



Dear Lord,  
We pray that the Blessed Mother  
wrap her mantle around Your priests  
and through her intercession  
strengthen them for their ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide Your priests  
to follow her own words,  
“Do whatever He tells you” (Jn 2:5)

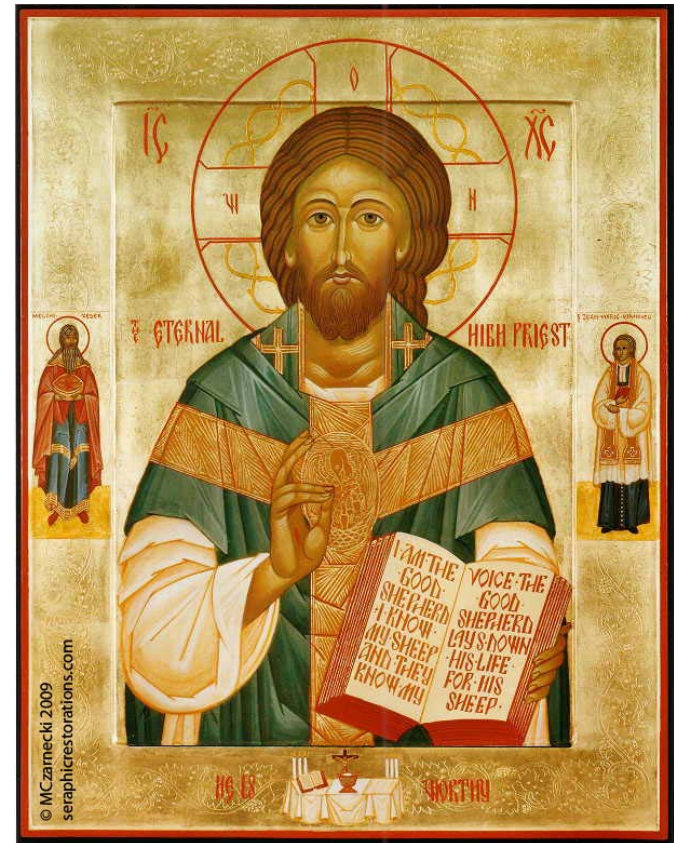
May Your priests have the heart of St. Joseph,  
Mary’s most chaste spouse.

May the Blessed Mother’s own pierced heart  
inspire them to embrace  
all who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May Your priests be holy,  
filled with the fire of Your love  
seeking nothing but Your greater Glory  
and the salvation of souls.  
Amen.

**ST. JEAN MARIE VIANNEY, PRAY FOR US.**

# YEAR FOR PRIESTS HOLY HOUR



**FIDELITY OF CHRIST, FIDELITY OF PRIESTS**

**JUNE 19, 2009  
THROUGH  
JUNE 19, 2010**

## EXPOSITION HYMN:

O Saving Victim opening wide  
The gate of heaven to all below.  
Our foes press on from every side;  
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

To Thy great name be endless praise  
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;  
Oh, grant us endless length of days,  
In our true native land with Thee.  
Amen.

O Salutaris hostia,  
Quae caeli pandis ostium,  
Bella praemunt hostilia:  
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino  
Sit sempiterna gloria:  
Qui vitam sine termino,  
Nobis donet in patria.  
Amen.

*As the celebrant is leaving the following or another suitable hymn may be sung.*

Holy God, we praise thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before thee;  
All on earth thy scepter claim;  
All in heaven above adore thee.  
Infinite thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is thy reign!

Hark, the loud celestial hymn;  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and Seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

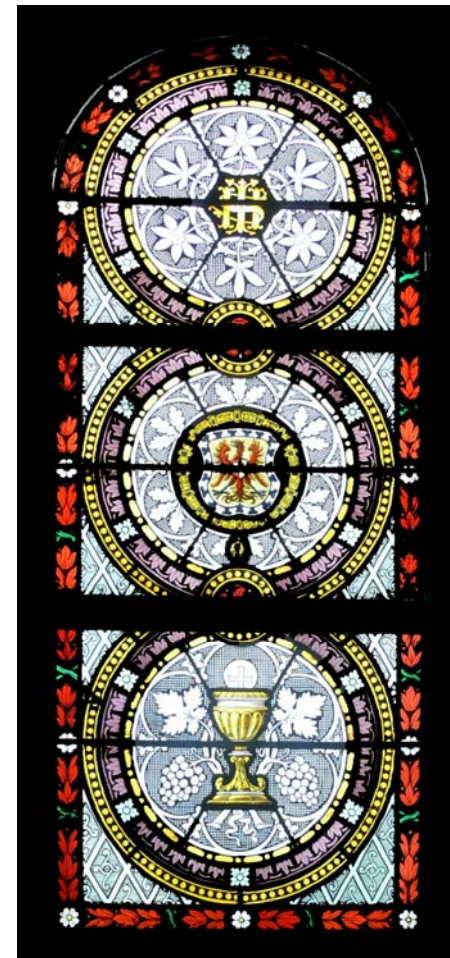
## OPENING PRAYER:

**Leader:** O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, we come before Your Eucharistic presence during this Year for Priests, begging You to deepen the commitment of all priests to interior renewal for the sake of a more forceful and faithful witness to the Gospel in today's world. The saintly Curé of Ars would often say, "The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus". We pray with heartfelt gratitude for the immense gift which priests represent, not only for the Church, but also for humanity itself.

**All: Amen.**

## GOSPEL READING: (JOHN 17: 9-18)

**Leader:** And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.



## INVITATION:

**Leader:** You have given them Bread from heaven. (T.P. Alleluia)

**All: Having all sweetness within it.** (T.P. Alleluia)

**Leader:** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of Your suffering and death. May our worship of this sacrament of Your body and blood help us to experience the salvation You won for us and the peace of the kingdom where You live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

**Leader:** Panem de caelo praestitisti eis. (T.P. Alleluia)

**All: Omne delectamentum in se habentem.** (T.P. Alleluia)

**Leader:** Oremus.

Deus, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili, passionis tuae memoriam reliquisti: tribue, quaesumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuae fructum in nobis iugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis et regnas in saecula saeculorum.

**All: Amen.**

## SILENT REFLECTION/SPIRITUAL READING:

*Take time to reflect prayerfully upon this Gospel passage or some other spiritual reading.*

## ROSARY FOR PRIESTS:

The **Luminous Mysteries** are prayed while reflecting on them as “**Mysteries of the Priesthood**”, imploring the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the sanctification of all priests and increase of zeal in their ministry for the salvation of souls.

**Leader:** (1) As St. John the Baptist ***Baptizes the Lord***, the presence of the Father who is well pleased, and the power of the Holy Spirit who compels Jesus into His mission, all hold veins of truth for meditating on the priestly vocation. This mystery reinforces the essential significance of the mission of every Christian as his most personal of all gifts. Grant all priests a deeper knowledge that their vocation and mission are inseparably linked in the image of Christ sent by the Father.

**Leader:** (2) The ***Mystery of the Wedding Feast at Cana*** draws attention to the need for obedience to the voice of God. May all priests grow daily in their promise of obedience letting Our Blessed Mother’s words “Do whatever He tells you.” resonate in their lives.

**Leader:** (3) Faithful obedience to the Lord’s call establishes the priest firmly in union with Jesus in the ***Proclamation of the Kingdom***. This mystery can be prayed with a particular focus on gratitude for all the priests who have communicated the Word of God to us in their service to Him and His Church.

**Leader:** (4) The ***Mystery of the Transfiguration*** increases our confidence in the reality of Christ Who reveals His glory to us through the priesthood and prepares us for eternal life through their sacramental ministry. Jesus comes and touches Peter, James

## DIVINE PRAISES:

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste Spouse.

Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

and John after the glorious vision and says, "Do not be afraid". It is Jesus Who calls them and strengthens that call. He challenges each priest in the call and sustains them with love through the call.

**Leader:** (5) In the *Mystery of the Eucharist*, we can meditate gratefully on St. John Vianney's words, "Without the Sacrament of Holy Orders, we would not have the Lord. Who put Him there in that tabernacle? The priest. Who welcomed your soul at the beginning of your life? The priest. Who feeds your soul and gives it strength for its journey? The priest. Who will prepare it to appear before God, bathing it one last time in the blood of Jesus Christ? The priest, always the priest. He is a priest not for himself but for you."

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS:

**Leader:** Lord Jesus Christ, our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI has given us this Year for Priests as a time of great grace. He holds up St. John Vianney as a model and patron of parish priests. By our devoted prayers and sacrifices, may we assist every priest to grow in union with You through the power of Your grace as they follow You in this exalted path as faithful witnesses.

Let us pray for the Holy Father,	<i>Fill him with your grace, Lord.</i>
Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops,	<i>Give them wisdom, Lord.</i>
Parish priests,	<i>encourage and sustain them, Lord.</i>
Priests in seminary work,	<i>Give them your insight, Lord.</i>
Priests in hospital work,	<i>Give them constancy, Lord.</i>
Priests who are ill,	<i>Heal them, Lord.</i>
Priests in danger,	<i>Deliver them, Lord.</i>
Priests who are weak,	<i>Strengthen them, Lord.</i>
Priests who are poor,	<i>Bless them, Lord.</i>
Priests who are zealous,	<i>Guide them, Lord.</i>
Priests who want to love you,	<i>Enkindle their hearts, Lord.</i>
Priests who are disheartened,	<i>Console them, Lord.</i>
Priests who are worried,	<i>Give them peace, Lord.</i>
Priests who are old,	<i>Comfort them, Lord.</i>
Priests who are young,	<i>Give them prudence, Lord.</i>



## BENEDICTION HYMN:

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 Spirit blessed proceeding  
Forth, from Each eternally,  
Be salvation, honor, blessing,  
Might and endless majesty.  
Amen.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum  
Veneremur cernui:  
Et antiquum documentum  
Novo cedat ritui:  
Praestet fides supplementum  
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque  
Laus et jubilatio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque  
Sit et benedictio:  
Procedenti ab utroque  
Compar sit laudatio.  
Amen.

Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection,  
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation,  
Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins,  
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who hope in Thee,  
Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in Thee,  
Heart of Jesus, delight of all saints,

**have mercy on us.**  
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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

**spare us, O Lord.**

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V. Jesus, meek and humble of Heart.

R. Make our hearts like unto Thine.

Let us pray

**Almighty and everlasting God, look upon the Heart of Thy well-beloved Son and upon the acts of praise and satisfaction which He renders unto Thee in the name of sinners; and do Thou, in Thy great goodness, grant pardon to them who seek Thy mercy, in the name of the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with Thee, world without end.**



Priests who are alone, *Accompany them, Lord.*  
Missionary priests, *Protect them, Lord.*  
Priests who are preachers, *Enlighten them, Lord.*  
Priests who direct souls, *Instruct them, Lord.*  
All priests who have died, *Bring them to glory, Lord.*  
On all the Church, militant and suffering, *Lord, have mercy.*

- ❖ Grant that there may never be lacking devoted men to take Your place at the altar proclaiming Your Gospel and offering Your Body and Blood for the salvation of the world. We pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ❖ Grant that priests will teach Your truth humbly, patiently and with the authority You have given them through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. We pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ❖ Grant that priests will sanctify Your people through their spiritual fatherhood, their faithfulness to prayer and their loving attentiveness to the celebration of the sacraments and Holy Mass. We pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**
- ❖ Grant that priests will be true shepherds, who lead and guide Your flock with the gentle firmness of Your Sacred Heart, through the life of the Beatitudes and the virtues of St. John Vianney. We pray to the Lord. **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, entrusting this Year for Priests to the Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of Priests, awaken in the heart of every priest a generous and renewed commitment to the ideal of complete self-offering to You and the Church. Enkindle and sustain the fervor of their hearts so they may continue to offer themselves zealously in service to You as priests and victims of Your merciful love. We ask this through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.  
**All: Amen.**

