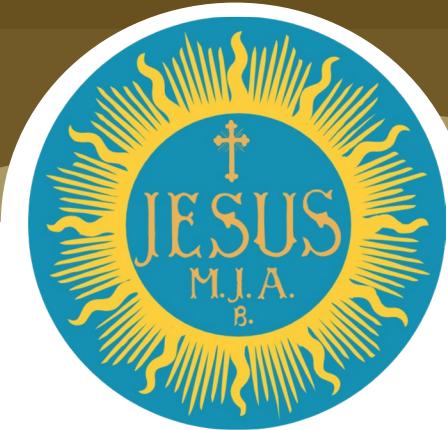


# EUCARISTIC ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS



You are  
the light.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

**Leader:** We continue our monthly journey toward the Centenary of the birth into heaven of Saint Hannibal Mary Di Francia, allowing ourselves to be guided by the Word that the Church offers us on the coming Sunday.

Jesus entrusts to us two simple and decisive images: **salt and light**. Two realities that are small, almost invisible, yet capable of transforming whatever they touch: salt gives flavor, light reveals the truth of things. Such is the Christian vocation, and such is the mission of the Rogationist Family: small and hidden, yet necessary so that the world may rediscover meaning and hope.

An ancient Jewish proverb says: "All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish a single small flame, but one small flame can illuminate all the darkness." We are not called to illuminate everything by ourselves, but to **remain faithful to our vocation**, so that through us the light of God may reach those we encounter.

*Let us welcome, with song, the Lord who comes among us.*

## 2. OPENING PRAYER

**Lord Jesus, you are the one, necessary, and irreplaceable way: the bridge through which God came down among humanity and the bridge through which humanity returns to the Father. You are the living Way, the radiant model to be followed. Create in us the silence needed to listen to your voice; open our hearts to welcome your Word, so that the light of your wisdom may enlighten our**

**choices and make us credible witnesses of your love. Grant that the Church may never lack holy and numerous apostles, and that the Rogationist Family may always be a humble and faithful light in the world. Amen.**

## 3. LISTENING TO THE WORD

**Leader:** We are called to be salt and light: not separated from the world, but immersed in it, so that through our lives people may glimpse the face of the Father.

**From the Gospel according to Matthew**

*(Mt 5:13-16)*

*At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt loses its taste, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a bushel basket; rather, it is placed on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."*

The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Brief moment of silence.*

## 4. COMMUNITY REFLECTION

**Leader:** "You are the salt of the earth... you are the light of the world." Not an invitation, but an identity: you are. Jesus entrusts to his disciples—and

today to us—a mission that unfolds through smallness, discretion, and daily faithfulness.

**L.1** Salt is small, yet it gives flavor. Light is fragile, yet it overcomes darkness. So it is with the disciples: few, yet necessary. The Christian community is not called to dominate, but to enhance what it touches, to reveal the hidden beauty in things, and to make the world more human.

**L.2** Saint Hannibal reminds us that this mission is closely linked to prayer for vocations: “The Most High has willed to bind the abundance of worthy workers for the mystical harvest to prayer in order to obtain them.” And he adds: “There can be no light if there is no holy priest.”

For this reason, the Rogate is light: because it invokes, prepares, accompanies, and sustains those whom the Lord calls. And the Rogationist Family—consecrated persons and lay people alike—is called to be a lamp kept burning, not for itself, but for the world.

**Guide:** Our smallness is not a limitation; it is the space in which God can shine. Our good works—beautiful, free, and joyful—are the oil that feeds the lamp. And our prayer is the breath that keeps the flame alive.

*Brief silence for interior reflection*

**All:** Lord, you are my light; without you I walk in darkness. Open my eyes and my heart, so that I may walk in the way of life. Enlighten my life, so that I too may give light: not with words, but with example; not with force, but with

joy; not for myself, but for you. Make the Rogationist Family a humble and faithful light in the world, so that many may encounter in us your tenderness and your call. Amen.

### **Song**

**G.** We are called to act so as to be “the salt of the earth, the light of the world,” so that people may “give glory to the Father who is in heaven.”

**L.3.** What must we do to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world? The witness of consecrated men and women, through the radical following of Christ, is a concrete manifestation of this light and this salt. It is also a fundamental educational resource to help every person discover that to live means to be willed and loved by God, moment by moment. As Benedict XVI reminded us: “Each of us is willed, each is loved, each is necessary. There is nothing more beautiful than to be reached, surprised by the Gospel, by Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know Him and to communicate friendship with Him to others.” These realities, as sublime as they are demanding, can be understood and lived only in a climate of constant prayer.

**L.4.** Saint Hannibal writes: “The Most High has willed to bind the abundance of worthy workers for His mystical harvest to the prayer that obtains them. It is necessary to pray to the Lord of the harvest, for it is not to His advantage to send workers into His vineyard, nor does He benefit from their abundant harvest; the benefit is entirely ours—of us

human beings—for whose salvation we must pray and intercede for one another.”

The necessity of this prayer arises from the fact that humanity cannot be led to truth and salvation except through the priest. For this reason, Jesus said to priests: “You are the light of the world, you are the salt of the earth.” There can be no light unless there is a holy priest.

Wherever good appears, wherever faith flourishes, wherever souls find salvation, wherever young people grow in faith, wherever the poor receive relief, wherever good works arise, wherever religion is supported, defended, and protected, wherever error is opposed, wherever the laity are alive, Catholic, and active... there the work of the priest is always present.

Let us imagine for a moment that the priesthood, like a setting sun, were to be extinguished. Would not the whole world fall into darkness? Where would the worship of God be, the Sacraments, the Eucharist, the Word, Faith, Charity? Everything would be lost.

Let us imagine instead the opposite: that the earth was rich in ministers of God, numerous and holy—so numerous as to be one for every hundred inhabitants of the world, and so holy as to resemble the ancient apostles. Would this not be the sudden salvation and happiness of all souls, without exception?

Mysterious and inscrutable are the judgments of God.

**G.** For this reason the Rogate is light: because it invokes, accompanies, and prepares the workers of the Gospel. And our Rogationist Family—consecrated and lay—is called to guard this flame, so that it may never be extinguished.

*Silence*

## 5. PRAYER FOR GOOD LABORERS

*(Kneeling)*

**Leader:** Jesus counts on us. We cannot disappoint Him.

**All:** Stay with me, Jesus, and I will begin to shine with your light. May your light reach others through me. Let my life speak of you without the need for words, with the strength of love, the joy of service, and the faithfulness of prayer. Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Rogate, and of Saint Hannibal, apostle of prayer for vocations, send holy and numerous workers to your Church and make our Rogationist Family a light that never goes out. Amen.

*Benediction*

*Closing Song*



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