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60TH WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS ISSUE

SYNODAL JOURNEY The voice of the Good Shepherd Today

ynodality is a way of life that the Church today sees as crucial in navigating the present era. For the Church to be more fruitful in her mission, we need to walk together, hand in hand. As missionary disciples, we need to work and walk together as a community. We must realize that the Church's mission and journey are ours.

Today, the Good Shepherd is leading us to reinvigorate and rekindle this way of life that the early Church lived through. We must embrace this outlook, perspective, and attitude as the Good Shepherd ushers us.

On this 60th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we pray that we all learn to live in the spirit of togetherness. We ask that the Good Shepherd send us more Vocations who will walk and journey in synodality.





1 ST DAY OF The sheep listens to His voice

The first day of our triduum invites us to listen to the voice of Christ, the Good Shepherd. By listening, we are establishing our relationship with Him as His disciples. This relationship is nourished by our day-to-day prayer life, and results in communion with Him. As we listen to him, may we be reminded of his divine command Rogate-pray; and as we follow his command, we too shall be the answer to this desire of his heart.

Opening Song

Eucharistic Greetings (if appropriate)

L: Praise and thanks every moment,

R: to the most holy and most divine Sacrament who came to dwell among us.

L: Glory to be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

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

Send, O Lord, holy apostles into your church!

OPENING PRAYER FOR THE FIRST DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, you are present among us in the Blessed Sacrament, as the Good Shepherd who guides us and calls us to follow you. As we begin this triduum, we ask you to help us listen to your voice and be attentive to your presence in our lives. May we deepen our relationship with you through prayer and reflection, and be strengthened to live out our discipleship as we follow your lead. We pray this in your Holy Name. Amen.

Moments of Silence

Suggested Readings

Old Testament:

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." (Jeremiah 23:1-6)

New Testament:

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand." - (John 10:27-28)

DIALOGUE PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS (SEE: PAGE 5)

Reflection Song

CLOSING PRAYER

Almighty Father, the Harvest Master, you sent your Son to sow the seed of your Word. Your harvest is great but the laborers are few, hasten to send your chosen ones to baptize and evangelize the poor and continue the work of salvation. Sanctify our works of charity and may your Word keep alive in us the love for the least and for the abandoned.

O Jesus, Divine Shepherd, you know your sheep, may we follow you by listening to your voice and by staying close to your Sacred Heart. Guide us along the right path and call us to salvation at your heavenly banquet. You have given yourself in the bread of life and in the cup of salvation, may we who are nourished by your Divine presence be of humble service to your people and walk towards the perfection of charity. Amen

(If there is Eucharistic Adoration)

TANTUM ERGO (see last page)
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DIVINE PRAISES FOR VOCATIONS (see last page)

2^{ND DAY OF} TRIDUUM The sheep follow His voice

On the second day of our triduum, we are invited to reflect on our personal calling as Disciples of Christ, the Good Shepherd. We are being reminded that our active participation in his calling deepens and nourishes our being the answer to his divine command, the Rogate. Following his voice directs us to the way to holiness. May we never close our ears to his voice so that we will be able to follow him unreservedly and be true to our identity as his followers.

Opening Song

Eucharistic Greetings (See Page 2 - if appropriate)

Spiritual Communion (See Last Page)

Opening Prayer for the Second Day:

Lord Jesus Christ, You have called us to be your disciples and to follow your voice as the Good Shepherd. As we gather before your Blessed Sacrament, we ask You to help us discern our personal calling and deepen our commitment to follow you unreservedly. May we be guided by Your loving presence and be true to our identity as your followers, as we seek to grow in holiness and share your love with others. We pray this in your Holy Name. Amen.

Praying the Psalm 1

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,
Nor stand in the way of sinners,
nor sit in company with scoffers.
Rather, the law of the LORD is his joy;
and on his law he meditates day and night.
He is like a tree
planted near streams of water,
that yields its fruit in season;

Its leaves never wither; whatever he does prospers.
But not so are the wicked, not so!
They are like chaff driven by the wind.
Therefore the wicked will not arise at the judgment,
nor will sinners in the assembly of the just.
Because the LORD knows the way of the just, but the way of the wicked leads to ruin.

Moments of Silence

Suggested Gospel Reading: Luke 5:27-32

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS IN CHOIR (See Last Page in supplement)

Reflection Song

Closing Prayer

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3 RD DAY OF The Good Shepherd leads the flock

The last day of our triduum tells us that we, as Christ's disciples, are always being led by the good shepherd, Christ himself. We can do nothing without him. By listening and following his voice, we are now ready to be sent to take share in his mission; after all, we are called for being missionary disciples. As we were sent to propagate Christ's mission, let us turn to his divine command, the Rogate, that it will be a universal prayer for the salvation of all in the world.

Opening Song

Eucharistic Greetings (See Page 2 - if appropriate)
Spiritual Communion (See Last Page)

OPENING PRAYER FOR THE THIRD DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who leads and cares for your flock. As we come before your Blessed Sacrament on this final day of the triduum, we ask you to guide us in your mission to share your love and salvation with others. May we be ever mindful of your divine command, the Rogate, and pray for the salvation of all. Grant us the grace to be faithful and committed missionary disciples, as we go forth to proclaim your Good News to the world. We pray this in your Holy Name. Amen.

Moments of Silence

Suggested Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 (David is Anointed)

Suggested Reflection Song: (Here I Am Lord)

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS BY POPE FRANCIS (See Page: 7)

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

In the holy Gospel of our most loving Lord Jesus Christ and specifically in that of St. Matthew (9:38) and St. Luke (10:2), we read that at the sight of the abandoned crowds like sheep without a Shepherd, our Lord was moved with infinite compassion for the souls who are lost for the lack of good laborers, and he said: The harvest is great but the Laborers are few: pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he may send Laborers in his harvest. In this divine Word that Jesus Christ said is contained all that is good for the whole Church, for the society, for all the souls. For when the Highest God sends Priests according to His Heart to His Holy Church and to the people, who can tell the immense good that could come out of it? Now, if Jesus Christ said: Pray the Lord of the harvest (which means all souls) so that he may send Laborers in his harvest, it means:

First, he absolutely wants all to pray this prayer, and especially all the souls consecrated to God to do so. Second, he will infallibly answer it, so that the more this divine prayer spreads, the more the Holy Church will overflow with chosen and Holy Ministers of the Sanctuary. And this is universal salvation: Priests are the light of the world and the salt of the Earth.

CLOSING PRAYER

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PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

P. Holy Spirit, Counselor, prophets and men have spoken in Your name: raise up even today apostles of the Kingdom and give them Your strength to bear witness to the Word.

A. Glory to you, Breath of Life!

P. Holy Spirit, Power, you overshadowed the Virgin Mary, so that she might become the Mother of the Son of God: You have prepared in her a worthy dwelling to receive him.

A. Glory to you, Strength of God!

P. Holy Spirit, Defender, you descended on the Apostles in the form of tongues of fire, and you spoke in them when they bore witness before kings and peoples to the resurrection of Christ: give us today apostles of mercy.

A. Glory to you, Spirit of God!

P. O Almighty and Eternal God, who in Your Wordmade-man, has revealed to us the evangelical command to pray for good laborers, hear the cry of the Heart of Your Son which rises up to you from one end of the earth to the other to ask for the laborers of the harvest; recognize in his voice our voices that raise petitions to your Name and through the intercession of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, an apostle of prayer for vocations, grant many and holy laborers into your harvest. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG BEFORE THE GOSPEL

From the Gospel according to Matthew (9:35-38)

HOMILY

SILENCE AND ADORATION REFLECTION SONG

DIALOGUE PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

P. O Jesus, you went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness. (Mt 9:35).

A. Look again, O Lord, at our towns and villages; walk again in the midst of our homes; speak to our hearts about the Kingdom of Heaven and heal all the diseases and infirmities of our lives.

P. O Jesus, at the sight of the crowds, your heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. (Mt 9:36).

A. Jesus, compassionate and merciful Lord, Ardent Heart of mercy for our lives, once again, cast your loving gaze on our faces and hearts. This world is still scattered and lost like a flock without a shepherd: come Lord to guide us; send shepherds according to Your Heart.

P. O Jesus, you said to your disciples: "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" (Mt 9:37-38).

A. Lord Jesus, you repeat this to us today: Pray, pray to the Lord of the harvest. You repeated it powerfully in the life and heart of Father Hannibal Di Francia who spent all his life for these words of yours. Listen to his and our prayers and grant us holy vocations.

SILENT ADORATION

During the adoration, short phrases of St. Hannibal and the Psalm of the Good Shepherd are recited.

"I have committed myself, according to my weak strength, to the spiritual and temporal relief of that abandoned crowds."

"What are these few orphans who are saved, compared to the millions who are lost and who lie abandoned like sheep without a shepherd?".

"I looked at the limits of my meager strength, and the small extent of my capacity, and I sought a way out, and I found it wide, immense, in those adorable words of Jesus Christ our Lord: 'Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest'!"

PSALM 23

"The LORD is my shepherd;

there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures

where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me;

he revives my soul.

He guides me along the right path,

for the sake of his name.

Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,

no evil would I fear, for you are with me.

Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.

You have prepared a table before me

in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;

my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life.

In the LORD's own house shall I dwell

for the length of days unending."

LET MY PRAYER RISE UP TO YOU LIKE INCENSE (Ps 141:2)

P. Let us conclude our prayer by asking the Lord of the harvest to send many and holy laborers into his harvest. However, we will do this not with words but with a meaningful gesture: each of us will place a grain of incense before the Lord, imploring him for the special gift of a vocation. If we make this gesture with the confidence that he will hear us, this grain of incense will be the burning sign of our petition, and its smoke that rises to the Lord will obtain from him the gift of vocations to his Church.

During the burning of incense, we sing:

A prayer rises from the heart, asking heaven for the gift of laborers of the harvest.

Send, O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church, into Your Church, into Your Church, O Lord.

(If there is Eucharistic Adoration)

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DIVINE PRAISES FOR VOCATIONS

PRAYER FOR THE 60th WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Good Father, you are the Giver of life.
Creation, time, and history speak of Your love and passion

for each one of us.

You who called us from the womb,
Sowing in us great desires of happiness and abundance,
We ask: Send Your Spirit to enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we may recognize and appreciate all the goodness that You have bestowed on our lives.

Grant that we may let Your light shine through us that your Church may radiate the colors of your beauty and that each of us, responding to our own vocation, may participate in the wonderful and manifold work that You wish to accomplish in history.

We ask this of you in Christ Jesus, your Son and our Lord.
Amen.



Suggested Supplements for the Eucharistic Celebration on the 60th WDPV

INTRODUCTION:

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is also the 60th World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Instituted by Saint Pope Paul VI in 1963, the aim of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly answer the Lord's command to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). While acknowledging the necessity and grace of all vocations, the Church pays special attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries, i.e priests and deacons, the different forms of consecrated life (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), the apostolic life, and to the missionary life.

In the spirit of synodality, let us, as one pilgrim people of God, fulfill the Lord's command by asking him to send out more holy vocations to the Church. The Prayer for Vocations is a prayer of a synodal church.

To be prayed after the Prayer After Communion

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS by Pope Francis

Lord Jesus, your Church turns her attention to all the young people of the world.

We pray that they might boldly take charge of their lives, aim for the most beautiful and profound things of life, and always keep their hearts unencumbered.

Accompanied by wise and generous guides, help them respond to the call you make to each of them, to realize a proper plan of life and achieve happiness. Keep their hearts open to dreaming great dreams and make them concerned for the good of others.

Like the Beloved Disciple, may they stand at the foot of the Cross, to receive your Mother as a gift from you.

May they be witnesses to your Resurrection and be aware that you are at their side as they joyously proclaim you as Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: To Christ, the Good Shepherd, risen for our salvation, we address our confident prayer, that his compassion may spread to the ends of the earth through his gift of holy apostles. Let us pray and say:

R. Send, O Lord, laborers into your harvest.

- For the Church, that she may become for us today a living witness of the Risen Christ and a seed of hope for suffering humanity, we pray. R.
- For the Holy Father Francis., that strengthened by the Spirit of the Lord, he may continue to be a faithful witness to the Risen Christ, we pray. R.
 - For young people, that they may be attracted by the beauty of Christ and choose to serve God in their brothers and sisters, we pray. R.
- For all the people of the world, that the Lord may send for them many and holy apostles, men and women of the beatitudes, so that nothing may hinder their love for God and neighbor, we pray. R.
 - For the spiritual children of St. Hannibal Mary, that faithful to their mission, they may be a living prayer to obtain laborers for the harvest and a convincing sign of Christ's compassion for the weary and abandoned crowds, we pray. R.

Other special intentions may be added.

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, you always intercede for us. Graciously hear our prayer and present it to the Father in your Name, so that your Church may never lack good evangelical laborers. You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

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.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS by Choir

Leader: With the confidence that comes to us from the faith in Christ Jesus, viaticum for our journey to the Kingdom, let us raise our prayers that the Church may never lack Gospel laborers and dispensers of God's love:

Choir I: O Lord Jesus, you do not need us creatures to be infinitely glorious and happy; but it is also true that your most loving Heart pines and worries over the loss of souls.

Choir II: And yet rejoices and exults when the souls are edified, sanctified and brought to eternal life by good Laborers

Choir I: Do it therefore for yourself, that is, for the consolation of your most loving Heart: send holy laborers into your Harvest.

Choir II: We ask it of you with those fervent sighs with which the Prophets and Patriarchs longed for your coming on earth:

Choir I: . 'Let the clouds of heaven rain down the Just, they said, and let the earth bring forth the Savior."

Choir II: And we cry out with ever more fervent sighs: 'Let your Divine Heart be opened, O Jesus, and from it may come the good and the holy Laborers for your Church!





TANTUM ERGO

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 Ghost proceeding forth from Each eternally, be salvation, honor, blessing, might and endless majesty. Amen.

P: You have given them Bread from Heaven, alleluia.

All: Having all sweetness within it, alleluia.

P: 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, God, for ever 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 Queen and Mother of the Rogate.

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.