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Prayer Aid for Vocations

July 2015

## Intention of the Month:

**Politics.** That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

## Word of God:

Jesus said to his disciples, "I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." (Luke 16:9-13)

## Reflection:

States must ensure that their own legislation truly respects the dignity of the human person in the areas of migration, employment, adoption, the movement of businesses offshore and the sale of items produced by slave labour. There is a need for just laws which are centred on the human person, uphold fundamental rights and restore those rights when they have been violated. Such laws should also provide for the rehabilitation of victims, ensure their personal safety, and include effective means of enforcement which leave no room for corruption or impunity. The role of women in society must also be recognized, not least through initiatives in the sectors of culture and social communications. (*Pope Francis, Message for the World Day of Peace, 1 January 2015, 5*)

## Prayer:

Send, O Lord Jesus, politicians imbued with the Gospel of charity, able to reach out to the needy.

## Suggested Activities:

Offer one (1) Holy Rosary for the enlightenment of government officials towards upholding of human dignity. Post a quote in Facebook about the theme of "charity".

August 2015

## Intention of the Month:

**Outreach to the marginalized.** That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

## Word of God:

[...] Jesus said to [the young man], "If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to [the] poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." When the young man heard this statement, he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Amen, I say to you, it will be hard for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 19:16-23)

## Reflection:

In this Holy Year, we look forward to the experience of opening our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society: fringes which modern society itself creates. How many uncertain and painful situations there are in the world today! How many are the wounds borne by the flesh of those who have no voice because their cry is muffled and drowned out by the indifference of the rich! During this Jubilee, the Church will be called even more to heal these wounds, to assuage them with the oil of consolation, to bind them with mercy and cure them with solidarity and vigilant care. (*Pope Francis, Misericordiae Vultus: Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, 15*)

## Prayer:

Lord Jesus, help us to reach out to the needy, as you have inspired us to become merciful. Help us to see you in the midst of our poor brothers and sisters. Send people who are willing to dedicate themselves to uplift and uphold the dignity of those who are in the margins of life and society. May these catalysts bring positive change to our society, and become instruments of God's reign on earth. Amen.

## Suggested Activities:

Offer one (1) Holy Mass for all those involved in the apostolate of developing communities in destitute.

**Intention of the Month:**

**Opportunities for the young.** That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.

**Word of God:**

At that time Jesus said in reply, "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your selves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (Matthew 11:25-30)

**Reflection:**

Dear young friends, this search for happiness is shared by people of all times and all ages. God has placed in the heart of every man and woman an irrepressible desire for happiness, for fulfillment... Have you not noticed that your hearts are restless, always searching for a treasure which can satisfy their thirst for the infinite? How beautiful it is to see young people who embrace the call to dedicate themselves fully to Christ and to the service of his Church! Challenge yourselves, and with a pure heart do not be afraid of what God is asking of you! From your "yes" to the Lord's call, you will become new seeds of hope in the Church and in society. Never forget: God's will is our happiness! (*Pope Francis, Message for the 30th World Youth Day, 31 January 2015*)

**Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, remember every young people in search for work and decent living. Keep them close to your heart as you promised them the Kingdom of God as their heritage. Send priests and religious who are willing to listen and accompany them in their struggles. May their education and work be fulfilled in accordance with your will. Amen.

**Suggested Activities:**

Offer one (1) Holy Mass for the intentions of the young members of the Union of Prayer for Vocations.



Lorenzo Ruiz is the first Filipino saint. He is also the first Filipino martyred for the Christian Faith. Lorenzo Ruiz was a layman, married, and had two sons and a daughter. Born in Binondo, Manila, about 1600's, he was educated in the school of the Dominicans there. He

served as an altar boy and later was a helper and clerk-sacristan in the church of Binondo. He was a member of the Confraternity of the Rosary. He made his living probably as a calligrapher, one who renders documents in beautiful penmanship for private or official use. To be sure, that work denoted an accomplished and educated person, especially at a time when many an illustrious personage were far from excelling in this art. An adverse event made him leave the Philippines in 1636. When he was in his late twenties or early thirties, he became involved or was accused of being involved in a criminal case, the circumstances of which are far from clear. Whether he was involved or not, one thing was clear, he was afraid that, as a consequence of a trial or mistrial, he might be given a death sentence.

Upon landing in Japan where Christians were being persecuted, he was arrested and imprisoned together with his companions. He underwent inhuman tortures and valiantly confessed his Christian Faith.

Refusing to renounce his Faith, he told his executioner that he was ready to die for God and give himself for many thousands of lives if he had them. On September 27, 1637, he was hung from a gallows by his feet, his body falling into a pit. After two days of agony, he died of bleeding and suffocation. His body was cremated and the ashes thrown into the sea. He and fifteen companions, martyred in the same persecution, were beatified by Pope John Paul II in Manila on February 18, 1981 and elevated to full honors of the altar by canonization on October 18, 1987 in Rome. Their feast day is on September 28th.

# Vocations: Called to be Witnesses of Mercy

## Introduction:

Pope Francis, in his letter, *Misericordiae Vultus* - a letter of declaration of the Year of Mercy, opens with an enigmatic line: "Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy" (MV 1). He reflected on the various aspects of mercy found in the Sacred Scriptures, and invited the whole People of God to gaze their eyes towards the mercy of the Father, incarnated in his Son, Jesus Christ. For us, to witness to mercy is to witness the person of Christ who showed mercy to those whom he met in his public ministry. Reconciliation, charity, and justice are intimately connected with mercy. In this manner, we are invited to be witnesses of mercy. We ask the Lord of the harvest to send us witnesses of mercy so that many people may recognize the presence of the Father, not as a harsh judge, but a God who is merciful and loving. As we pray for more holy vocations in the Church, may we too become part of this project of witnessing so that our prayer becomes effective, just as Christ taught it.

**Entrance Hymn / Exposition:** *Tinapay ng Buhay*

## Eucharistic Greetings:

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the living image of the Father's mercy. Help us to become like you, able to reach out to others in their need. *Praise and thanks every moment, to the Most Holy and Most Divine Sacrament.*

Eucharistic Lord, you taught us to be merciful, just as the heavenly Father is merciful. May our celebration of the Jubilee of Mercy become a year when vocations to witnesses of mercy spring in the Church and society. *Praise and thanks every moment...*

Christ, Bread of Life, you gave yourself totally for all, in your obedience to the Father. May we be obedient to the Father as we become witnesses of mercy, too. *Praise and thanks every moment...*

## Spiritual Communion:

O my Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and desire to 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:** *Matthew 5:1-12*

## Homily or Personal Reflection

**Community Reflection Song:** *One More Gift*

## Community Prayer:

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. 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. 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.

## Tantum Ergo / Benediction

### Prayer to Jesus in the Eucharist:

O Jesus, hidden God, *I cry to You;*  
O Jesus, hidden Light, *I turn to You;*  
O Jesus, hidden Love, *I run to You;*  
With all the strength I have, *I worship You;*  
With all the love I have, *I cling to You;*  
Make me, O Holy God, *Your treasured one;*  
Make me, O glorious Love, *Your precious one;*  
Make me, O highest Good, *Your longing one;*  
Make me, O blessed Light, *Your chosen one;*  
O patient Love, *wearies me not;*  
O bear with me, *'till I am lost;*  
O bear with me, *'till I am found in You.*

**Recessional Hymn:** *Pananagutan*

## CATECHISM ON VOCATIONS

### #1: What is a "vocation"?

VOCATION (from the Latin word "vocare", meaning "to call") is a call which God addresses to every man; he is called to life, to salvation, to holiness, to happiness (cf. 1Thess. 4:3), to service in the Church.



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We, the whole Family of the Rogate, are very much thankful for your prayers, as the Lord confirmed his faithfulness to us in the Rogationist way of life: **Perpetual Professions of Bro. Jorem Bellen, RCJ, Bro. Harvey Cestina, RCJ, Bro. Tristan Angelo Palado, RCJ, Bro. Francisco Gringo Tagabi, RCJ.** 44 Religious Brothers who made their annual renewal of their Rogationist Religious Profession. 12 newly-professed Religious Brothers, and 14 newly-admitted Novices. The Perpetual and Renewal of Vows took place last May 27 and June 1, while First Religious Profession and Admission to Novitiate last May 31.

### UPCOMING EVENTS!

- July 1 - Feast of the Permanent Dwelling of Jesus in our Institutes
- July 5 - Birth Anniversary of St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia
- August 29 - Ordination to the Diaconate
- September 8 - Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Institution in the Ministries of Lector and Acolyte; Rogationist Mission Day (Maumere, Indonesia)
- September 9 - 25th Priestly Anniversary of FR. ULYSES ANGUS



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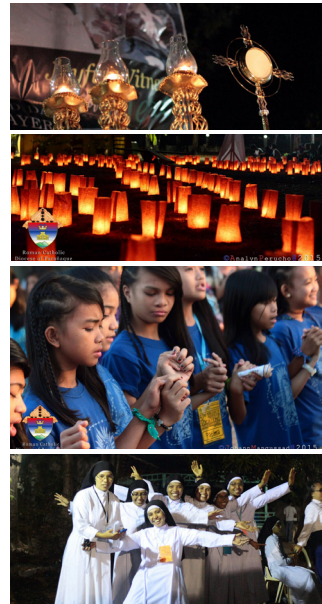
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St. Hannibal Mary Di Francia, pray for us! Send, O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

“It’s summertime!  
It’s Magbokasyon sa bakasyon!”

I usually hear this line to my fellow youth in the Parish. They are all really excited about what will be happening for this year’s celebration which was held last April 26-27, 2015. I, personally, was excited too. I have been joining this special celebration since 2008 and I can say that it was exciting, fun and a learning experience. For this year, being part of the working/ organizing team is a great privilege for me. A very special way of God saying that I should share what I have experienced in the previous celebrations of WDPV or popularly known as Magbokasyon sa Bakasyon. There are so many things to be grateful for as part of the organizing team. I got to meet and know new people like the brothers from the Rogationists and youth from other parishes within the Diocese. There was also an opportunity wherein I could share my ideas, my availability and talent for the success of this event. Though it took hard for me to give time for this because of the calling of work, God is really pushing me through to get in the goal for the team and for my committee. It was a fulfilling moment for me every time I see and witness how the young people of our parish is working together for one project God has entrusted to them. During the event, specifically in the Lectio Divina, as we listened to Fr. Ulrich’s reflection, I was praying for every young person who attended that may they open their hearts and listen to God’s message. It was challenging for them because it was late night and some were getting sleepy already. Overall, after listening to the talks, sharing and joining the praise and worship, I am very sure that all of us who joined have prayed for Vocations which was the main reason of that event. Hoping and always praying that we will be always joyful witnesses of mercy. <3



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