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A photograph of a priest in white vestments performing a ritual. He is holding a chalice and a paten. His hands are raised in a gesture of blessing or prayer. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people in white vestments.

*Regate...*

**A GREAT UNIVERSAL**

**REMEDY**

# THE GRACE OF AN ABUNDANCE OF RECONCILIATION

Reflections and Prayer on the Solemnity of All Saints (NOVEMBER 1, 2020)

## WORD OF GOD



## FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for

they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## BREAKING THE BREAD



### A. POINT FOR REFLECTION:

“Please imagine for a moment the priesthood dying out as the sun dies at sunset. Wouldn’t the world stay in darkness? Where would you find God’s worship, the sacraments, the Eucharist, God’s word, faith, and charity? All of them would end! Now, please imagine the opposite. Suppose that the earth is full of God’s elect ministers, of numerous, holy priests: one for every hundred persons and all of them are as holy as the ancient apostles. Wouldn’t you think it would be the sudden salvation and happiness of all souls, no one excepted?” (St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, “The Father’s Soul,” p. 114)

### B. PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

O Most sweet Heart of Jesus, who is thirsty

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

of souls, you were not contented with giving everything to us, but you also left on earth your eternal priesthood for the welfare of all. Draw from your open side, holy ministers, filled with genuine zeal who will win for you numerous souls. Amen. OUR FATHER... (St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia).

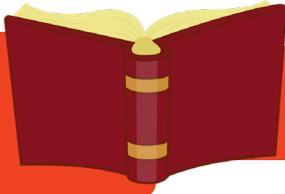
### C. SUGGESTED ACTIVITY:

Read and reflect on this prayer: “Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.”

# PURSUING THINGS THAT PLEASES GOD

Reflections and Prayer on the 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (NOVEMBER 8, 2020)

## WORD OF GOD



## FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 25:1-13

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish

ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise ones replied, ‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’ While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

## BREAKING THE BREAD



*Therefore, stay awake,  
for you know neither the day nor the hour.*

### A. POINT FOR REFLECTION:

Our Lord pointed out as clearly as he could how to remedy the lack of workers in the mystical harvest when seeing the crowds abandoned he used to say: “The harvest is great, but the workers are few; pray, therefore, to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in his harvest.”... Since our Lord Jesus Christ recommended, commanded, and pointed out to the prayer to obtain the priests as to the infallible remedy, what can we expect from our efforts, if we neglect the remedy pointed out by Jesus? Is our toiling along with our money better than the remedy commanded by Jesus? (St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, “The Father’s Soul,” p. 158)

### B. PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

O Jesus, we pray that in every young man

initiated to the Priesthood, you may form a saint, an apostle of faith and charity. If this is a great grace we ask of you, it is worthy of you, the infinite giver of all that is good; it is worthy of that precious Blood you shed for the glory of the Father and for the salvation of souls, listen to our supplication: sanctify your priests. Amen. (St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia)

### C. SUGGESTED ACTIVITY:

Read and reflect: “Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.”

# SERVING THE LORD WITH CONSTANT GLADNESS

Reflections and Prayer on the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (NOVEMBER 15, 2020)

## WORD OF GOD



## FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 25:14-30

Jesus said, “It will be as when a man who was going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money. After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’ [Then] the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have

made two more.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’ Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.’ His master said to him in reply, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.’

## BREAKING THE BREAD



## Come, share your master’s joy.

### A. POINT FOR REFLECTION:

Committed to each word of this mystical Decalogue (it is made of ten words: Rogate - ergo - dominum - messis - ut - mittat - operarios - in - messem - suam), we should feel ashamed to ask God and the most holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary for good workers to the mystical harvest of the souls, if we ourselves were not striving with all our soul, heart, mind, and body to be good workers with God’s help, our good will, and pure intention.. (St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, “The Father’s Soul,” p. 139)

### B. PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

O Heart [of Jesus], abyss of the vivifying light, here is the echo of your divine wails, “My God, the zeal for your house devours me... The harvest is great, but the workers are few; pray, therefore, to the owner of the harvest that he send out workers to gather it in.”

What a secret of your inner secrets! ...O most ardent Heart, may the zeal for your house devour us, the banner of your Evangelical Rogation be taken over all the world, the never-ending zeal spring from all hearts, and may your elect multiply as the stars and the sand of the sea. May the peoples be redeemed again, the nations you made curable be the trophy of your victory, and the Church along with his chief sing the hymn of your triumphs! (St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia)

### C. SUGGESTED ACTIVITY:

Read and reflect on the Church’s prayer this Sunday: “Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good...”

# CATECHESIS ON THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE



## ACT OF DEDICATION OF THE HUMAN RACE TO JESUS CHRIST KING (IESU DULCISIME, REDEMPTOR)

A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful, who piously recite the Act of Dedication of the Human Race to Jesus Christ King. A plenary indulgence is granted, if it is recited publicly on the feast of our Lord Jesus Christ King.

On November 22, 2020, we shall be concluding our Liturgical Year with the Solemnity of Christ the King. Let's get to know more about this great feast through the catechesis below.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, formerly referred to as "Christ the King," was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, through his encyclical letter "Quas Primas." Before the reform of the Roman Calendar in 1969, this feast was celebrated on the last Sunday of October. Now, this is celebrated after the 33<sup>rd</sup> or 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, and before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.

**PURPOSE OF THE FEAST:** This solemn feast is intended as an antidote to secularism, a way of life which leaves God out of man's thinking and living and organizes his life as if God did not exist. It proclaims, in a striking and effective manner, Christ's royalty over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations.

**CHRIST'S ROYALTY OVER MEN:** (1) Christ is God, the Creator of the universe and hence wields a supreme power over all things; "All things were created by Him"; (2) Christ is our Redeemer, He purchased us by His precious Blood, and made us His property and possession; (3) Christ is Head of the Church, "holding in all things the primacy"; (4) God bestowed upon Christ the nations of the world as His special possession and dominion.

**QUALITIES OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM:** This kingdom is: (1) supreme, extending not only to all people but also to their princes and kings; (2) universal, extending to all nations and all places; (3) eternal, for "The Lord shall sit a King forever"; (4) spiritual, Christ's "kingdom is not of this world."

*Most sweet Jesus*

Redeemer of the human race,  
look down upon us  
humbly prostrate before you.

We are yours, and yours we wish to be; but to be more surely united with you, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to your Most Sacred Heart. Many indeed have never known you; many, too, despising your precepts, have rejected you. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to your Sacred Heart.

Be King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken you, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned you; grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger.

Be King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and the unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd.

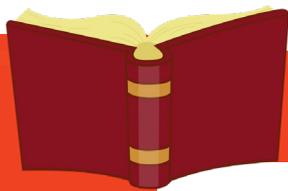
Grant, O Lord, to your Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give tranquility of order to all nations; make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry:  
Praise to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation;  
to it be glory and honor for ever.

Amen.

# RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

Reflections and Prayer on the Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe (NOVEMBER 22, 2020)

## WORD OF GOD



## FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 25:31-46

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome

you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?’ And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’ Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.’ Then they will answer and say, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?’ He will answer them, ‘Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.’ And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

## BREAKING THE BREAD



*Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.*

### A. POINT FOR REFLECTION:

I thought: what is the meaning of the few orphans who are saved, the few poor who are evangelized, compared with the millions and millions of people who get lost and are abandoned like sheep without a shepherd? I looked at my poor means, at the smallest sphere of my activity, and sought for a solution. I found a wide, unlimited outlet in the adorable words of our Lord Jesus Christ: “Pray, therefore, to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in his harvest.” I seemed to have found the secret of all good works and of the salvation of all souls. (St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, “The Father’s Soul,” p. 135)

### B. PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

O most adorable Jesus, 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. (St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia)

### C. SUGGESTED ACTIVITY:

Read and reflect on the Church’s prayer for this Sunday: “Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise...”

# CATECHESIS ON

# Advent

Dear friends, the liturgical season of Advent is fast approaching! Let us get to know more about this liturgical season in our life as a Church by reading the Catechism and the reflection below.

**W**hen the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming (cf. Rev. 22:17). By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the Church unites herself to his desire: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (Jn. 3:30).

- Catechism of the Catholic Church, #524



## History of the Advent Wreath

**T**he Advent wreath is an old German tradition that has gained much popularity in the last few years. Most Christian homes and communities practice this custom during the Advent season. This sacramental is rich in meaning, is easy to implement and can either be simple, costing little, or very elaborate, costing more, handmade or storebought, with fresh greenery, or permanent greens. The Advent wreath is a wreath, or circle, of evergreens, made in various sizes. It is either suspended from the ceiling by ribbons (preferably purple) or placed on a table. The devotion is usually incorporated during the family meal, or during family night prayers. Fastened to the wreath are four candles standing upright, at equal distances. These candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three of the candles are purple, reminding us of the penitential nature of the season. A rose or pink candle is lit for the Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete (rejoice) Sunday. The name is taken from the entrance antiphon or Introit "Rejoice (gaudete) in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice." It is reminding us that the end of Advent is almost here, and we can hardly contain our joy. (Source: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/activities/view.cfm?id=954>)

**A**ccording to the Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the General Roman Calendar, Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is period of devout and expectant delight.

## The Message of the Advent

**F**or Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming: "Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes."

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. ...

Source: <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2020-11-29>

# THE GRACE OF THE RESOLVE TO MEET CHRIST

Reflections and Prayer on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (NOVEMBER 29, 2020)

## WORD OF GOD



## FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 13:33-37

Jesus said, “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch,

therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: “Watch!””

## BREAKING THE BREAD



## What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’

### A. POINT FOR REFLECTION:

“Anyone who is able to help the formation of priests has to do it with a will; but to win priests according to God, let us pray, let us pray, let us make other people pray the Lord to send them out ! Rogate ! Pray, says the Lord to everyone. Let us pray, therefore. May this prayer to obtain the good workers to the holy Church become a universal rogation, directed to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the center of the man-God’s zeal, from which came the command: Rogate!” (St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, “The Father’s Soul,” p. 127)

### B. PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

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. Amen. (St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia)

### C. SUGGESTED ACTIVITY:

Read and reflect on the Church’s prayer this Sunday: “Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.”

# ARE YOU UP FOR A 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.

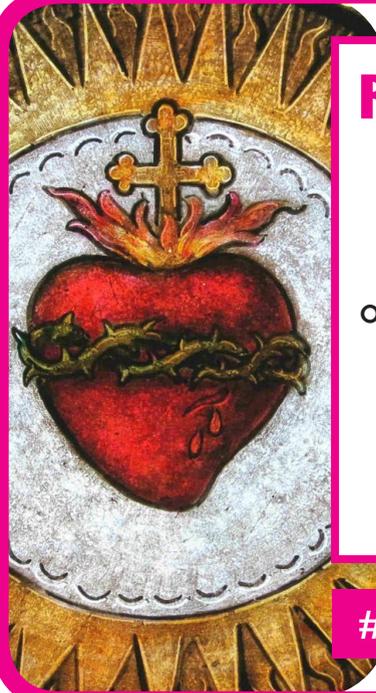
## #PRAYFORVOICATIONS



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

- St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia

## #PRAYFORVOICATIONS



### 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

# PRAYER TO JESUS FOR VOCATIONS

[Composed by  
St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia]

O most amiable Lord Jesus, at the price of your blood, you have redeemed the world. Look upon humanity, a greater part of which still lies in the darkness of error. Let the light of your truth shine upon them. Increase the apostles of your Gospel, bless their zeal and efforts with your grace, and may they be converted to you, their Creator and Redeemer. Hasten, most beloved Savior, the coming of your kingdom on earth, draw to your divine Heart all men and women so that they may share in your redemption and in the eternal happiness of heaven.

Amen.



O most holy Virgin, we come to you to implore a great grace in behalf of all the peoples of the earth. We ask of you laborers of the Gospel. You, O Mother are Queen of Apostles, you have obtained the grace of their ministry. Through your intercession, every vocation has come. Obtain for your Church and the whole world today numerous and chosen priests, apostolic and holy men, souls fervent with zeal and charity. Remember the command of your Son Jesus when he said: “Pray the harvest master that he may send workers to the harvest.” Hear us, O Mother, for the greatest comfort of the most holy Heart of Jesus.

Amen.

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO MARY MOST HOLY

[Composed by  
St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia]

# PRAYER FOR OBTAINING GOOD LABORERS FOR THE GOSPEL AND FOR THE HOLY CHURCH

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

**M**ost Sweet Heart of Jesus, seeing the souls abandoned, without anyone to help them and save them, and moved by great mercy, you said: “The harvest is plenty but laborers are scarce. Pray the harvest Master to send out laborers to gather his harvest.” In obedience to this command of the divine zeal of your Heart, we ardently beseech you to raise apostolic men throughout the world that, burning with your love and zeal for your glory and for the good of souls, they may be your true representatives, chosen ministers, kingly Priests, saviors of the people. Through your abundant divine merits, grant the whole Church this grace of graces, this mercy of mercies. Look not at our faults but do it for your own sake.

Amen.

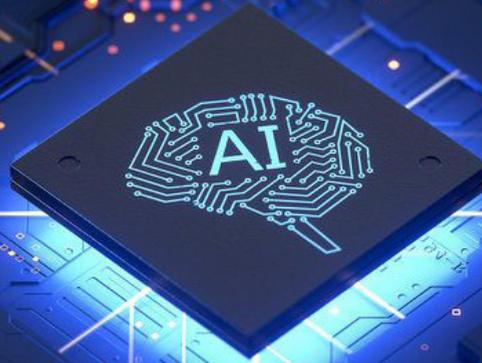


**O** Lord, hope of Israel and her Savior in time of tribulations, watch over this vineyard from heaven, fill its streams with fertile water, let its sprouts multiply, make it perfect because it is your right hand, O Lord, which planted it. The harvest here is great indeed but the laborers are few. We pray you, therefore, the Master of the harvest that you may send laborers to your harvest. Let this family multiply and its joy expand so that they walls of Jerusalem may be built. This house, O Lord, is yours. Let no stone be in it unless you have so willed. And may those whom you have called to form it, be kept in your Name and sanctified in truth.

Amen.

# PRAYER FOR BUILDING UP THE CHURCH

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



## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.



*We need good laborers who can advance humankind towards God.*

It is God who raises his ministers, who sends out holy vocations from heaven, but he wants us to pray. The Rogate is a command. The most holy Heart of Jesus burns with the desire of granting such a mercy, and hopes that the peoples (and all the priests) do not neglect this command by imploring holy vocations. While seeing the ruin of many generations of souls redeemed by his very precious blood, Jesus cries out: **Rogate ergo**. Plenty of souls would be saved, and many of them would achieve sanctification if the mystical workers catechized, edified, and instructed them in the faith and religion.

- St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, *The Father's Soul*, page 112

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!



# holy hour FOR VOCATIONS

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## Introduction:

**O**ur 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...

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. Jesus said to his disciples: “As the Father sent me, so I send you” (Jn. 20, 21). Vice versa, the greatest punishment God may give is depriving the people of his ministers, or better yet, of the priests according to his heart. The faithful must understand this duty, accustoming themselves to pray that the Lord send out the priests to catechize, to administer the sacraments, and to guide the people to eternal life.

- St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia

## 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 discover the greatness of serving your Father and of giving their life for the salvation of all. *Praise and thanks every moment...*

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

**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. Awaken, we pray you, in the hearts of young men the desire for your school of truth; open their hearts to the understanding and appreciation of the priestly ministry through the joyous witness of your priests. *Praise and thanks every moment...*

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

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

**All:** Holy Apostles into Your Church!

**Leader:** 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. Let them be guides of prayer to your people; sanctify them by the power of the sacraments, and let them be a living and pure offering to the Father for the salvation of the people entrusted to them. *Praise and thanks every moment...*

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

**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**

#### **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:**

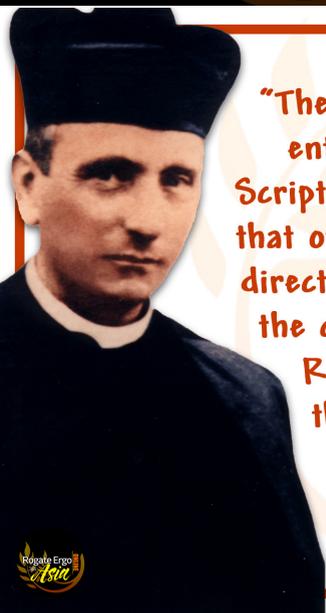
Blessed be God, Author of Vocations.  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord of the Harvest.  
Blessed be Jesus Christ the Compassionate Lord.  
Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart, the Merciful.  
Blessed be His Most Precious Blood,  
who washed our sins.  
Blessed be Jesus in the Eucharist  
our spiritual food.  
Blessed be the Holy Spirit,  
Light of all those who are called.  
Blessed be the Great Mother of God,  
Mary Mother of Vocations.  
Blessed be her Immaculate Conception,  
the Model of all Priests.  
Blessed be the Name of Mary,  
Virgin and Mother of all Missionaries.  
Blessed be her glorious Assumption,  
intercessor upon all the Candidates  
to the Consecrated life.  
Blessed be St. Joseph,  
Protector of the Universal Church.  
Blessed be God, in His Holy Apostles  
and Saints of the Church.

**Rest of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Concluding Hymn**

# ST. HANNIBAL DI FRANCIA: PASSIONATE FOR THE SCRIPTURES

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## THE PERIOD OF HIS STUDIES

In the year 1858, at the beginning of his formative years, Anna Toscano, the mother of St. Hannibal, sent her son to the college of St. Nicolo run by the Cistercians with the help of a relative, Fr. Raffaele di Francia. In this school, St. Hannibal received his initial spiritual and Biblical formation with Fr. Ascanio Foti as his spiritual director. Due to the suppression of the religious orders and the closure of the college in 1866, Hannibal together with his brother, Francis, went back to his family. He nonetheless continued to studies privately, under the tutelage of some of the teachers he has had in the college. During these adolescent years, the need to discern moved Hannibal to deepen his interior searching. He read stories of various saints, stories of the Bible and prayed the psalm with interest the desire to become a priest slowly grew clearer and more mature. With an assiduous spiritual direction, the participation to the Eucharist, listening to teachings and preaching, intense practice of the Eucharistic adoration-all of these developed within Hannibal a discerning soul with a

particular attraction towards God and His Word. The Sacred Scriptures, disseminated and studied in the manner of that epoch, gradually became for St. Hannibal an important resource for his prayer, spiritual quest and vocation discernment.

## THE "INTUITION" OF THE ROGATE

The reality of the entire inspired Scripture, specifically that of the Gospel, is directly connected to the charism of the Rogate (pray therefore) [Mt. 9:36-38; Lk. 10:2]. In discovering the Rogate, Hannibal understood his vocation as service to the Church and to the poor. The testimony of the origin of his priestly vocation leads us to think that the intuition concerning the Rogate appears not as a consequence of an intellectual construct or an erudite research done on the Sacred Scripture. He received this understanding of the Rogate in an expected manner (supernatural), as an "interior gift" which God granted to a soul in search even before having profoundly known the Bible. His encounter with the historical message of the verse of the Rogate opened the way for deepening and interiorization of the Sacred Scripture. The Bible became the "essential book" which this young man discovered and accepted in his heart. On this principle, which is rooted on listening with faith to the Word of God, He patterned his mission. This inspiration founded on the evangelical verse of the Rogate has profoundly shaped and determined his spiritual journey. It matured into an initial self-giving even before embarking the journey toward priesthood. It may be said then that it was not that initially Hannibal was seeking inspiration from the Sacred Scriptures. Rather the understanding of the charism was prior to his discovery of the Rogate verse and it became the solid foundation in his successive appreciation and us of the Bible.

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