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## The Church, Mother of Vocations

53<sup>RD</sup> WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



“...the Christian vocation, just like every particular vocation, is born from within the People of God, and is **a gift of divine mercy.**

The Church is the house of mercy,...the “soil” where vocations **take root, mature and bear fruit...**

Each vocation in the Church has its origin **in the compassionate gaze of Jesus...**”

- an excerpt from Pope Francis' Message for the 53rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations

### April 2016

#### The Pope's Intention of the Month:

**Small Farmers.** That small farmers may receive a just reward for their precious labor.

**Word of God:** Amos 8:4-14

**Reflection:** Besides being prayerful, each will be mindful to give thanks to the divine mercy for the good fulfillment of the task, and before going to sleep everyone will thank God for the enlightenment and the graces he granted them during the day to help them fulfill their tasks, begging pardon for their faults. (St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia)

**Prayer:** Merciful Lord, you faithfully give each one a just recompense for the daily work we do for our living, and above all, in proclaiming your goodness to others. We entrust to you our farmers: may they be able to receive a just reward for their labor. May they experience the sustainability of their living. Bless the work of their hands, and the families they work for. Amen.

**Suggested Activities:** Offer one (1) decade of Rosary for all the farmers and workers around the world.

and teaching; no one helps or shelters the poorest among them through resources of charity. (St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia)

**Prayer:** Loving Father, Lord of the harvest, send more holy vocations who uphold the dignity, welfare and protection of women. May these vocations seek to rediscover the beauty of the dignity of motherhood of women in our time where women are still being discriminated, physically abused, and threatened. Inspire vocations who protect the women's rights, according to the teachings of the Gospel of life. Amen.

**Suggested Activities:** Meditate on St. John Paul II's *Letter to Women* (1995): “Thank you, every woman, for the simple fact of being a woman! Through the insight which is so much a part of your womanhood you enrich the world's understanding and help to make human relations more honest and authentic.”

### June 2016

#### The Pope's Intention of the Month:

**Seminarians and Novices.** That seminarians and men and women entering religious life may have mentors who live the joy of the Gospel and prepare them wisely for their mission.

**Word of God:** Luke 10:1-9

**Reflection:** While praying to God that he may fill the holy Church and the world with good evangelical workers, the congregants of our least institute will strive with ardent zeal and sacrifice to be good evangelical workers themselves in the Lord's harvest. I see this duty as the immediate, legitimate consequence which derives from the appreciation, from the untiring culture, and from the meditation on the divine Rogate as well as from the limitless obedience and from the faithful execution of this command. (St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia)

**Prayer:** Heart of Jesus, send priests and religious according to Your heart! Heart of Jesus, make their hearts like Yours! Amen.

**Suggested Activities:** Make a weekly visit to the Blessed Sacrament and personally pray for the guidance of seminarians and novices.

### May 2016

#### The Pope's Intention of the Month:

**Respect for Women.** That in every country of the world, women may be honored and respected and that their essential contribution to society may be highly esteemed.

**Word of God:** John 20:1-2

**Reflection:** Oh! how many youths go astray in their prime of life because no good evangelical worker receives them, showing the way of piety through pious unions, associations, good readings, holy industries, and true zeal. The endangered honesty of common and civil young women perishes, for no minister guides them to the sacraments through untiring preaching, hearing confessions,

# HOLY HOUR TRIDUUM for the 53<sup>rd</sup> WDPV

## 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Triduum: THE CHURCH, "WOMB" OF HOLY VOCATIONS

**Introduction:** Every home, family and community becomes the seedbeds of vocations. The Church becomes a home, family and a community for every discernor to discover the calling of God in him/her. Pope Francis tells us that every vocation is unique to every person, and through the Church, each one learns communion and bonding with other persons, though paths may be different. Let us pray that there may be more young men and women able to respond to God's call. May they be able to discover the unique gift of life which God gave them. May the Church become a home for discerners.

### Eucharistic Greetings:

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus Christ, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, you founded the Church to gather the children of the Father to praise and worship him and to discover His love for all. Praise and thanks every moment, to the most holy and most divine Sacrament. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit...

**All:** As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever, Amen.

**Celebrant:** Send, O Lord...

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

**Spiritual Communion:** *O my Jesus... (refer to p. 3)*

**Personal Eucharistic Adoration; Moments of Prayerful Silence**

**Gospel Reading and Homily:** **Luke 5:1-10**

**Reflection Song:** *Pagkakaibigan*

**Community Prayer:** *Prayer for Vocations by Pope Francis (p. 3)*

**Benediction and Divine Praises for Vocations:** (p. 3)

**Concluding Hymn:** *Stay with me.*

**Concluding Prayer:** Let us entrust our Holy Father, Pope Francis and his intentions, to the Lord, as we say: Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father... Send, O Lord...

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of Triduum: THE CHURCH, "NURTURE" OF HOLY VOCATIONS

**Introduction:** On our 2nd day of Triduum to the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we are invited reflect upon the Church as the nourishment of holy vocations. Every vocation is sustained by the Church through prayer and support. It is important that while each has a particular vocation, his vocation is always attached to the community of faith. Let us pray that the Church may continue to be solicitous and support vocations by creating programs that promote the pastoral care for vocations, and having people to help in it.

### Eucharistic Greetings:

**Celebrant:** Eucharistic Lord Jesus, you continue to fulfill your promise of being with us always, through your sacramental presence in the Blessed Eucharist. Bless your Church with numerous and holy vocations today. Praise and thanks every moment, to the most holy and most divine Sacrament. Glory...

**All:** As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever, Amen.

**Celebrant:** Send, O Lord...

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

**Spiritual Communion:** *O my Jesus... (refer to p. 3)*

**Personal Eucharistic Adoration; Moments of Prayerful Silence**

**Gospel Reading and Homily:** **Matthew 10:1-15**

**Reflection Song:** *Sa Batong Ito*

**Community Prayer:** *Prayer for Vocations by Pope Francis (p. 3)*

**Benediction and Divine Praises for Vocations:** (p. 3)

**Concluding Hymn:** *O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament Divine*

**Concluding Prayer:** Let us entrust to Mary, Mother of Vocations, everything about our mission of propagating a culture of vocations, as we sing the hymn: *Immaculate Mother, we come at thy call, and low at thy altar before thee we call. Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave Maria!*

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of Triduum: THE CHURCH, "COMPANION" OF HOLY VOCATIONS

**Introduction:** As we conclude the triduum for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we invited to reflect that the Church accompanies and journeys with vocations. It is not enough that the Church gives birth and sustains vocations; she has also to accompany vocations. Every person in continuous discernment recognizes his/her need to be with the Church. She has to be the first one to support the vocation journey of the discernor. Education and plan of formation begins with a prayerful and charitable Church. Let us pray that there may be more volunteers and available people who can guide discerners and those already committed in responding their vocation, so that vocations become apt vessels for the grace of God to contain and flow through these vocations.

### Eucharistic Greetings:

**Celebrant:** Most holy Lord Jesus, ever-present in the Eucharist, we thank and praise you for you continue to inspire educators and formators in accompanying vocations to be patterned after the Gospel. Sustain them always in their mission of molding people to follow you more closely, and be at the service of others. Praise and thanks every moment, to the most holy and most divine Sacrament. Glory be...

**All:** As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever, Amen.

**Celebrant:** Send, O Lord...

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

**Spiritual Communion:** *O my Jesus... (refer to p. 3)*

**Personal Eucharistic Adoration; Moments of Prayerful Silence**

**Gospel Reading and Homily:** **John 6:26-50**

**Reflection Song:** *Pananagutan*

**Community Prayer:** *Prayer for Vocations by Pope Francis (p. 3)*

**Benediction and Divine Praises for Vocations:** (p. 3)

**Concluding Hymn:** *Anima Christi*

**Concluding Prayer:** Loving Father, thank you for gathering us here to celebrate your faithfulness, as you, Lord of the harvest, continuously send holy vocations today. Loving Jesus, thank you for assuring your presence us as we continue our journey in our daily life. Loving Spirit, Lord, giver of life, thank you for granting us inspiration and motivation to increase in prayer and trust that you will continue to provide communities with abundance of generous people. Amen.

For additional schemas of the Holy Hour Triduum for the 53<sup>rd</sup> WDPV, you may log-on to **[www.vocationsonline.net](http://www.vocationsonline.net)**, and download our available resources.



# The Church: Mother of Vocations

April 17, 2016 - Fourth Sunday of Easter, Good Shepherd Sunday  
53rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations

**Introduction:** Today, is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, and we are still on our Easter journey. We continue to rejoice in the Risen Lord who triumphed over sin and death, and at the same time, gave us hope that we, too, one day will rise with him as he promised. We also celebrate today the 53rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Jesus, the Risen Lord of the harvest, present in the Eucharist, is our “hope of glory”, who continues to inspire vocations in our time. Let us pray that the Risen Christ may continue to call generous men and women available to serve the Church and the mankind. May there be more vocations in communities who needed the Risen Christ all the more. May there be more persons who create a culture of vocations in our time.

**Eucharistic Hymn and Exposition:** *One Bread, One Body*

## Eucharistic Greetings:

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus, present in the most Blessed Sacrament, you are the sacrament of the Father, the sign of his mercy, the sign of his compassion for humanity: bless your Church with numerous and holy vocations, available in serving the Church and the whole humanity. *O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine. Glory... Send, O Lord...*

**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.

## Moments of Personal Adoration / Silent Prayer

**First Reading:** *From the Book of Wisdom (3:1-9)*

## From the Writings of St. Hannibal:

Our Lord wants us to understand that to obtain the priceless good of holy priests and religious, we have to pray to the owner of the harvest, who is God himself. He taught us that his priests do not come by chance, nor are self-formed, nor are formed by human effort; they come from divine mercy that creates, begets, and gives them to the world; he teaches us that we do not get them, unless we pray! Isn't it obvious? It is God that sends forth the saints on earth. Isn't it a greatest mercy of his? How can we pretend to have it without asking for it? Our Lord Jesus Christ's command is very clear: “There is a large harvest, but few workers to gather it in: Pray, therefore, to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in his harvest.” (From *Precious Adhesions*, St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia)

## Community Prayer for the Year of Mercy:

*Prayer for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief. Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: “If you knew the gift of God!” You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved,

and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel Reading, Homily:** *From the Gospel of Matthew (9:35-38)*  
Jesus went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness. At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.”

## Sharing of Personal Testimony, then Reflection Song

## Community Prayer for Vocations:

*Prayer for Vocations by Pope Francis for the 53rd WDPV -*

Father of mercy, who gave your Son for our salvation and who strengthens us always with the gifts of your Spirit, grant us Christian communities which are alive, fervent and joyous, which are fountains of fraternal life, and which nurture in the young the desire to consecrate themselves to you and to the work of evangelization. Sustain these communities in their commitment to offer appropriate vocational catechesis and ways of proceeding towards each one's particular consecration. Grant the wisdom needed for vocational discernment, so that in all things the greatness of your merciful love may shine forth. May Mary, Mother and guide of Jesus, intercede for each Christian community, so that, made fruitful by the Holy Spirit, it may be a source of true vocations for the service of the holy People of God. Amen.

## Tantum Ergo / Benediction

## 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, 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.

## Concluding Hymn: *Tell the World of His Love*

For God so loved the world, He gave us his only Son. Jesus Christ, our Savior, his most precious one. He has sent us his message of love, and sends those who hear, to bring the message to everyone, with a voice loud and clear.

Let us tell the world of his love, the greatest love the world has known. Search the world for those who have gone astray and lead them home. Fill the world's darkest corners with his light from up above. Walk every step, every mile, every road, and tell the world, tell the world of his love.



## WDPV A Journey of Faith Through the Years

### Jesus Christ commanded:



"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, to send out laborers into his harvest."  
(Matthew 9:37-38; Luke 10:2)

### St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia,

1851-1927

Apostle of Prayer for Vocations,  
Father of the Orphans and of the Poor

Beatified: October 17, 1990  
Canonized: May 16, 2004



Lord Jesus, we ask the triumph of the Gospel of the Rogate of your heart all over the Church and the world. Make it a universal prayer. May all people fulfill this divine desire of your heart.

### Vatican II

1962-1965



Saint Pope John XXIII



Blessed Pope Paul VI

### January 1964

Paul VI established the World Day of Prayer for Vocations



"Wherever numerous vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life are to be found, that is where people are living the Gospel with generosity."

### April 21, 2013

Benedict XVI delivered the message for the 50th World Day of Prayer for Vocations: VOCATIONS AS A SIGN OF HOPE FOUNDED IN FAITH



"Dear young people, do not be afraid to follow him and to walk the demanding and courageous paths of charity and generous commitment!"

No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people, in the experience of fraternal love.

51st WDPV - May 11, 2014



Pope Francis

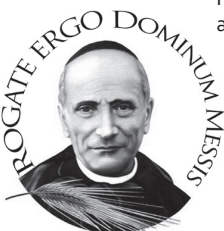
How wonderful it is to be surprised by God's call, to embrace his word, and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, in adoration of the divine mystery and in generous service to our neighbours!

52nd WDPV - April 26, 2015

Each vocation in the Church has its origin in the compassionate gaze of Jesus.

"THE CHURCH MOTHER OF VOCATIONS"  
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