring of life for many.

May this time of adoration help us to recognize our thirst and the gift of God, and make us capable of living the Rogate as a response of love and as living water for the Church and for the world.

Opening Song: Let us welcome the Lord who comes among us.

(Silent Adoration)

2. OPENING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, living fountain who waits for us at the well, you know the deepest thirst within us. Speak to us in the silence, open our hearts to your Word, and grant us the water of the Spirit that renews and sends. Make our gaze pure, that we may recognize in You the only One who satisfies our longing for truth and for love. Renew within us the joy of our baptismal vocation and raise up in your Church young and generous hearts. Make of our life an open spring, a witness of fraternity, justice, and peace. You who transformed the Samaritan woman into a missionary, transform us also into heralds of your love. Amen.

3. LISTENING TO THE WORD

Leader: Christ is the living presence of God who comes to satisfy our deepest thirst. Only He can fulfill the desire for truth, for love, and for meaning that dwells within every vocation. With the openness of heart of the Samaritan woman, let us draw near to His Word so that we may allow ourselves to be encountered, renewed, and called.

From the Holy Gospel according to John

(Jn 4:5–15.19b–26.39a.40–42)

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the well is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." Many of the Samaritans of that town began

to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Brief moment of silence.

4. COMMUNITY REFLECTION

Leader: The Samaritan woman is an image of humanity in search—often without knowing what it truly desires. She is an image of the Church, but also of our personal and vocational journey. In her we recognize fatigue, confusion, and thirst, yet also a readiness to be surprised.

L.1 Pope Francis, in one of his Lenten Messages, reminded us that God never tires of coming to meet humanity, even when it has lost its way. Jesus does not wait for the Samaritan woman to change her life before speaking to her; He reaches her in her fragility. He does the same with us: He meets us where we are, not where we think we should be. He speaks to us in truth, yet with a tenderness that never humiliates.

Brief moment of Silence.

Song

L.2 Benedict XVI, in a Lenten Message, affirmed that within every human being there is a thirst that no earthly

reality can satisfy. It is a thirst for the infinite, for eternity, for love without measure. The Samaritan woman tried to quench this thirst in mistaken relationships, in fragile affections, in wells that do not give water. We too often seek water in cracked cisterns: in success, in activism, in recognition, in human securities.

Brief silence for interior reflection

All: Welcome us, Lord, at the well of encounter. Speak to us first, You who are the living water that refreshes the heart. Turn us away from desires that do not satisfy, and loosen the fears and resistances that hold back our faith. Make our thirst transparent, fill it with your Spirit, and widen our hearts to listen to your voice. Open within us a passage for your grace and make us ready for your call, so that we may become a spring of goodness for those beside us. Amen.

Song

G. Saint Hannibal teaches us that the true spring is Christ. His whole life was a continual return to the well of the Eucharist, where he found light, strength, discernment, and apostolic fervor. The Rogate itself is born from a thirst—the thirst of Jesus for the crowds who were like sheep without a shepherd. It is a thirst that Saint Hannibal made his own, until he became a voice that implores, a heart that intercedes, a life poured out.

L3. The Centenary we are celebrating invites us to return to this spring. We cannot honor Saint Hannibal without allowing ourselves to be touched by his passion for Christ and for souls. Like the Samaritan woman, we are called to let ourselves be seen, questioned, converted—and then to run forth and proclaim: “Come and see!” “Jesus is the

inexhaustible source of every grace. Whoever draws near to Him with a sincere heart finds light, strength, consolation, and life. He alone can satisfy the thirst of the soul; He alone can fill the emptiness of the heart. Let us go to Him with confidence: He awaits us to refresh us with His infinite charity.” (*Sant’Annibale Maria Di Francia, Scritti, Vol. IV, “Meditazioni e Istruzioni Spirituali”; Ed. Rogate.*)

Song

5. PRAYER FOR GOOD LABORERS

(Kneeling)

Leader: Are we truly thirsty for the living water that Jesus offers, or do we allow ourselves to be distracted by waters that do not satisfy? The Gospel reminds us that only Christ can quench the deep thirst that dwells within every vocation—a thirst for truth, for love, for a life made full. Let us draw near to Him as the Samaritan woman did: with sincerity, with the desire to be reborn, with a heart ready to listen and to be called.

All: Thank you, Lord, for the living water you have poured into our hearts. You have given us Yourself—a spring that never runs dry, a light that scatters darkness, a joy that brings new life. Let this grace not remain ours alone: make us able to bring it to those who seek You without knowing it, especially to young people searching for meaning and for a future. Awaken in them the courage to consecrate their lives to You and to their brothers and sisters. Always give us, O Lord, the living water that refreshes. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Song



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