

**AIDS TO  
COMMUNITY PRAYER ENCOUNTERS  
in preparation for the**

**XIII General Chapter**  
Congregation of the Rogationists



**The Rogationist Religious Life Today:  
Unity, Coordination, and Sharing**

## **NOTES**

### **ON THE AIDS TO COMMUNITY PRAYER ENCOUNTERS** **in preparation for the XIII General Chapter**

As our Congregation approaches the XIII General Chapter, let us all partake in its immediate preparation even as individuals and communities, particularly by means of prayer.

Prayer is the highest expression of our unity and communion, first of all in union with the Holy Trinity. Gathered in the Name of Jesus, he is in our midst to pray for us and with us, making our prayer acceptable to the Father. In communion with him, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we rediscover our vocation as baptized and as Rogationist religious who form a charismatic family called and sent by the Christ of the Rogate. In prayer, we are reinforced in our identity and mission as we journey on the path of synodality.

The following prayer aids, intended for community use in the last three months prior to the start of the General Chapter (April, May, June), include the following:

#### **1. Community Prayer Encounters**

- There are two variations of the guide to prayer, a. with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, b. without the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
- There are three schemas, corresponding to the three themes of the General Chapter: unity, collaboration, sharing
- The community chooses the appropriate songs related to the theme.

#### **2. Community celebration of the Holy Mass**

- Suggested **Mass formulary and Readings**: Masses for various needs. For Spiritual or Pastoral Gathering (no. 20)
- Suggested **Preface and Eucharistic Prayer**: For use of Masses for various needs. The Church on the Path of Unity.
- **Prayers of the Faithful**: three sets corresponding to the three themes of the XIII General Chapter: unity, collaboration, sharing

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## THE PATH OF UNITY AND COMMUNION

**Introduction:** Unity and communion. These words can be fully understood only in the light of the mystery of the Holy Trinity – the central mystery of our Christian faith. This we know and believe, thanks to the Word-made-flesh, Jesus who revealed it to us. In this community prayer, we are invited to meditate on the priestly prayer of Jesus, which reveals not only His unity with the Father but also the unity of those who believe in Him. Indeed, there is no true unity and communion unless we go to the very foundation of our faith – that we are all brothers in God who is our Father; to go to the very foundation of our mission – that we are all sent in the world as Christ's disciples; and to go to the very foundation of our charismatic identity – that we are all inflamed by the Holy Spirit to dedicate ourselves to the Divine Command: Rogate.

As we prepare for the XIII General Chapter, let us recall how we are united by the calling and following of Christ of the Rogate who forms us as one Religious Family for the building up of the Kingdom of God. May unity and communion become the flesh of our prayers, as we all strive for holiness.

### Opening Song

**Variation #1** (*if there is the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*)

#### Greetings to the Blessed Sacrament

Lord Jesus Christ, on the night before you were handed on to suffer and die on the Cross, you prayed for the unity of your brethren by asking the Father to consecrate them in truth.

*Praise and Thanks every moment, to the most Holy and most Divine Sacrament...*  
*Glory to the Father...*  
*Send, O Lord...*

Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when Nicodemus reached out to you as His new teacher, you assured him that when you are lifted up from the earth, you will draw everyone to yourself.

*Praise and Thanks every moment, to the most Holy and most Divine Sacrament...*  
*Glory to the Father...*  
*Send, O Lord...*

Lord Jesus Christ, on the night of betrayal and denial by your friends, you instituted the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood as the memorial of your love and as the sacrament of unity that confirms and strengthens the bond between brothers.

*Praise and Thanks every moment, to the most Holy and most Divine Sacrament...  
Glory to the Father...  
Send, O Lord...*

**Variation #2** (*if there is no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*)  
**Invocation to the Holy Spirit**

Come, Holy Spirit, from heaven shine forth with your glorious light.  
***Veni Sancte Spiritus.***

Come, Father of the poor, come, generous Spirit, come, light of our hearts.  
***Veni Sancte Spiritus.***

Come from the four winds, O Spirit, come breath of God; disperse the shadows over us, renew and strengthen your people.  
***Veni Sancte Spiritus.***

Most kindly warming light! Enter the inmost depths of our hearts, for we are faithful to you. Without your presence, we have nothing worthy, nothing pure.  
***Veni Sancte Spiritus.***

You are the only comforter, Peace of the soul. In the heat you shade us; in our labor you refresh us, in trouble you are strength.  
***Veni Sancte Spiritus.***

On all who put their trust in you and receive you in faith, shower all your gifts. Grant that they may grow in you and persevere to the end. Give them lasting joy!  
***Veni Sancte Spiritus.***

**Silent Prayer**

**Biblical Readings:** *from the Gospel according to John* (John 17:1, 6-10, 20-26)

When Jesus had said this, he raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your Son, so that your Son may glorify you. [...] I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them [...] because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them.

"I pray not only for them but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also

may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them.”

## **Silence / Reflection**

### **Psalm 133**

How good and how pleasant it is,  
when brothers dwell together as one!  
Like fine oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
Upon the beard of Aaron,  
upon the collar of his robe.  
Like the dew of Hermon coming down  
upon the mountains of Zion.  
There the Lord has decreed a blessing,  
life forevermore!

## **From the Writings of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia (*Declarations and Promises* n. 9)**

I declare that I have learned, to my great delight, that in this Institute, great value is placed on mutual love and respect; and that the precept given by Our Lord Jesus Christ, *Love one another as I have loved you* (Jn. 15:12), which form the distinctive mark of all Christians, is the primary rule of this Institute, as that of *loving God above all things with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength* (cf. Mt. 22:37; Mk. 12:29-30).

Having said this, I will devote myself, with the help of the divine grace and my own goodwill, and I promise to be most attentive to this holy love. I will seek to form in myself a heart which is tender, affectionate, and loving with all persons of the Institute; I will ask of the most Holy Heart of Jesus for this spirit of charity towards all my brethren. I will love them, show them compassion; as much as I can, I will pray for them, desire and obtain their good as it were my own personal good.

## **Silence**

## **Community Prayer:**

Lord God, your Church is gathered because it is convoked by your word. We Rogationists are formed as one family because of the Divine Word of the Rogate that your Son Jesus addresses to our hearts. You have called us to have his same compassion in seeing the crowds as sheep without a shepherd, his same interest of imploring the Lord of the harvest to send laborers in the harvest, and his same zeal as collaborators in his mission. May the prayer of unity of your Christ may come true; that we may be one as you are one in him. Dispel from us every temptation of egoism, discord, distrust, disunity. Make us persevere in every effort to walk together in following your call. As we prepare for the XIII General Chapter, grant that we may recognize each other as brothers in the Lord Jesus, so that our hearts, hands, and lips, may raise up the unceasing prayer for men and women who bring the tired and scattered flock into the one fold, gather the rich harvest in the one barn, and become living testimonies of unity. Amen.

*(if the Blessed Sacrament is exposed)*

## **Tantum Ergo / Benediction**

### **Divine Praises**

Blessed be God

Blessed be the Name of the Lord

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man

Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete

Blessed be the Great Mother of God, Mary Most Holy

Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception

Blessed be her glorious Assumption,

Blessed be the Name of Mary, Virgin and Mother

Blessed be St. Joseph, her Most Chaste spouse

Blessed be God, in His Angels and His Saints.

## **Concluding Song**

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## THE PATH OF COLLABORATION

**Introduction:** Collaboration is a concrete means of expressing unity. By collaborating, we become living and active members of our religious family, especially in witnessing our religious vocation and consecration in a world characterized by globalization. While our contemporary world enjoys advancements in technology and communication, on the other, it suffers different kinds of fragmentation and dehumanization. In this community prayer, we are invited not only to draw inspiration from the seventy-two whom Jesus sent to collaborate with him in the proclamation of the Kingdom of God but to remind us of our very own charismatic expression of collaborating with God's plan – as “pray-ers” for more and holy laborers and as laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. Like the seventy-two, we are sent by the Lord as his collaborators in the work of salvation. Aware and convinced that “No one is saved alone”, let us therefore proclaim to the world the command of the Rogate is an effective means that all may be saved. This is what our Saintly Founder taught and what we, his spiritual children, ought to do.

As we prepare for the XIII General Chapter, let us beg the Lord to inspire in us the spirit of brotherhood, founded and sustained by our obedience to the Divine Command of Jesus, so that we may walk together on the path of collaboration for the good of the Church and the salvation of souls, especially for the are “sheep without a shepherd” of our time.

### Opening Song

**Variation #1** (*if there is the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*)

#### **Greetings to the Blessed Sacrament**

Lord Jesus Christ, you sent seventy-two disciples to proclaim the Kingdom of God; here we are, send us too as collaborators in your work of Salvation.

*Praise and Thanks every moment, to the most Holy and most Divine Sacrament...*  
*Glory to the Father...*  
*Send, O Lord...*

Lord Jesus Christ, moved with compassion, you saw how rich the harvest is and the scarcity of laborers; help us have that same compassion as we share in your mission.

*Praise and Thanks every moment, to the most Holy and most Divine Sacrament...*  
*Glory to the Father...*  
*Send, O Lord...*

Lord Jesus Christ, we have received the Rogate from your sacred lips; grant that by obeying your Divine Command, we may dedicate ourselves to the building of your Mystical Body.

*Praise and Thanks every moment, to the most Holy and most Divine Sacrament...  
Glory to the Father...  
Send, O Lord...*

**Variation #2** (*if there is no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*)  
**Invocation to the Holy Spirit**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity, so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth, and what is right.  
All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever. Amen.

**Silent Prayer**

**Biblical Readings:** *From the Gospel according to Luke* (Luke 10:1-9)

After this, the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter, and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'

**Silence / Reflection**



## Psalm 127

If the Lord does not build the house, \*  
in vain do its builders labor;  
if the Lord does not watch over the city, \*  
in vain does the watchman keep vigil.

In vain is your earlier rising, \*  
your going later to rest,  
you who toil for the bread you eat, \*  
when he pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber.

Truly sons are a gift from the Lord, \*  
a blessing, the fruit of the womb.  
Indeed the sons of youth \*  
are like arrows in the hand of a warrior.

O the happiness of the man \*  
who has filled his quiver with these arrows!  
He will have no cause for shame \*  
when he disputes with his foes in the gateways.

**From the Writings of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia** (Cf. *Scritti*, vol. 56, p. 317. Excerpt of the letter sent to Cardinal Joseph Guarino, Archbishop of Messina, dated December 22, 1895).

To the Most Eminent Cardinal Archbishop Giuseppe Guarino

As you know Your Eminence, I have started a male Orphanage and a small community of clerics, with the goal of educating the orphans and evangelizing the poor. In this way, the daily needs of this new institute are provided for. I would like to start to form a small community of lay brothers who would be giving service to the community. These brothers would be wearing a simple habit of this Religious Congregation. All this I submit to your judgment, your Eminence, as I wait for your decision.

## Silence

## Community Prayer

O Lord Jesus,  
deign to send the omnipotent breath of holy vocation  
into the heart of so many youths,  
whose spirit is open to the influx 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 please to call,  
that they may respond to the holy vocation,  
and become true salt of the earth and light of the world.  
We ask you for priests for the whole Church,  
for all cities, for all towns and villages, for all lands,  
and we ask that they be according to your Heart. (*St. Hannibal Mary*)

*(if the Blessed Sacrament is exposed)*

### **Tantum Ergo / Benediction**

#### **Divine Praises**

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## THE PATH OF SHARING

**Introduction:** The mystery of the Incarnation reveals to us God's desire to share in our humanity. In like manner, the Paschal Mystery reveals to us God's willingness to give himself up to save humanity. God himself taught us that sharing is not an idea but a reality, not just a word but an experience. During his public ministry, Jesus did not just share things about God. Instead, he shared God himself. At the Last Supper, he took the bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. At the foot of the cross, he gave his Mother to the Church. On the day of Pentecost, he gave the apostles the gift of the Holy Spirit. In the footsteps of the Master, Church lives the gospel logic freely giving what one has freely received.

In this prayer gathering, let us ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to make us men of sharing just like her Son. May she accompany us with her maternal care as she did to the apostles as they await the coming of the Paraclete. Upon receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they were transformed from being frightened men and women to being zealous witnesses of what they experienced. We, too, have received a gift from the Holy Spirit –that was revealed to our founder St. Hannibal Mary in a privileged manner. It is a gift given by the Lord, destined to be shared for the building up of God's Kingdom.

As we prepare for the XIII General Chapter, let us put ourselves in the hands of Mary, the one who listened and obeyed every word of his Son. Let us ask her to accompany and sustain us in our contemplation of the Great Word Rogate and its zealous fulfillment. Let us ask her intercession that, like the apostles, we may be docile to the Holy Spirit, zealous to share in the mission of Christ, and ready to be sent out to all the world to share the Gospel of the Rogate.

### Opening Song

**Variation #1** (*if there is the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*)

#### Greetings to the Blessed Sacrament

Lord Jesus Christ, by your Incarnation and Passion, you became like us in all things to express the infinite mercy of God towards humanity.

*Praise and Thanks every moment, to the most Holy and most Divine Sacrament...  
Glory to the Father... Send, O Lord...*

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave Mary as Mother to your beloved disciple. She accompanied and sustained your Apostles as they waited for the Paraclete.

*Praise and Thanks every moment, to the most Holy and most Divine Sacrament...  
Glory to the Father... Send, O Lord...*

Lord Jesus Christ, you commissioned your disciples to preach, baptize, and be instruments of the Father's mercy to all.

*Praise and Thanks every moment, to the most Holy and most Divine Sacrament...  
Glory to the Father... Send, O Lord...*

**Variation #2** (*if there is no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*)  
**Invocation to the Holy Spirit** (*if the Blessed Sacrament is not exposed.*)

VENI, Creator Spiritus,  
mentes tuorum visita,  
imple superna gratia  
quae tu creasti pectora.

COME, Holy Spirit, Creator blest,  
and in our souls take up Thy rest;  
come with Thy grace and heavenly aid  
to fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

Qui diceris Paraclitus,  
altissimi donum Dei,  
fons vivus, ignis, caritas,  
et spiritalis unctio.

O comforter, to Thee we cry,  
O heavenly gift of God Most High,  
O fount of life and fire of love,  
and sweet anointing from above.

Tu, septiformis munere,  
digitus paternae dexteræ,  
Tu rite promissum Patris,  
sermone ditans guttura.

Thou in Thy sevenfold gifts are known;  
Thou, finger of God's hand we own;  
Thou, promise of the Father, Thou  
Who dost the tongue with power imbue.

Accende lumen sensibus:  
infunde amorem cordibus:  
infirma nostri corporis  
virtute firmans perpeti.

Kindle our sense from above,  
and make our hearts o'erflow with love;  
with patience firm and virtue high  
the weakness of our flesh supply.

Hostem repellas longius,  
pacemque dones protinus:  
ductore sic te praevio  
vitemus omne noxium.

Far from us drive the foe we dread,  
and grant us Thy peace instead;  
so shall we not, with Thee for guide,  
turn from the path of life aside.

Per te sciamus da Patrem,  
noscamus atque Filium;  
Teque utriusque Spiritum  
credamus omni tempore.

Oh, may Thy grace on us bestow  
the Father and the Son to know;  
and Thee, through endless times confessed,  
of both the eternal Spirit blest.

Deo Patri sit gloria,  
et Filio, qui a mortuis  
surrexit, ac Paraclito,  
in saeculorum saecula.  
Amen.

Now to the Father and the Son,  
Who rose from death, be glory given,  
with Thou, O Holy Comforter,  
henceforth by all in earth and heaven.  
Amen.

## Silent Prayer

**Biblical Readings:** *From the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1,6-14)*

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they entered the city, they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary, the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

## Silence / Reflection

### Psalm 25

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. †  
I trust you, let me not be disappointed; \*  
do not let my enemies triumph.  
Those who hope in you shall not be disappointed, \*  
but only those who wantonly break faith.

Lord, make me know your ways. \*  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: \*  
for you are God my savior.

In you I hope all day long \*  
because of your goodness, O Lord.  
Remember your mercy, Lord, \*  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth. \*  
In your love remember me.

The Lord is good and upright. \*  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path; \*  
he teaches his way to the poor.

His ways are faithfulness and love \*  
for those who keep his covenant and law.  
Lord, for the sake of your name \*  
forgive my guilt; for it is great.

**From the Writings of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia (Vol. LIV, pp. 165-168)**

Our Lord Jesus Christ conferred the sacred character to the Apostles and instructed them in all his mysteries, but they understood nothing [...]. Instead, [Mary] the Seat of Wisdom, filled with the Holy Spirit since the moment of the Incarnation, understood everything, and after the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ, she gathered the Apostles and disciples in the Cenacle and urged them to pray for the Holy Spirit to descend upon them.

And the Apostles and the disciples prayed, and having with them the Mother of God, they persevered in prayer. More than the melodious sound of the angelic harp, the fervent prayers coming from the Immaculate Heart of Mary penetrated the Divine Presence! [...] If I look at that Immaculate heart, I see all the words uttered by our Lord Jesus Christ imprinted with golden characters. How true the saying of St. Luke is: '*Mary kept all the words of the Son, reflecting on them in her heart*' (Lk 2:19.51). That being said, it is impossible not to find imprinted with heavenly characters in her Immaculate Heart those words coming from the divine zeal of the Heart of Jesus: '*Rogate ergo Dominum messis ut mittat operarios in messem suam...*' Yes, Mary kept this command in her heart and observed it" (cf. Lk 11:28).

Extending her sight on all the afflicted humankind, Mary could see all the peoples of the world as an abundant abandoned harvest. She felt the great necessity of the mystical laborers in this vast field and could not but remember the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: "*Rogate ergo dominum mesiss ut mittat operarios in messem suam*" (Lk 9:38). Yes, Mary was praying! And she was praying to the great Master of the harvest, who is God, to send out the evangelical laborers. Who can tell how she was inflamed with this prayer! [...]

That "*Rogate*" so often repeated by her divine Son, was resounding in her ears and in her heart, and she was praying, praying, praying. [...] Mary most Holy has not ceased and will not cease to pray to obtain for the Holy Church the priceless treasure of good Gospel laborers. [...]

**Silence**

### **Community Prayer:**

Lord our God, as the Blessed Virgin was at prayer with the Apostles in the Cenacle, you poured out on her in abundance the gifts of the Holy Spirit; grant that united with Mary, our mother, we too, being filled with the same Spirit, may persevere with one mind in the unceasing prayer for the gift of new laborers of the harvest, to bring to the world around us the Good News of salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who is God, and lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

*(if the Blessed Sacrament is exposed)*

### **Tantum Ergo / Benediction**

#### **Divine Praises**

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### **Concluding Song**

## 20. FOR A SPIRITUAL OR PASTORAL GATHERING

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Mt 18: 19, 20

Thus says the Lord:  
Where two or three are gathered together in my name,  
there am I in the midst of them.

Or:

Col 3: 14-15

And over all things put on love,  
which is the bond of perfection.  
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
the peace into which you were also called in one body.

### Collect

Pour out on us, O Lord, we pray,  
a spirit of truth, understanding and peace,  
that we may know with all our hearts  
what is pleasing to you  
and, with one accord,  
pursue what we have come to know.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

Or:

O God, whose Son promised to all those gathered in his name  
that he would be there in their midst,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may be aware of his presence among us  
and, in truth and charity, experience in our hearts  
an abundance of grace, mercy and peace.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.



### **Prayer over the Offerings**

Look with gracious favor, O Lord, we pray,  
on the offerings of your servants,  
that they may truly understand and proclaim with confidence  
what is right and wholesome in your sight.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*Preface II of the Holy Spirit, p. 1342.*

### **Communion Antiphon**

Where true charity is dwelling, God is present there.  
By the love of Christ we have been brought together.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Grant us, O merciful God,  
that the holy gifts we have received  
may confirm us in our resolve to do your will  
and make us everywhere witnesses to your truth.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30.10-14

God's word is very near to you, that you may observe it.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

- 10 Moses spoke to the people, saying,  
"Obey the Lord your God  
by observing his commandments and decrees  
that are written in this book of the law;  
turn to the Lord your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul.
- 11 "Surely this commandment that I am commanding you today  
is not too hard for you,  
nor is it too far away.
- 12 It is not in heaven, that you should say,  
'Who will go up to heaven for us,  
and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?'
- 13 "Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say,  
'Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us,  
and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?'
- 14 "No, the word is very near to you;  
it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe."

The word of the Lord.

A period of silence is observed after the reading.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 19.7, 8, 9, 10 (R. Jn 6.68)

**R.** Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the Lord are sure,  
making wise the simple. **R.**
- 8 The precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear,  
enlightening the eyes. **R.**
- 9 The fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring forever;  
the ordinances of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether. **R.**
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb. **R.**

## FIRST READING

Philippians 2.1-4

*Make my joy complete: be in full accord and of one mind.*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

- Brothers and sisters,  
1 if there is any encouragement in Christ,  
any consolation from love,  
any sharing in the Spirit,  
any compassion and sympathy,  
2 make my joy complete:  
be of the same mind, having the same love,  
being in full accord and of one mind.
- 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,  
but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.
- 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests,  
but to the interests of others.

The word of the Lord.

*A period of silence is observed after the reading.*

## Gospel Acclamations

### Lent

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

*A pure heart create for me, O God  
and give me again the joy of your help*

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

### Outside Lent

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Matthew 18.15-20

*If a member listens to you, you have regained that one.*

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples:

- 15 "If your brother or sister sins against you,  
go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone.  
If the brother or sister listens to you,  
you have regained that one.
- 16 But if you are not listened to,  
take one or two others along with you,  
so that every word may be confirmed  
by the evidence of two or three witnesses.
- 17 If the brother or sister refuses to listen to them,  
tell it to the church;  
and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church,  
let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.
- 18 "Truly I tell you,  
whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,  
and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.
- 19 Again, truly I tell you,  
if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask,  
it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.
- 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name,  
I am there among them."

The gospel of the Lord.



## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR USE IN MASSES FOR VARIOUS NEEDS

### I

#### The Church on the Path of Unity

1. The following form of this Eucharistic Prayer is appropriately used with Mass formularies such as, For the Church, For the Pope, For the Bishop, For the Election of a Pope or a Bishop, For a Council or Synod, For Priests, For the Priest Himself, For Ministers of the Church, and For a Spiritual or Pastoral Gathering.

Text without music:

**V. The Lord be with you.**

**R. And with your spirit.**

**V. Lift up your hearts.**

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

**V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**R. It is right and just.**

**I**t is truly right and just to give you thanks  
and raise to you a hymn of glory and praise,  
O Lord, Father of infinite goodness.

For by the word of your Son's Gospel  
you have brought together one Church  
from every people, tongue, and nation,  
and, having filled her with life by the power of your Spirit,  
you never cease through her  
to gather the whole human race into one.

Manifesting the covenant of your love,  
she dispenses without ceasing  
the blessed hope of your Kingdom  
and shines bright as the sign of your faithfulness,  
which in Christ Jesus our Lord  
you promised would last for eternity.

And so, with all the Powers of heaven,  
we worship you constantly on earth,  
while, with all the Church,  
as one voice we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

2. The Priest, with hands extended, says:

You are indeed Holy and to be glorified, O God,  
who love the human race  
and who always walk with us on the journey of life.  
Blessed indeed is your Son,  
present in our midst  
when we are gathered by his love,  
and when, as once for the disciples, so now for us,  
he opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread.

Celebrant alone

3. He joins his hands and, holding them extended over the offerings, says:

**Therefore, Father most merciful,  
we ask that you send forth your Holy Spirit  
to sanctify these gifts of bread and wine,**

*Celebrant  
with concelebrants*

*He joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross once over the bread and chalice together, saying:*

**that they may become for us  
the Body and ✠ Blood**

*He joins his hands.*

**of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

4. *In the formulas that follow, the words of the Lord should be pronounced clearly and distinctly, as the nature of these words requires.*

**On the day before he was to suffer,  
on the night of the Last Supper,**

*He takes the bread and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:*

**he took bread and said the blessing,  
broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:**

*He bows slightly.*

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,  
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,  
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

*He shows the consecrated host to the people, places it again on the paten, and genuflects in adoration.*

5. *After this, he continues:*

**In a similar way, when supper was ended,**

*He takes the chalice and, holding it slightly raised above the altar, continues:*

**he took the chalice, gave you thanks  
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:**

*He bows slightly.*

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,  
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,  
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,  
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY  
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.**

**DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

*He shows the chalice to the people, places it on the corporal, and genuflects in adoration.*



6. Then he says:

**The mystery of faith.**

Celebrant alone

And the people continue, acclaiming:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

Or:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.

Or:

Save us, Savior of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

7. Then the Priest, with hands extended, says:

Celebrant  
with  
concelebrants

**Therefore, holy Father,  
as we celebrate the memorial of Christ your Son, our Savior,  
whom you led through his Passion and Death on the Cross  
to the glory of the Resurrection,  
and whom you have seated at your right hand,  
we proclaim the work of your love until he comes again  
and we offer you the Bread of life  
and the Chalice of blessing.**

**Look with favor on the oblation of your Church,  
in which we show forth  
the paschal Sacrifice of Christ that has been handed on to us,  
and grant that, by the power of the Spirit of your love,  
we may be counted now and until the day of eternity  
among the members of your Son,  
in whose Body and Blood we have communion.**

Lord, renew your Church (which is in N.)  
by the light of the Gospel.  
Strengthen the bond of unity  
between the faithful and the pastors of your people,  
together with N. our Pope, N. our Bishop,\*  
and the whole Order of Bishops,  
that in a world torn by strife  
your people may shine forth  
as a prophetic sign of unity and concord.

Celebrant or  
one concelebrant

Remember our brothers and sisters (N. and N.),  
who have fallen asleep in the peace of your Christ,  
and all the dead, whose faith you alone have known.  
Admit them to rejoice in the light of your face,  
and in the resurrection give them the fullness of life.

Celebrant alone  
or with  
concelebrants

Grant also to us,  
when our earthly pilgrimage is done,  
that we may come to an eternal dwelling place  
and live with you for ever;  
there, in communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,  
with the Apostles and Martyrs,  
(with Saint N.: the Saint of the day or Patron)  
and with all the Saints,  
we shall praise and exalt you

He joins his hands.

through Jesus Christ, your Son.

He takes the chalice and the paten with the host and, raising both, he says:

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
O God, almighty Father,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours,  
for ever and ever.

Celebrant alone  
or with  
concelebrants

The people acclaim:

Amen.

Then follows the Communion Rite, p. 663.

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Mention may be made here of the Coadjutor Bishop, or Auxiliary Bishops, as noted in the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, no. 149.

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL 1**

For the Community Mass in preparation for the XIII General Chapter  
Theme: Unity

**Priest:** Called by God the Father to gather as one family, in the name of Jesus, his Son, let us ask for the grace of the Holy Spirit to journey in communion in the building up the Kingdom. Let us pray...

### **LORD, UNITE US IN YOUR LOVE**

1. That the Church may journey on the synodal path in the spirit of conversion and contemplation that enables her to listen to and obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit and form a community of faith in one mind and one heart, as brothers and sisters of the one Father. We pray...

2. That political leaders, especially in places where war and discord exist, may seek the path of encounter, dialogue, and peace so as to build a world where love and unity reign. We pray...

3. That the Lord may inflame the hearts of the Rogationists and the whole Family of the Rogate to be apostles of unity and communion in a divided world by way of their fraternal love and the zealous fulfillment of the Divine Command of the Rogate. Grant enlightenment to the delegates of our XIII General Chapter. We pray...

4. That the Lord may open the eyes and touch their hearts of the young people of today to venture to dream and work for what you earnestly desire: the unity and fraternity of your disciples, and dedicate themselves in the service of communion, especially following the vocation to the priestly and religious life. We pray...

5. For our departed loved ones, that after a life dedicated to the service of God and their brethren, may they have communion with the Lord in his Heavenly Banquet. We pray...

**Priest:** Father, hear our prayers and help us to be true to our mission. As we prepare for the XIII General Chapter, show us the way that leads to unity and grant us the strength to build communion. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL 2**

For the Community Mass in preparation for the XIII General Chapter  
Theme: Collaboration

**Priest:** Christ the Lord is the Good Shepherd who leads the flock to green pastures and seeks those who are lost. Let us lift our prayers to him as we pray...

### **LORD, MAKE US SHARERS OF YOUR MISSION**

1. That the Church may joyfully proclaim to the world, with words and deeds, the message of the Gospel and the hope in the resurrection. We pray...

2. That the men and women of today may strive together to build a world of peace, justice, and love and never lose courage and hope in humanity which the Lord Jesus has redeemed and reconciled through the Paschal mystery. We pray...

3. That the victims of war and violence, the poor, the sick, the jobless, those who feel abandoned, and those who do not find a reason to live, may find among the followers of Christ companions in the journey who witness to faith, hope, and love in concrete ways. We pray...

4. That Family of the Rogate may be zealous collaborators of the Lord of the Harvest in the mission of announcing the Gospel of the Rogate for the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God through our prayer and apostolate. Grant enlightenment to the delegates of our XIII General Chapter We pray...

5. That the Lord may continue to call the youth to stay with him, follow him, be conformed to him, and share his mission of salvation. We pray...

**Priest:** Hear, O Lord, the prayers we present to you, and grant that as we prepare for the XIII General Chapter, we may never tire of fulfilling our mission as your co-laborers in your mystical harvest, always seeing “the other” as a brother or a sister in you You, who live and reign, forever and ever. Amen.

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL 3**

For the Community Mass in preparation for the XIII General Chapter  
Theme: Sharing

**Priest:** Before we partake in the table of the Lord, let us ask the Father that the new life born from the cross and resurrection of Christ may reach the whole world. We pray

#### **LORD, CONFIRM US IN YOUR LOVE**

1. For the Church and all Christians. May they be living witnesses to the love and service of Christ who gave up everything so that we might have life. We pray...
2. For the pastors of the Church. May they be prophetic announcers and sharers of the Mercy of God, by their words and deeds, in our world in dire need to hear and experience the good news of salvation. We pray...
3. For those experiencing the tragedy of war, for the hungry and the thirsty, for the poor and the needy, for the refugees and immigrants, for broken families, for the persecuted Christians, and for all those who suffer unjustly. May they experience in Christians God's mercy and companionship, through their spiritual support and charity. We pray...
4. For us Rogationists and all consecrated people. May we deepen our understanding and zeal of the charism we have received from the Holy Spirit and joyfully share it for the building up of the Church. Grant enlightenment to the delegates of our XIII General Chapter. We pray...
5. For all of us gathered around the table of the Eucharist. May we make "memory" of the Lord's Supper by becoming bread broken and shared in life-giving communion and recognize the Lord in the brokenness of our brothers and sisters. We pray...

**Priest:** Father, hear the prayers we present to you as followers of Jesus, your Son. As we prepare for the XIII General Chapter, accompany us so that we may become your joyful apostles and prophets in the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.