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A classical painting of St. Joseph, an elderly man with a grey beard, holding the infant Jesus. The child is looking up at him. The scene is set against a dark background with a faint red circular pattern.

**58TH WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS
PRAYER BOOKLET FOR THE CELEBRATION**

St Joseph
THE DREAM OF A VOCATION



MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS, ON THE 58TH WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

ST. JOSEPH: THE DREAM OF VOCATION



Dear brothers and sisters,

Last December 8, the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, marked the beginning of a special year devoted to him (cf. Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary, 8 December 2020). For my part, I wrote the Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, whose aim was “to increase our love for this great saint”. Saint Joseph is an extraordinary figure, yet at the same time one “so close to our own human experience”. He did not do astonishing things, he had no unique charisms, nor did he appear special in the eyes of those who met him. He was not famous or even noteworthy: the Gospels do not report even a single word of his. Still, through his ordinary life, he accomplished something extraordinary in the eyes of God.

God looks on the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes. The priesthood



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and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of “the saints next door”. At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey.

Saint Joseph suggests to us three key words for each individual's vocation. The first is dream. Everyone dreams of finding fulfilment in life. We rightly nurture great hopes, lofty aspirations that ephemeral goals – like success, money and entertainment – cannot satisfy. If we were to ask people to express in one word their life's dream, it would not be difficult to imagine the answer: “to be loved”. It is love that gives meaning to life, because it reveals life's mystery. Indeed, we only have life if we give it; we truly possess it only if we generously give it away. Saint Joseph has much to tell us in this regard, because, through the dreams that God inspired in him, he made of his life a gift.

The Gospels tell us of four dreams (cf. Mt 1:20; 2:13,19,22). They were calls from God, but they were not easy to accept. After each dream, Joseph had to change his plans and take a risk, sacrificing his own plans in order to follow the mysterious designs of God, whom he trusted completely. We may ask ourselves, “Why put so much trust in a dream in the night?” Although a dream was



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GOD'S WILL vs. **YOUR WILL**



considered very important in ancient times, it was still a small thing in the face of the concrete reality of life. Yet Saint Joseph let himself be guided by his dreams without hesitation. Why? Because his heart was directed to God; it was already inclined towards him. A small indication was enough for his watchful “inner ear” to recognize God’s voice. This applies also to our calling: God does not like to reveal himself in a spectacular way, pressuring our freedom. He conveys his plans to us with gentleness. He does not overwhelm us with dazzling visions but quietly speaks in the depths of our heart, drawing near to us and speaking to us through our thoughts and feelings. In this way, as he did with Saint Joseph, he sets before us profound and unexpected horizons.

Indeed, Joseph’s dreams led him into experiences he would never have imagined. The first of these upended his betrothal, but made him the father of the Messiah; the second caused him to flee to Egypt, but saved the life of his family. After the third, which foretold his return to his native land, a fourth dream made him change plans once again, bringing him to Nazareth, the place where Jesus would begin his preaching of the Kingdom of God. Amid all these upheavals, he found the courage to follow God’s will. So too in a vocation: God’s call always urges us to take a first step, to give ourselves, to press forward. There can be no faith without risk. Only by abandoning ourselves confidently

to grace, setting aside our own programmes and comforts, can we truly say “yes” to God. And every “yes” bears fruit because it becomes part of a larger design, of which we glimpse only details, but which the divine Artist knows and carries out, making of every life a masterpiece. In this regard, Saint Joseph is an outstanding example of acceptance of God’s plans. Yet his was an active acceptance: never reluctant or resigned. Joseph was “certainly not passively resigned, but courageously and firmly proactive” (Patris Corde, 4). May he help everyone, especially young people who are discerning, to make God’s dreams for them come true. May he inspire in them the courage to say “yes” to the Lord who always surprises and never disappoints.

A second word marks the journey of Saint Joseph and that of vocation: service. The Gospels show how Joseph lived entirely for others and never for himself. The holy people of God invoke him as the most chaste spouse, based on his ability to love unreservedly. By freeing love from all possessiveness, he became open to an even more fruitful service. His loving care has spanned generations; his attentive guardianship has made him patron of the Church. As one who knew how to embody the meaning of self-giving in life, Joseph is also the patron of a happy death. His service and sacrifices were only possible, however, because they were sustained by a greater love: “Every true vocation is born of the

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gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice. The priesthood and consecrated life likewise require this kind of maturity. Whatever our vocation, whether to marriage, celibacy or virginity, our gift of self will not come to fulfilment if it stops at sacrifice; were that the case, instead of becoming a sign of the beauty and joy of love, the gift of self would risk being an expression of unhappiness, sadness and frustration” (ibid., 7).

For Saint Joseph, service – as a concrete expression of the gift of self – did not remain simply a high ideal, but became a rule for daily life. He strove to find and prepare a place where Jesus could be born; he did his utmost to protect him from Herod’s wrath by arranging a hasty journey into Egypt; he immediately returned to Jerusalem when Jesus was lost; he supported his family by his work, even in a foreign land. In short, he adapted to different circumstances with the attitude of those who do not grow discouraged when life does not turn out as they wished; he showed the willingness typical of those who live to serve. In this way, Joseph welcomed life’s frequent and often unexpected journeys: from Nazareth to Bethlehem for the census, then to Egypt and again to Nazareth, and every year to Jerusalem. Each time he was willing to face new circumstances without complaining, ever ready to give a hand to help resolve situations. We could say that this was the outstretched hand of our heavenly Father reaching out to his Son on earth. Joseph cannot fail to be a model for all vocations, called to be the ever-active hands of the Father, outstretched to his children.



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I like to think, then, of Saint Joseph, the protector of Jesus and of the Church, as the protector of vocations. In fact, from his willingness to serve comes his concern to protect. The Gospel tells us that “Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night” (Mt 2:14), thus revealing his prompt concern for the good of his family. He wasted no time fretting over things he could not control, in order to give full attention to those entrusted to his care. Such thoughtful concern is the sign of a true vocation, the testimony of a life touched by the love of God. What a beautiful example of Christian life we give when we refuse to pursue our ambitions or indulge in our illusions, but instead care for what the Lord has entrusted to us through the Church! God then pours out his Spirit and creativity upon us; he works wonders in us, as he did in Joseph.

Together with God’s call, which makes our greatest dreams come true, and our response, which is made up of generous service and attentive care, there is a third characteristic of Saint Joseph’s daily life and our Christian vocation, namely fidelity. Joseph is the “righteous man” (Mt 1:19) who daily perseveres in quietly serving God and his plans. At a particularly difficult moment in his life, he thoughtfully considered what to do (cf. v. 20). He did not let himself be hastily pressured. He did not yield to the temptation to act rashly, simply following his instincts or living for the moment. Instead, he pondered things patiently. He knew that success in life is built on constant fidelity to important decisions. This was reflected in his perseverance in plying the trade of a humble carpenter (cf. Mt 13:55), a quiet perseverance that made no news in his own time, yet has inspired the daily lives of countless fathers, labourers and

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Christians ever since. For a vocation – like life itself – matures only through daily fidelity.

How is such fidelity nurtured? In the light of God’s own faithfulness. The first words that Saint Joseph heard in a dream were an invitation not to be afraid, because God remains ever faithful to his promises: “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid” (Mt 1:20). Do not be afraid: these words the Lord also addresses to you, dear sister, and to you, dear brother, whenever you feel that, even amid uncertainty and hesitation, you can no longer delay your desire to give your life to him. He repeats these words when, perhaps amid trials and misunderstandings, you seek to follow his will every day, wherever you find yourself. They are words you will hear anew, at every step of your vocation, as you return to your first love. They are a refrain accompanying all those who – like Saint Joseph – say yes to God with their lives, through their fidelity each day.

This fidelity is the secret of joy. A hymn in the liturgy speaks of the “transparent joy” present in the home of Nazareth. It the joy of simplicity, the joy experienced daily by those who care for what truly matters: faithful closeness to God and to our neighbour. How good it would be if the same atmosphere, simple and radiant, sober and hopeful, were to pervade our seminaries, religious houses and presbyteries! I pray that you will experience this same joy, dear brothers and sisters who have generously made God the dream of your lives, serving him in your brothers and sisters through a fidelity that is a powerful testimony in an age of ephemeral choices and emotions that bring no lasting joy. May Saint Joseph, protector of vocations, accompany you with his fatherly heart!

Rome, from Saint John Lateran, 19 March 2021,
Feast of Saint Joseph

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DO NOT BE AFRAID:

these words the Lord also addresses to you, dear sister, and to you, dear brother, whenever you feel that, even amid uncertainty and hesitation, you can no longer delay your desire to give your life to him.

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Introduction: In our 1st day of triduum to the 58th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we are called to praise and thank the Lord for making us learn His ways, as in the story of St. Joseph. Let us meditate on the words of the Pope: *“God’s call always urges us to take a first step, to give ourselves, to press forward. There can be no faith without risk. Only by abandoning ourselves confidently to grace, setting aside our own programmes and comforts, can we truly say “yes” to God.”* In this first day of our Triduum, let us pray that, like St. Joseph, may we, too, learn how to entrust our lives to God’s will especially amidst unexpected circumstances. May we learn God’s ways through faith in Him.

Opening Eucharistic Hymn

Eucharistic Greetings (repeat three times)

Leader: Praise and thanks every moment...

All: to the most holy, most divine Sacrament...

Leader: Glory to the Father...

All: As it was in the beginning...

Leader: Send, O Lord...

All: Holy Apostles into Your Church!

Spiritual Communion (p. 16)

Moments of Personal Adoration

Gospel Reading - Matthew 1:18-25

Personal Reflection / Homily

Community Prayer:

All: Our Father in heaven, You promised us you would not leave us orphans, for our salvation and sanctification, send your holy ministers who can give us the life of the spirit through the nourishment of faith and charity. Holy be your name, through the apostolic work of your chosen ones,

who, filled with your Holy Spirit make you known and loved by all the people on earth. Your Kingdom come, and may it be build by your faithful ministers, through the sanctity of their life and devoured by the zeal of your glory and the salvation of souls, bring all to Christian perfection. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Eternal Father, do not cease to provide your Church with holy ministers, that all peoples may follow your holy law. Give us today our daily bread, the bread of your grace, that nourishes the soul in the gift of the Sacraments. We beseech you to enrich your Church with chosen ministers, to communicate to all souls your sanctifying grace. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lord send among the people chosen and faithful Priests who will handle the Sacrament of Reconciliation with love and holiness and may bring you countless souls Do not lead us to the test but deliver us from evil. If our sins have deprived us of your mercy, we beseech you: send ministers who are according to your Heart and through the zeal and self-sacrifice may be concerned in keeping the souls from sinning, and guide them to perfect holiness and salvation. Amen.

Benediction; Divine Praises for Vocations (p. 16)

Concluding Hymn

Suggested Activity:

Find time to meditate on the movement of St. Joseph in the Infancy Narrative, in the account of the Gospel of Matthew. This can be found in Matthew 1:18-25. How did He respond to the dream?

Introduction: In our 2nd day of triduum to the 58th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we are called to meditate on the gift and virtue of service that St. Joseph lived. We are reminded by the Pope's words: *"For Saint Joseph, service – as a concrete expression of the gift of self – did not remain simply a high ideal, but became a rule for daily life. He strove to find and prepare a place where Jesus could be born; he did his utmost to protect him from Herod's wrath by arranging a hasty journey into Egypt; he immediately returned to Jerusalem when Jesus was lost; he supported his family by his work, even in a foreign land."* Let us pray in this Adoration all those who have already responded to their vocation, especially the priests and the consecrated persons. Like St. Joseph, may they unceasingly learn to serve the People of God and never give up, especially in sudden and changing circumstances.

Opening Eucharistic Hymn

Eucharistic Greetings (repeat three times)

Leader: Praise and thanks every moment...

All: to the most holy, most divine Sacrament...

Leader: Glory to the Father...

All: As it was in the beginning...

Leader: Send, O Lord...

All: Holy Apostles into Your Church!

Spiritual Communion (p. 16)

Gospel Reading - Matthew 2:1-23

Personal Reflection / Homily

Community Prayer:

Guide: Let us kneel. Let us pray to the Father of every grace that He may increase the number of those who will

commit themselves to live the evangelical counsels and for all those whom He calls. Let us invoke the Lord our Savior.

All: Keep us, Lord in your service.

Guide: Father and Lord of the universe, you sent your Son in the world to gather the whole human race in praise of your name.

All: Strengthen the witnesses of your Church in the whole world.

Guide: Watch over your priests and the ministers of your Church in the entire world.

All: May their life be never in dissonance with the Gospel they proclaim to their brothers and sisters.

Guide: Bless those you have called to perfect chastity for the Kingdom of heaven.

All: May they follow your Son with the generosity of your saints.

Guide: Send workers to your harvest.

All: That your name may be glorified among people. Amen.

Benediction; Divine Praises for Vocations (p. 16)

Concluding Hymn

Suggested Activities:

Find time to meditate on the movement of St. Joseph in the Infancy Narrative, in the account of the Gospel of Matthew. This can be found in Matthew 2:1-23. How was Joseph able to serve God in the sudden change of circumstances?

Introduction: In our 3rd day of triduum to the 58th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we are called to reflect on “fidelity,” as lived by St. Joseph. Pope Francis reminds us in the story of St. Joseph: *“The first words that Saint Joseph heard in a dream were an invitation not to be afraid, because God remains ever faithful to his promises: “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid” (Mt 1:20). Do not be afraid: these words the Lord also addresses to you, dear sister, and to you, dear brother, whenever you feel that, even amid uncertainty and hesitation, you can no longer delay your desire to give your life to him.”* Let us pray that those who are called to dedicate themselves in a life of service to God and to the less fortunate may always welcome the encouraging and consoling Spirit of God, so that they may truly persevere in their commitment to love.

Opening Eucharistic Hymn

Eucharistic Greetings (repeat three times)

Leader: Praise and thanks every moment...

All: to the most holy, most divine Sacrament...

Leader: Glory to the Father...

All: As it was in the beginning...

Leader: Send, O Lord...

All: Holy Apostles into Your Church!

Spiritual Communion (p. 16)

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

(at the end of each mystery): O Mary, Our Lady of the Rogate, intercede for us.

Gospel Reading - John 20:19-20

Homily or Personal Reflection

Community Prayer:

Guide: Let us present to Jesus our prayer

of petition, asking Him to grant us the grace of fidelity, like his legal father, St. Joseph. We say:

All: Send faithful workers into your harvest.

Guide:

- To make us share in your gift of resurrection...
- To make us share in the eternal life with the Father...
- To make us share in the wonders of your new creation...
- To assure us, “Do not be afraid...”
- To teach us how to please God...
- To gather us as a People of God...
- To be close to us when in peril...
- Through your divine mercy that saves...
- Through your divine mercy that heals...
- Through your consoling divine mercy...
- In your faithfulness shown in the increase of laborers in the vineyard...
- To sustain us through the care of those who hold public office...
- To support the frontliners who flatten the curve of pandemic in healthcare...
- To support the backliners who offer their lives to sustain our daily sustenance and physical well-being.
- As you gave us Mary, your Mother...

Benediction; Divine Praises for Vocations (p. 16)

Concluding Hymn

Suggested Activity:

Find time to pray and meditate on the offer of promise of Jesus, “Peace be with you,” as an encouragement to be faithful to Jesus, especially in turbulent times.

Dear friends, this is a suggested prayer guide for an holy hour of prayer for vocations. In your most convenient time in a week, find time to ask the Lord for good and holy laborers in the Church and society. Share this to your friends, too!



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PRAYER LEAFLET FOR VOCATIONS

Introduction:

Our Lord pointed to a great, universal remedy by saying: “Pray, THEREFORE, to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in his harvest.” This supreme, infallible remedy is tied to prayer. We called this remedy infallible because our Lord cannot be mistaken; if he pointed to prayer as to a remedy, it means that the prayer will be heard, otherwise he would have not recommended it. It is as though he had said: if you ask me for workers for the souls’ harvest, I will give them. But, it also means: if you do not ask me for them, you will not have as many good workers as you need (St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia). All of us, the People of God, are called to become aware of this great need today.

As we celebrate the 58th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we ask the Father to grant us the grace to be true disciples of His Son, Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, by learning from his legal father, St. Joseph. Through St. Joseph’s intercession, may we courageously respond to God’s will by allowing His dream to become our dream, too. By welcoming God’s will in our lives, may we learn, too, to serve others by being generous in charity. Throughout our response to God’s invitation, may we also learn to be faithful to God, as He is faithful to all of us.

Opening Hymn

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Greetings:

Leader: Lord Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament, you lead your Church in many ways, and rule us with love. We ask that candidates to priesthood, by following your footsteps, may learn St. Joseph’s docility to God’s will, even in unexpected unfolding of events. O Sacrament, most holy, O Sacrament divine...

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

Leader: Glory to the Father... Send, O Lord...

All: Holy Apostles into Your Church!

Leader: Lord Jesus, gentle and humble servant of the Father, your eyes fascinated the hearts of your Apostles, your words opened their eyes and at your school they learned the true way that leads to life. Grant, we pray to you, that we may welcome God’s dream, learn true service, and become faithful to His love. O Sacrament, most holy, O Sacrament divine...

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

Leader: Glory to the Father... Send, O Lord...

All: Holy Apostles into Your Church!

Leader: Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, you give your life for your sheep: turn your loving eyes on humankind: they are like sheep tired and exhausted because your ministers are few. Send, we pray, priests according to your heart, and faithful to God's love, trusting in His providence, just like your legal father, St. Joseph did. *O Sacrament, most holy, O Sacrament divine...*

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

Leader: Glory to the Father... Send, O Lord...

All: Holy Apostles into Your Church!

Spiritual Communion:

All: O my Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I receive 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.

Moments of Personal Adoration

First Reading: DREAM, LIKE ST. JOSEPH

(From the Message of Pope Francis on the 58th World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

Saint Joseph suggests to us three key words for each individual's vocation. The first is dream. Everyone dreams of finding fulfilment in life. We rightly nurture great hopes, lofty aspirations that ephemeral goals – like success, money and entertainment – cannot satisfy. If we were to ask people to express in one word their life's dream, it would not be difficult to imagine the answer: "to be loved". It is love that gives meaning to life, because it reveals life's mystery. Indeed, we only have life if we give it; we truly possess it only if we generously give it away. Saint Joseph has much to tell us in this regard, because, through the dreams that God inspired in him, he made of his life a gift.

Reflection Hymn

Second Reading: SERVICE, LIKE ST. JOSEPH



(From the Message of Pope Francis on the 58th World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

A second word marks the journey of Saint Joseph and that of vocation: service. The Gospels show how Joseph lived entirely for others and never for himself. The holy people of God invoke him as the most chaste spouse, based on his ability to love unreservedly. By freeing love from all possessiveness, he became open to an even more fruitful service. His loving care has spanned generations; his attentive guardianship has made him patron of the Church. As one who knew how to embody the meaning of self-giving in life, Joseph is also the patron of a happy death. His service and sacrifices were only possible, however, because they were sustained by a greater love: "Every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice..."

Reflection Hymn

Third Reading: FIDELITY, LIKE ST. JOSEPH

(From the Message of Pope Francis on the 58th World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

Together with God's call, which makes our greatest dreams come true, and our response, which is made up of generous service and attentive care, there is a third characteristic of Saint Joseph's daily life and our Christian vocation, namely fidelity. Joseph is the "righteous man" (Mt 1:19) who daily perseveres in quietly serving God and his plans. At a particularly difficult moment in his life, he thoughtfully considered what to do (cf. v. 20). He did not let himself be hastily pressured. He did not yield to the temptation to act rashly, simply following his instincts or living for the moment. Instead, he

pondered things patiently. He knew that success in life is built on constant fidelity to important decisions. This was reflected in his perseverance in plying the trade of a humble carpenter (cf. Mt 13:55), a quiet perseverance that made no news in his own time, yet has inspired the daily lives of countless fathers, labourers and Christians ever since. For a vocation – like life itself – matures only through daily fidelity.

How is such fidelity nurtured? In the light of God's own faithfulness. The first words that Saint Joseph heard in a dream were an invitation not to be afraid, because God remains ever faithful to his promises: "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid" (Mt 1:20). Do not be afraid: these words the Lord also addresses to you, dear sister, and to you, dear brother, whenever you feel that, even amid uncertainty and hesitation, you can no longer delay your desire to give your life to him. He repeats these words when, perhaps amid trials and misunderstandings, you seek to follow his will every day, wherever you find yourself. They are words you will hear anew, at every step of your vocation, as you return to your first love. They are a refrain accompanying all those who – like Saint Joseph – say yes to God with their lives, through their fidelity each day.

Reflection Hymn

Gospel Reading: LUKE 10:1-12

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 ask the master 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.' Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.' Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand. I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Homily or Reflective Silence

Reflection Hymn

Leader: St. Hannibal Mary said: "When God sends out the priests according to his heart to the Church and the peoples, who can value the great good coming out of that? Well, if Jesus Christ said: 'Pray to the owner of the harvest,' it means that he absolutely wants us to pray, and he will hear this prayer infallibly; therefore, the more this prayer is spread, the more the Church will be endowed with elect and holy ministers. Being the priests the light of the world and the salt of the earth, they will be the salvation for all." Let us ask Jesus to send us holy priests today. The response is: **SEND HOLY PRIESTS.**

- Jesus, to the people of the countryside and in the remote villages... (R./)
- Jesus, in the populous metropolis...
- Jesus, in the regions of the unbelievers...
- Jesus, for the salvation of sinners...
- Jesus, for the safety of the endangered innocence...
- Jesus, for the reformation of the delinquent youth...
- Jesus, for the safety of the endangered virginity...
- Jesus, to be the powerful protectors against all errors...
- Jesus, to the comfort of the afflicted and help to the sick...
- Jesus, for the sanctification of every soul...
- Jesus, without much delay...

Leader: Let us pray to the Father, the Master

of the harvest, that He may have mercy on His people by sending us holy vocations today:

All: Our Father in heaven, You promised us you would not leave us orphans, for our salvation and sanctification, send your holy ministers who can give us the life of the spirit through the nourishment of faith and charity. Holy be your name, through the apostolic work of your chosen ones, who, filled with your Holy Spirit make you known and loved by all the people on earth. Your Kingdom come, and may it be build by your faithful ministers, through the sanctity of their life and devoured by the zeal of your glory and the salvation of souls, bring all to Christian perfection. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Eternal Father, do not cease to provide your Church with holy ministers, that all peoples may follow your holy law.

Give us today our daily bread, the bread of your grace, that nourishes the soul in the gift of the Sacraments. We beseech you to enrich your Church with chosen ministers, to communicate to all souls your sanctifying grace. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lord send among the people chosen and faithful Priests who will handle the Sacrament of Reconciliation with love and holiness and may bring you countless souls. Do not lead us to the test but deliver us from evil. If our sins have deprived us of your mercy, we beseech you: send ministers who are according to your Heart and through the zeal and self-sacrifice may be concerned in keeping the souls from sinning, and guide them to perfect holiness and salvation. Amen.

Tantum Ergo (English):

Down in adoration falling,
Lo! the sacred Host we hail,
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail.
To the Everlasting Father,
And the Son Who reigns on high
With the Holy Spirit proceeding

Forth from Each eternally,
Be salvation, honour, blessing,
Might, and endless majesty. Amen.

Celebrant: You have given them bread
from heaven.

All: With all its sweetness and delight.

Let us pray: O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament left us a memorial of Thy Passion: grant, we implore Thee, that we may so venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, as always to be conscious of the fruit of Thy Redemption. Thou who livest and reignest forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Divine Praises for Vocations:

Blessed be God, Author of Vocations.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord of the Harvest.

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Repose of the Blessed Sacrament

Concluding Hymn

Leader: Send, O Lord...

All: Holy Apostles into Your Church!

PRAYERS FOR THE EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

O my Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I receive 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.

BENEDICTION (TANTUM ERGO) - LATIN:

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.
Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et iubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

P: Panem de cælo præstitisti eis...

R: Omne delectamentum in se habentem

Oremus: Deus, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili, passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti: tribue, quæsumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in sæcula sæculorum.

R: Amen.

BENEDICTION (TANTUM ERGO) - ENGLISH:

Down in adoration falling,
Lo! the sacred Host we hail,
Lo! o'er ancient forms departing
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail.

To the Everlasting Father,
And the Son Who reigns on high
With the Holy Spirit proceeding
Forth from Each eternally,
Be salvation, honour, blessing,
Might, and endless majesty. Amen.

P: Thou hast given them bread from heaven.

R: Having within it all sweetness.

Let us pray: O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament left us a memorial of Thy Passion: grant, we implore Thee, that we may so venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood, as always to be conscious of the fruit of Thy Redemption. Thou who livest and reignest forever and ever.

R: Amen.

DIVINE PRAISES FOR VOCATIONS:

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GUIDE FOR THE HOLY MASS

FOR THE 58TH WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Introduction: Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, which is also known as the “Good Shepherd Sunday.” We turn our gaze to the Risen Jesus, who is the Good Shepherd and who continues to assure us: “Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid.” He is the Good Shepherd because He gathers and lead us back to the Father, so that He can bestow life in us.

In today’s celebration of the 58th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we recall the words of Pope Francis who wishes us to learn from St. Joseph: “God looks on the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day.

The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and steadfast in strengthening hopes. The priesthood and the consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of “the saints next door”. At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey.”

May we, through this Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, experience a springtime of vocations, who are ready to lay down their lives at the service of their needy brethren, learning from St. Joseph to seek fulfillment and happiness in trusting God’s will, in welcoming God’s proposal of service, and in

faithful joy of embracing the call of God to the perfection of charity in every heart.

Entrance Hymn

Greetings / Penitential Rite / Glory to God

Collect: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER:
(only required Collect for the 4th Sunday of Easter)

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

First Reading: Acts 4:8-12

Then Peter, filled with the holy Spirit, answered them, “Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. He is ‘the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.’ There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.”

- *The Word of the Lord*

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 21, 29

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

- *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Homily of the Celebrant

The Creed is said: I believe in one God...

Prayers of the Faithful: *(in addition to the prepared prayers by the community)*

That all of us may experience a springtime of vocations by being grateful of our Christian calling, aware of the encouragement of Christ amidst troubles, and committed to lead our lives that continues to praise God. *We pray to the Lord.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer over the Offerings:

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.

Preface: CHRIST, PRIEST AND VICTIM

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, at all times to acclaim you, O Lord, but in this time above all to laud you yet more gloriously, when Christ our Passover has been sacrificed.

By the oblation of his Body, he brought the sacrifices of old to fulfillment in the reality of the Cross and, by commending himself to you for our salvation, showed himself the Priest, the Altar, and the Lamb of sacrifice.

Therefore, overcome with paschal joy, every land, every people exults in your praise and even the heavenly Powers, with the angelic hosts, sing together the unending hymn of your glory, as they acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .

Prayer after Communion:

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: *(This can be prayed after Post-Communion Prayer.)*

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 whole 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.
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Final Blessing and Recessional Hymn



We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

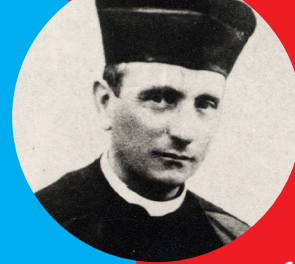


CARE AS PROMOTION OF THE DIGNITY AND RIGHTS OF EACH PERSON

The very concept of the person, which originated and developed in Christianity, fosters the pursuit of a fully human development. Person always signifies relationship, not individualism; it affirms inclusion, not exclusion, unique and inviolable dignity, not exploitation”.[8] Each human person is an end in himself or herself, and never simply a means to be valued only for his or her usefulness. Persons are created to live together in families, communities and societies, where all are equal in dignity. Human rights derive from this dignity, as do human duties, like the responsibility to welcome and assist the poor, the sick, the excluded, every one of our “neighbours, near or far in space and time”.

- Pope Francis, Message for the 54th World Day of Peace

REMEMBER THIS CHALLENGE?



St. Hannibal said, "With the Lord's help, I will be ready to make any sacrifice, even by giving my blood and my life, that this **ROGATE** becomes universal!"

Let's do a crop-and-share challenge! The mechanics are simple: using your phone or computer, **DOWNLOAD** this page, **USE** a photo editor to crop a quote you like, and share it in Facebook or Instagram.

#PRAYFORVOICATIONS



The Rogate
CONTAINS THE
SECRET OF ALL
GOOD WORKS
AND THE SALVATION
OF ALL SOULS.

- St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia

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ROGATE ERGO!

This is the great word, the divine command which only the most holy heart of Jesus' zeal could give.

- St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia

#PRAYFORVOICATIONS



The faithful must understand that the greatest mercy God may have on the people or a city is his sending out elect priests, as he did with his only Son.

- St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia

#PRAYFORVOICATIONS

Wherever good appears, faith blooms, the souls find salvation, the youth grow faithful, the poor are relieved, the good works rise; wherever religion is supported, defended, and protected, error is defeated; wherever the laity is Catholic and active...



#PRAYFORVOICATIONS

...THERE YOU FIND THE PRIEST'S WORK.

- St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia

do you have a **VOCATION PRAYER HABIT**



Vocations are a great grace from God.
They help us encounter God.
They form good citizens for society.

SO, WHY NOT MAKE THE PRAYER
for more holy vocations?
A HABIT?

PRAYER

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FIRST PRAYER TO OUR LADY

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

“Protectress of the Roman people”, you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and

celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.



SECOND PRAYER

“We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God”.

In the present tragic situation, when the whole world is prey to suffering and anxiety, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection.

Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died, and at times are buried in a way that grieves them deeply. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick and who, in order to prevent the spread of the disease, cannot be close to them. Fill with hope those who are troubled by the uncertainty of the future and the consequences for the economy and employment.

Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Plead with your divine Son, as you did at Cana, so that the families of the sick and the victims be comforted, and their hearts be opened to confidence and trust.

Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health. Be close to those who assist the sick night and

day, and to priests who, in their pastoral concern and fidelity to the Gospel, are trying to help and support everyone.

Blessed Virgin, illumine the minds of men and women engaged in scientific research, that they may find effective solutions to overcome this virus. Support national leaders, that with wisdom, solicitude and generosity they may come to the aid of those lacking the basic necessities of life and may devise social and economic solutions inspired by farsightedness and solidarity.

Mary Most Holy, stir our consciences, so that the enormous funds invested in developing and stockpiling arms will instead be spent on promoting effective research on how to prevent similar tragedies from occurring in the future.

Beloved Mother, help us realize that we are all members of one great family and to recognize the bond that unites us, so that, in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity, we can help to alleviate countless situations of poverty and need. Make us strong in faith, persevering in service, constant in prayer.

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

O most Holy Virgin,
you are the ever open treasure
of all the divine graces.
We ask of you the grace, the benefit
which includes all others,
the mercy of all mercies:
send good Workers of the Gospel
to the Holy Church.

This gift is worthy of your zeal
and of your maternal generosity.

Remember the Word of your
adorable Son when he said:
'Pray therefore the Lord of the Harvest
that he may send Workers into his Harvest.'
You who have treasured in your heart
all the words of your Divine Son,
and have begun since that time to pray
so that the Lord of the Harvest
would send good Laborers into his Harvest,
you have obtained for the Apostles
and Confessors the grace of their ministry.
You, most holy Mother, have given,
at all times to the Church of Jesus Christ
Apostles and Saints, persons active
and fervent with zeal and love;
please, look at this miserable state
of so many peoples and countries,
because of the lack
of good Gospel Laborers.

O most powerful Mother, we beseech you
with the words of your Divine Son:
'Pray therefore the Lord of the Harvest
that he may send Workers into his Harvest.'

O Mother of God and men, you deserved
to be the co-redemptrix of the human race,
offering to the Father on the Cross,
as an undefeated Priestess,
the Victim of infinite value.

Please, continue in the midst of Holy Church
your sublime role of co-redemptrix,
sending to all peoples, all cities, all regions,
chosen Priests who, with all the efficacious
means of grace, doctrine, sacrifice and
word, may they gain all souls to the Truth
and lead them to eternal Life. Amen.



PRAYER THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO OBTAIN GOOD WORKERS OF THE GOSPEL

COMPOSED BY
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DI FRANCA

PRAYER TO JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST FOR MORE HOLY PRIESTS

[Composed by *St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia*]

O most adorable Lord Jesus, hidden in the most ineffable mystery of your infinite love, we raise to you our ardent yearnings. O Redeemer of the human family, send laborers of the Gospel for the salvation of all people. You may remain silent and hidden in the Eucharist, but not your divine Heart and your almighty Word. Shoot the loving arrows and call young men to your priesthood; let your most sweet voice be heard from the depths of your Tabernacle in all Catholic nations by numerous youths, by well disposed youngsters and effectively call them to your sanctuary. O Jesus in the Eucharist, you pass in the midst of us as you passed along the streets of Jerusalem. Renew the miracle of vocations you personally performed among the Apostles.

Provident and loving Jesus, we pray you that through this same mystery of love and faith you may refuse our prayer. Remember that from the infinite love of your Heart these two sacraments were born together: the Eucharist and the Priesthood. Remember that after the great miracle of the Banquet, you formed priests to whom you gave the power of consecrating your Body and your Blood. For that love by which you made yourself remain with us in the Eucharist, send numerous and holy ministers who know and love you, who consecrate and offer you in the Mass to the Eternal Father. May they glorify you with good works. May they make you known to all people through the divine Word. May they make the poor and the children love you, distribute you as nourishment to the faithful, and work zealously for the honor and propriety of your sanctuary.

O most loving Heart of the Supreme God in the Eucharist, watch over your groaning and sighing Church, watch over the poor souls who perish due to lack of good laborers, listen to the fervent supplications of your unworthy creatures. Hear us, O kind and merciful Lord, for the greater consolation of your divine Heart.

Amen.



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