



2ND World Day of Prayer FOR VOCATIONS

Good Shepherd Sunday

LITURGY AND PRAYERS

*Triduum in Preparation for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations |
Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations | The Holy Rosary for Vocations*



MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 62ND WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

11 May 2025

Pilgrims of Hope: the Gift of Life

Dear sisters and brothers,

On this, the 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, I wish to extend to you a joyful and encouraging invitation to become pilgrims of hope by generously offering your lives as a gift.

A vocation is a precious gift that God sows in our heart, a call to leave ourselves behind and embark on a journey of love and service. Every vocation in the Church, whether lay, ordained or consecrated, is a sign of the hope that God has for this world and for each of his children.

Nowadays, many young people feel dismayed as they look to the future. Often they experience insecurity about their prospects of employment and a profound identity crisis, a crisis of meaning and values, which the confused messages of the digital world only aggravate. The unjust treatment of the poor and vulnerable, the indifference of a complacent and self-centred society, and the brutality of war all threaten the hopes for a fulfilling life that young people cherish in their hearts. Yet the Lord, who knows the human heart, does not abandon us in our uncertainty. He wants us to know that we are loved, called and sent as pilgrims of hope.

We, the adult members of the Church, and priests in particular, are called to acknowledge, discern and accompany the young on their vocational path. You, young people, for your part, are called to set out on that path, together with the Holy Spirit, who awakens in you the desire to make your lives a gift of love.

EMBRACING OUR SPECIFIC VOCATION

Dear young people, “your youth is not an ‘in-between time.’ You are the *now* of God” (*Christus Vivit*, 178). Realize that the gift of life calls for a generous and faithful response. Look to the young saints and blessed who responded joyfully to the Lord’s call: Saint Rose of Lima, Saint Dominic

Savio, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, the soon-to-be Saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati, and many others. They experienced their vocation as a path towards true happiness through friendship with the risen Lord. Whenever we listen to Jesus' words, our hearts burn within us (cf. Lk 24:32) and we feel the desire to consecrate our lives to God. Naturally, we want to find the way of life that will best allow us to return the love with which he loved us first.

Every vocation, once perceived in the depths of the heart, gives rise to an impulse to love and service, as an expression of hope and charity, rather than a means of self-promotion. Vocation and hope go together in God's plan for the happiness of each man and woman, all of whom are called by name to give their lives for others (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 268). Many young people seek to know the path God is calling them to take. Some find, often to their surprise, that they are called to the priesthood or to the consecrated life. Others discover the beauty of the call to marriage and family life, to the pursuit of the common good and to a life of witness to the faith among their friends and acquaintances.

Every vocation is inspired by hope, marked by confident trust in God's providence. For Christians, hope is more than mere human optimism: it is a certainty based on our faith in God, who is at work in each of our lives. Vocations mature through the daily effort to be faithful to the Gospel, and through prayer, discernment and service.

Dear young friends, hope in God does not disappoint, because at every step of the way he accompanies those who entrust their lives to him. Our world needs young people who are pilgrims of hope, who courageously devote their lives to Christ and rejoice in being his disciples and missionaries.

DISCERNING OUR VOCATIONAL PATH

The discovery of our vocation comes about as the result of a journey of discernment. That journey is never solitary, but develops within a Christian community and as a part of that community.

Dear friends, the world pushes you to make hasty decisions and bombards you with a constant blare that prevents you from experiencing a silence that is open to God who speaks to the heart. Have the courage to pause, to listen to what your heart tells you, and to ask God about his dreams for you. The silence of prayer is indispensable if we are to learn how to hear God's call amid the specific circumstances of our lives and to respond consciously and freely.

Prayerful recollection helps us to realize that all of us can be pilgrims of hope if we make our lives a gift, above all by placing ourselves at the service of those who live on the world's material and existential peripheries. Those who heed God's call cannot turn a deaf ear to the cry of so many of our brothers and sisters who feel excluded, wounded and abandoned. Every vocation confirms us in our mission of being Christ's presence wherever light and consolation are most needed. In a particular way, the lay faithful are called to be the "salt, light and leaven" of the Kingdom of God through their social and professional commitments.

ACCOMPANYING VOCATIONS

Consequently, pastoral ministers and vocation directors, especially spiritual directors, should readily accompany young people with the hope, patience and trust that reflect God's own "pedagogy." They should be capable of listening to them respectfully and sympathetically, and show themselves trustworthy, wise and helpful guides, ever attentive to discerning the signs of God's presence in their journey.

I urge that every effort be made to foster vocations in the various spheres of human life and activity, and to help individuals to be spiritually open to the Lord's voice. It is important, then, that adequate space be given to the accompaniment of vocations in educational and pastoral planning.

The Church needs pastors, religious, missionaries and spouses capable of saying "yes" to the Lord with trust and hope. A vocation is never a treasure stored away in the heart; rather, it grows and is strengthened within a community that believes, loves and hopes. No one can respond to God's call alone, for all of us need the prayers and support of our brothers and sisters.

Dearly beloved, the Church is alive and fruitful when she generates new vocations. Our world looks, often unknowingly, for witnesses of hope who proclaim with their lives that following Christ is a source of true joy. Let us never tire, then, of asking the Lord for new labourers for his harvest, certain that with great love he continues to call them. Dear young people, I entrust your efforts to follow the Lord to the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of vocations. Keep walking as pilgrims of hope on the path of the Gospel! I accompany you with my blessing and I ask you, please, to pray for me.

Rome, Gemelli Hospital, 19 March 2025.

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**To: ALL DIOCESAN BISHOPS, RELIGIOUS SUPERIORS,
AND VOCATION DIRECTORS AND DIRECTRESSES
IN THE PHILIPPINES**

Thru: HIS EMINENCE +PABLO VIRGILIO CARDINAL DAVID, D.D.
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**Subject: ENDORSEMENT OF VOCATION MATERIALS FROM
THE ROGATIONISTS OF THE HEART OF JESUS FOR
THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS 2025**

To my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings of peace!

As the Chair of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines' Episcopal Commission on Vocations, I wholeheartedly endorse the vocation materials prepared by the Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus for the upcoming World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2025.

The Rogationists, with their charism centered on the prayer for vocations, have crafted resources that are not only theologically sound but also pastorally effective. These materials are designed to inspire and guide our faithful in discerning and responding to the call of God, particularly to the consecrated life and priestly ministry.

In a world that often distracts us from the voice of the Lord, these vocation materials serve as a beacon, illuminating the path to a deeper relationship with Christ and a more profound understanding of His call. The Rogationists have thoughtfully integrated prayer, reflection, and practical guidance, making these resources invaluable for individuals, families, and communities.

Therefore, I strongly recommend the use of these vocation materials in all dioceses and religious communities across the Philippines as we prepare for and celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations 2025. Let us join together in fervent prayer, that the Lord of the harvest may send forth laborers into His vineyard.

May the Holy Spirit guide and inspire us as we journey together in promoting vocations to the service of God and His Church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


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TRIDUUM IN PREPARATION FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

First Day **THE CALL AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

From the Gospel according to 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; therefore, 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.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

A moment of personal adoration in silence

From the Writings of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia (Vol. V, Ed. Rogate, pp. 702-703)

In the holy Gospel of our most loving Lord Jesus Christ and specifically in that of St. Matthew (9:38) and St. Luke (10:2), we read that at the sight of the abandoned crowds like sheep without a Shepherd, our Lord was moved with infinite compassion for the

souls who are lost for the lack of good laborers, and he said: The harvest is great but the laborers are few: pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he may send laborers in his harvest. In this divine Word that Jesus Christ said is contained all that is good for the whole Church, for the society, for all the souls. For when the Highest God sends priests according to his Heart to his holy Church and to the people, who can tell the immense good that could come out of it? Now, if Jesus Christ said: Pray the Lord of the harvest (which means all souls) to send out laborers in his harvest, it means: First, he absolutely wants all to pray this prayer, and especially all the souls consecrated to God to do so.

Second, he will infallibly answer it, so that the more this divine prayer spreads, the more the holy Church will overflow with chosen and holy ministers of the sanctuary. And this is universal salvation: Priests are the light of the world and the salt of the earth.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

My beloved Jesus, sanctify the candidates for the consecrated and priestly life. May they grow for you! May they die completely to the world and to themselves; may your almighty power protect them from worldly influences and bad examples. May your mercy work gently in their hearts and minds, so that, they may be detached from all things and be attracted only by your grace; that they may know only you, desire only you, love only you, long for only you, seek only you, find only you, to you alone all will unite, and in you alone all will be fulfilled. Amen.

(St. Hannibal Mary)

Our Father
Benediction
Final Song

Second Day
THE JOURNEY TO HOPE

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

From the Gospel of John (15:12-17)

This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I have called you friends because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord.

A moment of personal adoration in silence

From the Writings of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia
(Vol. II, Ed. Rogate, pp. 506-507)

Your most beloved Son and our Lord Jesus Christ has said to us: Truly I say to you: anything you ask from my Father in my name will be given unto you. The divine promise makes us forget our unworthiness and gives us hope even against all hope. No, O Father most clement, you cannot deny us anything we ask you in the Name of Jesus. For what does it mean to pray in the Name of Jesus if not to present to you the merits of infinite value of Jesus our Lord? What does it mean if not to pray to you in union with the supplications, prayers, and fervent cries of your only Begotten Son, who with groans and sighs prayed to you for all of us? What does it mean, if not to present to you the Divine Redeemer in his most sorrowful passion and death, which he suffered for your glory and for our love? Now then, Most Beloved Father, through the merits of your only begotten Son, accept this most humble petition, which all of us, the members

of these houses, present to you on this day, which concludes the holy month dedicated to the Most Holy Name of Jesus and in which we intend to unite all our previous annual petitions.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Jesus, Provident Father of the human family, you have always provided the Holy Church with evangelical laborers, even more does your most beloved Heart desire to provide for the Church when she suffers so much from the lack of them everywhere! For this immense grace, you want us to pray to you. Hence, we present to you the most powerful supplications of your most holy Mother and your most holy chaste Father St. Joseph. Through your merits, through the merits of the Most Holy Mary and St. Joseph, grant to all peoples, to the whole Church, a multitude of chosen ministers, of new ardent apostles and disciples! And with your gentle gaze, O provident Father of this humble family, look also upon us and bestow upon us your blessing; always rekindle with new fervor in our Institutes the evangelical apostolate of this holy diffusion of the Rogate. Miserable though we are, we toil so that your Church may be supplied with chosen laborers of the mystical harvest. O most loving Heart, grant us also these mystical laborers whom we need for the fulfillment of the many holy works we have begun, for the care of souls, for the good success of many pious undertakings, for the salvation of countless orphans, for the fulfillment of many pious plans, for the fulfillment of your most holy will and your perfect delights, for the sake of your infinite and eternal consolation. Amen.

(St. Hannibal Mary)

Our Father
Benediction
Final Song

Third Day **THE ZEAL TO HOPE**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

From the First Book of Kings (19:4-14)

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness until he came to a solitary broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death: "Enough, LORD! Take my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." He lay down and fell asleep under the solitary broom tree, but suddenly a messenger touched him and said, "Get up and eat!" He looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!" He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

There he came to a cave, where he took shelter. But the word of the LORD came to him: Why are you here, Elijah? He answered: "I have been most zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, but the Israelites have forsaken your covenant. They have destroyed your altars and murdered your prophets by the sword. I alone remain, and they seek to take my life." Then the LORD said: Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will pass by. There was a strong and violent wind rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD - but the LORD was not in the wind; after the wind, an earthquake - but the LORD was not in the earthquake; after the earthquake, fire - but the LORD was not in the fire; after the fire, a gentle whisper. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord.

A moment of personal adoration in silence

From the Writings of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia
(Vol. 45, pp. 121-122)

Charity generates in itself a virtue, like its fervor and flame, which rises to God and draws from the love and glory of the Infinite the reasons for its most intense activity. This virtue is the zeal for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. It replaces the selfishness of the world with true altruism and makes one so keenly concerned for the true good of others and the triumph of truth that the one who is seized by it can no longer remain inactive: his life becomes a constant striving for God, for the truth, for the moral good of all, and a constant martyrdom when he sees so much evil spreading in society and is unable to embrace the whole world within his limited sphere of action. By cherishing and meditating on this divine word of the Rogate, by my boundless obedience to this divine command: I declare that I will spare myself nothing for the glory of the Lord and the salvation of souls.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for having sent before your Son your servant Elijah, like a fire (cf. Sir 48:1) and by the power and support of your Spirit, made him a marvelous minister of divine zeal. His word burned like a torch (cf. Sir 48:1), his prayer opened the gates of heaven and the doors of hell. You also wanted us to share in the one and eternal zeal of your Son, to perpetuate your mystery of salvation in the Church. In the Name of Jesus, we ask you now, O Father, to raise up again in the midst of your people, pilgrims of this age, prophets and witnesses enkindled with zeal for your glory and for the salvation of their brothers and sisters. Send once again from the holy heavens the gracious rain of good laborers who, with the power and spirit of Elijah, will go before your Son to turn the hearts of the children to you, their Father (cf. Lk 1:17). May they be consumed by the zeal of your house (cf. Ps 69), witnesses of your divine presence, and compassionate defenders of the rights of the poor. May the fire of their hearts shine before You, the Eternal One and who, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, live and reign eternally, forever and ever. Amen.

Our Father ... Benediction ... Final Song

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

(PROPER FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS)



INTRODUCTION

In the Fourth Sunday of Easter, which is the Good Shepherd Sunday, the Holy Mother Church has also declared as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Instituted by Saint Pope Paul IV, in the year 1963, the essence of the celebration calls the Church to be one in responding to Jesus' command "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest." (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). This docile response of the church necessitates the prayer for vocation as a relentless appeal to the Lord that He may send more holy vocations to the church who will be witnesses in the proclamation of God's Kingdom. Considering the Church's recognition on the need and importance of all vocations, it is at most concentrating on the vocations of the ordained ministries, including priests and deacons, as well as the various forms of consecrated life (consecrated virginity, societies of apostolic life, and male and female religious life), the apostolic life, and the missionary life.

For the 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we are all called to reflect on the precious gift of our vocations, a gift that comes from the Lord so that the fulfillment of the command of Jesus may be fulfilled in us through our prayers and labors. May the spirit of hope enable us to be more zealous, forming our hearts and minds in praying diligently pleading him to send out more holy vocations to the Church. Thus, the Prayer for Vocations is our prayer of Hope empowering us to submit our commitment and confidence to the Lord.

GATHERING SONG

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

EUCCHARISTIC GREETINGS

P: O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,

A: All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.

P: Glory to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

A: As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

P: Send O Lord,

A: Holy Apostles into Your Church!

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

O my Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come to me spiritually. I welcome You and unite myself entirely with You. Do not permit me ever to be separated from You. Jesus I believe in You, I hope in You and I love You.

OPENING PRAYER

(Excerpt from *The Grace of Prayer for Vocations* during the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

We stand before You, Lord of the Harvest, as we gather together in Your Name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us to pray for more holy vocations in the Church, as you told us to, propagate this loving command of yours, and become ourselves the answers for this prayer. We are weak and sinful; do not let us forget this divine command. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path - the path of forgetfulness and negligence. Let us find in You our consolation, that You who have commanded us, will surely hear these supplications, and journey together to the path of eternal life. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, forever and ever. Amen.

MOMENTS OF SILENCE

REFLECTIVE READING

From the Writings of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia

(Vol. 43, [ASR 55], p. 157)

or read *the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

When this prayer, with its appropriate formulas, has penetrated into the Seminaries, the clerics and seminarians, by reciting it, will have a guide to the true success of their vocation and how to conduct themselves in order to achieve it. On the other hand, prayer will have a primary effect on them, with the good God either giving them or increasing in their young hearts the powerful efficacy of the vocation which alone can make them successful as chosen priests and holy laborers in the vast field of the Church. Let us be convinced: with a weak, imperfect, unsure, cowardly, artificial, and humanly driven vocation, it is not possible to have a Holy People, a Royal Priesthood of which the first Supreme Pontiff St. Peter wrote. Priests are initiated because of their holy qualities, but there are unfortunate failures as experience teaches us! But strong vocations do not come down from heaven if we forget the repeated command of Jesus Christ our Lord: The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest!

GOSPEL READING

John 10: 27-30

Jesus said: “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

HOMILY/REFLECTION

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

(Supplementary Prayers for Vocations)

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of our souls, you continue to call with your loving gaze so many young men and women who live in the difficulties of today's world, open their minds to recognize, among the many voices that resound around them and inside them, your unmistakable, gentle, and persuasive voice which even today still resounds: "Come and follow me". Move our young people to generosity and make them sensitive to the aspirations of our brothers and sisters, who are crying out for solidarity and peace, truth and love. Direct the hearts of the young toward the radical call of the Gospel, capable of revealing to the modern man and woman the immense riches of your love. Call them with your kindness and draw them to you. Accept and welcome them gently. Entrust them with truth and keep them safe in you. Amen.

(St. Pope John Paul II)

or

INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Leader: Let us pray to the Father, the God of peace to dwell in us and send His Holy Spirit to console us in times of anxieties and distress especially whenever we realize the scarcity of holy laborers in His vineyard. For every petition, we say:

God of peace and Master of the harvest, hear us.

L: That God will supply holy shepherds for the Church, we pray to the Lord.

L: That the example of religious sisters and brothers will show forth the Church as the sacrament of salvation for the world, we pray to the Lord.

L: That more young men and women will have the courage to follow God's call to serve the church, we pray to the Lord.

L: That God will call men and women from our parish community to serve as priests or religious, we pray to the Lord.

L: That more men and women will respond with generosity to God's call to service in the Church, we pray to the Lord.

L: That those who are actively discerning a religious vocation may seek joy and selfless love as they continue to listen to the voice of the Lord, we pray to the Lord.

L: That the people of God may continually pray that the Lord will send workers to his harvest, we pray to the Lord.

L: That the children of our parish may discover and become the men and women God made them to be, we pray to the Lord.

L: That teachers and youth ministers will encourage children and young people to consider life as a priest, brother or sister, we pray to the Lord.

L: That parent will encourage their children to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, we pray to the Lord.

L: That those who feel a call to the priesthood or religious life may find the courage to respond to God's call with generosity, we pray to the Lord.

L: That young men and women will listen to the Holy Spirit in their hearts and respond to wherever the Lord is calling them, we pray to the Lord.

L: That our homes and parish will be places where vocations are nurtured and encouraged, we pray to the Lord.

L: That through the power of the Holy Spirit, God will fill those He has called with the courage and faith to say yes to a life of service, we pray to the Lord.

L: That the Lord of the Harvest may open the hearts of our young people to the possibility of life as a priest, brother or sister, we pray to the Lord.

Leader: O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those You have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of you. Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ. Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

or

LITANY FOR VOCATIONS

Lord, *have mercy.*

Lord, *have mercy.*

Christ, *have mercy.*

Christ, *have mercy.*

Lord, *have mercy.*

Lord, *have mercy.*

Christ, *hear us.*

Christ, *graciously hear us.*

God the Father of heaven,

have mercy on us.

God the Son,

Redeemer of the world,

have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, One God,

have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, *pray for us.*

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of Virgins,

St. Michael, leader of the heavenly host, *pray for us.*

St. Gabriel, messenger of the divine plan,

St. Raphael,

companion for the journey,

All you holy angels and

archangels,

St. Joseph,

protector of the Holy Church,

St. John Vianney,

patron of priests,

St. Aloysius Gonzaga,

patron of youth,

St. Alphonsus Liguori,

patron of vocations,

St. Charles Borromeo,

patron of seminarians,

St. John Berchmans,

patron of altar servers,

St. Maria Goretti,

patron of teenagers,

St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia,

All you holy men and women
of God, pray for us.

Through your mercy,
***Send workers into Your
harvest, O Lord.***

Through your kindness...
Through the prayers and
sacrifices of your people...
Through the power of the Holy
Sacrifice of the Mass...
Through the intercession of all
the saints and angels...
Through the sanctification of
the family...
Through parents being
generously open to life...
Through the example of holy
priests and religious...
Through a renewed fidelity to
our Catholic Faith...
That young people might seek
the truth of Christ...
That young people might always
seek God's will..

That young people might hear
the call to give their lives for the
mission of the Church,
***O Lord of the harvest,
graciously hear us.***

That all priests and religious
might be renewed in the spirit
of the new evangelization...
That bishops have the grace to
be courageous shepherds...
That we may zealously pray for
and promote vocations...

That those who are being called
to be priests and religious
might respond generously...

Lamb of God, who takes away
the sins of the world,
spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away
the sins of the world,
graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away
the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

The harvest is great but the
laborers are few.
***We beg you, Lord: send out
laborers for Your harvest.***

Prayer: O Most Compassionate
Jesus, thank You for Your
abundant grace in our lives. We
are grateful for all the blessings
you have given us, whether in
our work, family, or service to
others. Help us not to worry or
fret too much, but always turn
to You in prayer, asking for Your
help, and thanking You for each
of Your countless kindnesses.
Let us experience Your peace
and help us to discover it. May
we always depend on you day by
day, so that we always rely on
you in our life and work. All
this, O Lord, we believe and
trust that your loving hands will
always be with us. For the sake
of your holy name now and for
all time. Amen.

L: Let us conclude our prayer
with the Lord's prayer:

Our Father...

TANTVM ERGO

BENEDICTION

DIVINE PRAISES FOR VOCATION

Blessed be God, the Author of Vocations.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord of the Harvest.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, the Compassionate Lord.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart, the Merciful.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood, who washed away our sins.

Blessed be Jesus in the Eucharist, our spiritual food.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Light of all those who are called.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary, Mother of Vocations.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception,
the model of priests.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption,
intercessor of all the candidates to the consecrated life.

Blessed be the name of Mary,
Virgin and Mother of all missionaries.

Blessed be St. Joseph, protector of the Universal Church

Blessed be God in His holy Apostles and Saints of the Church.

CONCLUDING SONG

THE HOLY ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

OFFERING OF THE HOLY ROSARY

O Blessed Virgin Mary, on the day of Pentecost, you presided with your prayers over the beginning of the mission of the Church under the action of the Holy Spirit. We offer you our prayer that through your intercession, you may obtain from the Lord a new springtime of vocations and a renewed enthusiasm for charity toward the little ones and the poor.

L. O God, come to my assistance.

A. Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be.

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are in most need of your mercy.

L. Send, O Lord,

A. Holy apostles into your Church.

Or:

L. O Mary, Mother of the Church,

A. Pray for us and obtain for us many and holy vocations.

JOYFUL MYSTERIES

(Monday and Saturday)

I. IN THE FIRST JOYFUL MYSTERY, WE CONTEMPLATE THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE ANGEL TO MARY

From the Gospel according to Luke (1:26-28.31.38)

In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord

is with you. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.” Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, *whom you conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Holy Mary...

Glory be...

PRAYER: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, by that profound humility by which you called forth the Word of God to earth. Make us worthy to implore holy priests for the Church for the salvation of all souls. Amen.

II. IN THE SECOND JOYFUL MYSTERY, WE CONTEMPLATE THE VISITATION OF MARY TO ELIZABETH

From the Gospel according to Luke (1:39-42)

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!”

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, *who urged you to go to Elizabeth.*

Holy Mary...

Glory be...

PRAYER: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, for the zeal with which you went in haste to Elizabeth’s house. Ask the Lord to hasten to enrich the Church with the great and inestimable treasure of good laborers of the Gospel. Amen.

III. IN THE THIRD JOYFUL MYSTERY, WE CONTEMPLATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS IN BETHLEHEM

From the Gospel according to Luke (2:1.3-7)

In those days, a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. So, all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, *who was born in a manger.*

Holy Mary...

Glory be...

PRAYER: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, who gave birth to the Word of God made man. Intercede with the Lord so that he may give to the Church holy priests who will continue his work of salvation. Amen.

IV. IN THE FOURTH JOYFUL MYSTERY, WE CONTEMPLATE THE PRESENTATION OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

From the Gospel according to Luke (2:22-23)

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord."

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, *who like you, obeyed the Law of Moses.*

Holy Mary...

Glory be...

PRAYER: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, in obedience to the law, you offered Jesus in the temple and placed him in the arms of the old Simeon. Intercede for us and obtain for us good ministers of the sanctuary who will offer worthily the sublime sacrifice of the Holy Mass. Amen.

V. IN THE FIFTH JOYFUL MYSTERY, WE CONTEMPLATE THE FINDING OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

From the Gospel according to Luke (2:43. 46. 48-51)

The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. After three days, they found him in the temple, sitting amid the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. his mother said to him, “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.” And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them; his mother kept all these things in her heart.

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, *whose words you have kept in your heart.*

Holy Mary...

Glory be...

PRAYER: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, who with Joseph searched for Jesus with so much anguish. Intercede with him that he may not deprive nations and cities of holy priests but may deign to come to their aid with the gift of holy laborers of the Gospel. Amen.

LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

(Thursday)

I. IN THE FIRST LUMINOUS MYSTERY, WE CONTEMPLATE THE BAPTISM OF JESUS IN THE JORDAN

From the Gospel according to Mark (1:9-11)

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased."

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, *who baptizes us in the Holy Spirit and fire.*

Holy Mary...

Glory be...

PRAYER: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, who has conceived by the Holy Spirit. Intercede with the Lord, that priests, sustained by the same Spirit, may please the heavenly Father in all things. Amen.

II. IN THE SECOND LUMINOUS MYSTERY, WE CONTEMPLATE THE WEDDING AT CANA

From the Gospel according to John (2:1-5.11)

There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." [And] Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you. Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you

among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, *who at Cana turned the water into good wine.*

Holy Mary...

Glory be...

PRAYER: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, through your intercession, the disciples believed in Jesus. Obtain for the Church holy priests so that the new wine of the Gospel may not be lacking. Amen.

III. IN THE THIRD LUMINOUS MYSTERY, WE CONTEMPLATE THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

From the Gospel according to Mark (1:14-15)

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, *who has announced the kingdom of God.*

Holy Mary...

Glory be...

PRAYER: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, who was the first to welcome and announce the Gospel. Intercede with the Lord that he may send to the Church holy priests who will proclaim the Gospel of mercy. Amen.

IV. IN THE FOURTH LUMINOUS MYSTERY, WE CONTEMPLATE THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

From the Gospel according to Matthew (17:1-3)

After six days, Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, *who was transfigured on Mount Tabor.*

Holy Mary...

Glory be...

PRAYER: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, who before your exaltation experienced humiliation. Intercede for priests so that in difficulties they may keep their eyes fixed on the goal, which is the risen Christ. Amen.

V. IN THE FIFTH LUMINOUS MYSTERY, WE CONTEMPLATE THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCCHARIST

From the Gospel according to Matthew (26:26-29)

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, “Take and eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you anew in the kingdom of my Father.”

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, *who washed the feet of his disciples.*

Holy Mary...

Glory be...

PRAYER: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, by your “yes” you allowed the Word to be made flesh. Ask the Lord for the gift of holy priests so that all men may quench their thirst at the fountain of salvation. Amen.

SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

(Tuesday and Friday)

I. IN THE FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY, WE CONTEMPLATE JESUS IN THE GARDEN OF OLIVES

From the Gospel according to Luke (22:39-44)

Then going out he went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he arrived at the place he said to them, "Pray that you may not undergo the test." After withdrawing about a stone's throw from them and kneeling, he prayed, saying, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done." And to strengthen him an angel from heaven appeared to him. He was in such agony, and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground.

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, *who obeyed his Father's will.*

Holy Mary...

Glory be...

PRAYER: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, who shared in the agony of your Son. We ask you to console his Divine Heart by imploring for the Church many and holy priests for the salvation of all souls. Amen.

II. IN THE SECOND SORROWFUL MYSTERY, WE CONTEMPLATE JESUS SCOURGED AT THE PILLAR

From the Gospel according to Matthew (27:22.26)

Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Messiah?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb,
Jesus, *whose body was covered with wounds.*

Holy Mary...
Glory be...

PRAYER: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, whose Son was scourged for our sins. For the love of Jesus, grant us numerous and zealous priests for the remission of sins and the salvation of souls. Amen.

III. IN THE THIRD SORROWFUL MYSTERY, WE CONTEMPLATE JESUS CROWNED WITH THORNS

From the Gospel according to Mark (15:16-19)

The soldiers led him away inside the palace, that is, the praetorium, and assembled the whole cohort. They clothed him in purple and, weaving a crown of thorns, placed it on him. They began to salute him with, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and kept striking his head with a reed and spitting upon him. They knelt before him in homage.

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, *whose kingdom is not of this world.*

Holy Mary...

Glory be...

PRAYER: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, sharer in the suffering of the Redeemer. Ask the Lord for many and holy priests who will make holy virtues flourish and destroy the thorns of sin that stifle the heart of humanity. Amen.

IV. IN THE FOURTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY, WE CONTEMPLATE JESUS ON HIS WAY TO CALVARY

From the Gospel according to John (19:17-18)

And carrying the cross himself he went out to what is called the Place of the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha. There they crucified him and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus in the middle.

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you

among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, *who calls us to follow him in carrying the cross.*

Holy Mary...

Glory be...

PRAYER: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, who followed Jesus on the way of the cross. We ask you to obtain holy priests who will save souls from eternal death. Amen.

V. IN THE FIFTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY, WE CONTEMPLATE JESUS WHO DIED ON THE CROSS

From the Gospel according to Mark (15:24-27.33.37)

Then they crucified him and divided his garments by casting lots for them to see what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." With him they crucified two revolutionaries, one on his right and one on his left. At noon darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, *who died on the Cross for all.*

Holy Mary...

Glory be...

PRAYER: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, who at the foot of the cross became the Mother of the disciple whom Jesus loved. Grant to the Holy Church many holy priests who will win souls for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Amen.

GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

(Wednesday and Sunday)

I. IN THE FIRST GLORIOUS MYSTERY, WE CONTEMPLATE THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

From the Gospel according to Mark (16:5-6)

On entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold, the place where they laid him."

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, *who has risen from the tomb.*

Holy Mary...

Glory be...

PRAYER: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, we rejoice with you in the resurrection of your Son. We beseech you to obtain for the Holy Church zealous priests who restore souls back to life from sin. Amen

II. IN THE SECOND GLORIOUS MYSTERY, WE CONTEMPLATE THE ASCENSION OF JESUS TO HEAVEN

From the Gospel according to Luke (24:50-53)

Then he led them [out] as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them, he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, who returns to the Father.

Holy Mary...

Glory be...

PRAYER: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, we rejoice with you at the ascension of your Son. We pray that you may obtain numerous holy priests so that the Gospel may reach the ends of the earth and souls may be led to paradise. Amen.

III. IN THE THIRD GLORIOUS MYSTERY, WE CONTEMPLATE THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

From the Acts of the Apostles (1:14; 2:1-4)

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, *who has given us the Holy Spirit.*

Holy Mary...

Glory be...

PRAYER: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, who always accompanies the Church. Intercede for us with the Lord so that he may give us priests who are filled with the Holy Spirit and are true apostles of the Divine Mercy. Amen.

IV. IN THE FOURTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY, WE CONTEMPLATE THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY TO HEAVEN

From the Gospel according to Luke (1:46-50)

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy

is his name. His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him.”

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, *who has assumed your body and soul into heaven.*

Holy Mary...

Glory be...

PRAYER: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, who shares in the glory of the Son. Deign to send from heaven good laborers of the Gospel who will sustain us in our earthly pilgrimage by the word and the sacraments. Amen.

V. IN THE FIFTH GLORIOUS MYSTERY, WE CONTEMPLATE MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

From the Book of Revelation (12:1)

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Our Father...

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, *who has crowned you with glory.*

Holy Mary...

Glory be...

PRAYER: Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, Queen of heaven and earth. Intercede with the Lord that he may deign to send on earth good and holy laborers of the Gospel who will lead all souls to the eternal glory of paradise. Amen

LITANY OF LORETO

Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, hear us,
Christ, hear us.
Christ, graciously hear us,
Christ, graciously hear us.
God our Father in heaven,
have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of
the world,
God the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, one God,

Holy Mother of God,
pray for us.
Holy Virgin of virgins,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of the Church,
Mother of mercy,
Mother of divine grace,
Mother of hope,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,
Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of good counsel,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Savior,
Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,

Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honor,
Singular vessel of devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Solace of migrants,
Comfort of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of Angels,
Queen of Patriarchs,
Queen of Prophets,
Queen of Apostles,
Queen of Martyrs,
Queen of Confessors,
Queen of Virgins,
Queen of all Saints,
Queen conceived without
original sin,
Queen assumed into heaven,
Queen of the Most Holy
Rosary,
Queen of families,
Queen of peace.
Queen and Mother of the
Rogate,

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
graciously bear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

***We turn to you for protection,** Holy Mother of God. Listen to our prayers and help us in our needs. Save us from every danger, glorious and blessed Virgin.

L. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

A. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech you, O Lord God, that we, your servants, may enjoy perpetual health of mind and body; and by the glorious intercession of the Blessed Mary, ever-virgin, may be delivered from the present sorrow and obtain eternal joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

Glory be....



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St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia *Apostle of Prayer for Vocations*

St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia (1851-1927) was given an intuition of the need for the 'prayer for vocations' since he was young. Since becoming a priest in March 16, 1878, he committed himself to the upliftment of the poorest area of his city – the Avignone Compound in Messina, Italy.

St. Hannibal left no stone unturned in spreading and propagating the Lord's command: 'The harvest is great is great but the laborers are few. Pray therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send workers in to his harvest.' (Mt. 9, 38) These words

of Jesus, became his advocacy, the very soul and breath of his life and ministry. This charism unfolded in his life in his mission and service for the little ones and the poor in the Avignone Compound.

He founded Orphanages dedicated to St. Anthony, (1882-1883), the religious Congregations of the Daughters of Divine Zeal (FDZ) – March 16, 1887, and the Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus (RCJ) – May 16, 1897). He established the Priestly Alliance for Vocations – September 22, 1897, which brings together clerics in a renewed effort to grow in priestly spirituality and dedicate themselves actively in prayer and pastoral care for vocations. He also formed the Union of Prayer for Vocations (UPV) – December 8, 1900, a lay catholic association committed to the Lord of the Harvest by praying and propagating this prayer for vocations and cultivating a culture and spirit of prayer and care for vocations within the Church.

St. Hannibal Mary did his best to involve everyone, to be aware and respond to Jesus' demand to pray that He may send more and holy vocations for the Church. He worked with untiring zeal so that the prayer for vocations would become 'unceasing and universal.' His holy desire became a reality when the St. Pope Paul VI instituted the 'World Day of Prayer for Vocations' in 1964.

St. Pope John Paul II regarded St. Hannibal Mary as a 'Father of the orphans and the poor' and an 'authentic anticipator and zealous teacher of the modern pastoral care for vocations.' The same pope beatified him on October 7, 1990 and canonized him on May 16, 2004, following the Vatican recognition of the miraculous recovery of a Filipina kid from bacterial meningitis in 1993.

JOIN US IN OUR CRUSADE FOR VOCATIONS! PRAY THIS VOCATION PRAYER HABIT:

Lord Jesus, You told your disciples 'Pray therefore the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers to His harvest.' We beg You! Send many and holy priests and religious in our Diocese, and in the world. Have mercy on us! Grant O Lord, the grace of perseverance and fidelity to those whom You have called. We trust in You!

Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

St. Hannibal Mary, pray for us!

Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

**SEND, O LORD,
HOLY APOSTLES INTO YOUR CHURCH.**

