

Novena to the Sacred Heart for the Priesthood

*The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus – Saint John
Vianney*



2018

About this Novena

This Novena for the Priesthood to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was written to be prayed by priests, seminarians, and the spiritual mothers who pray for them during the nine days preceding the Feast of the Sacred Heart (World Day of Prayer for Priests). The vocation of spiritual motherhood has been beautifully described in the document Adoration, Reparation, Spiritual Motherhood for Priests (December 8, 2007) by the Congregatio pro Clericus.

The prayers for each day of this novena have been written by priests, deacons, seminarians, and spiritual mothers. For each day there will be a specific intention and prayer for priests to say, one for seminarians to say, and another for spiritual mothers (or anyone who prays for priests) to say. The litany at the end will be said each day by all.

Our novena began several years ago with a very small group of people praying. In 2015 a group of priests, seminarians and spiritual mothers wrote new prayers from their heart under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. We are very grateful to all who have contributed to this novena by writing prayers or offering spiritual encouragement and inspiration.

Please feel free to make copies, paper or electronic, of this novena as you wish as long as the entire document is preserved. We invite anyone who can join us to pray at a special Holy Hour for Priests on Thursday June 7 at 7:00 pm at Saint Patrick Church in Providence, Rhode Island (244 Smith Street). June 8 is the Feast of the Sacred Heart and World Day of Prayer for Priests.

Please remember in a special way all priests and deacons ordained this year. Thank you for praying for our priests and seminarians.

*Live always in His Heart!
Father Joseph Brice and Madge Thombs
May 2018*

Day 1 – Wednesday May 30

Intention: For vocations and for all who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood

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. (Luke 10:2)



Priest Prayer:

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, may the burning of your Divine Love enflame the hearts of all those who are discerning your will in their lives, especially for young men in the our Diocese who are pondering priestly ministry. Jesus, may your Sacred Heart make them holy. May your Wounded Heart give them true faith to know that you call the weak and make them strong. Kindle in their hearts the fervent desire to make their lives an oblation in seeking to carry out your Father's will.

Seminarian Prayer:

O Lord you have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Pour forth your spirit upon those discerning a call to the priesthood. Bless them to respond generously and faithfully to serve at the altar of sacrifice. Free them from all temptations so that their minds and hearts may be fixed on Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of every vocation. Open their hearts to

embrace the crucified and Risen Lord as the response to their search for love, personal meaning, and happiness. Enlighten their minds to understand that the Lord is the beginning and end of every personal story, the focal point and the center of life, the joy of every human heart, and the answer to all questions and yearnings. Help them to see that when God calls, he gives everything and takes nothing away--- nothing that makes life complete, beautiful, and great.

May the voice of Christ echo in the Cathedral of their hearts. May the gaze of Christ reach the depths of their very being to discover that their calling in life is only found in the Eucharistic Lord. Don't let fear prevail over them. As they discern, give them a glimpse of the beauty of the priesthood so as to dispel from their hearts all discouragements and doubts. We ask this through the intercession of Mary the Mother of Christ the high Priest and the Mother of all priests and seminarians. Amen

Spiritual Mother Prayer:

Let us pray, through the intercession of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, who was told by Jesus to devote her ministry to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. May God send more priests to fulfill Jesus' request for Holy Communion, Holy Hour and First Friday services. Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, we beseech thee to intercede for us in calling more men with the loving heart of Jesus to a priestly vocation.

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Day 2 – Thursday May 31

Intention: For all seminarians



Reading from Catechism on the Priesthood by Saint John Vianney
My children, we have come to the Sacrament of Orders. This Sacrament raises man up to God. What is a priest! A man who holds the place of God -- a man who is invested with all the powers of God. "Go, " said Our Lord to the priest; "as My Father sent Me, I send you. All power has been given Me in Heaven and on earth. Go then, teach all nations. . . . He who listens to you, listens to Me; he who despises you despises Me. " When the priest remits sins, he does not say, "God pardons you"; he says, "I absolve you. " At the Consecration, he does not say, "This is the Body of Our Lord;" he says, "This is My Body. "

Priest Prayer:

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, keep the hearts of all our seminarians close to yours and unite them to the Immaculate Heart of your Mother. Inspire our seminarians to daily conform their lives to yours. May every beat of their heart draw life from the Altar of Sacrifice. Merciful Heart of Christ may our seminarians, who are being called to be ministers of your mercy, find renewal and hope in your forgivingness. May they find repose in your wounds and purification in the fire of your love.

Seminarian Prayer:

O Lord, send down your holy angels to protect those men studying for your holy priesthood. Keep them safe from the deceptions of Satan, who wishes to choke the seeds of vocation and destroy the holy aspirations of those who are called to one-day stand before the altar of God. Give these men the resolution to shoulder the burdens of shepherd of souls, the courage to face the many temptations in seminary, both expected and unexpected, the confidence in their abilities to carry out this ministry with the help of your grace, and the strength to grow in holiness that they may one day lead their people closer to you.

Let these men grow in faith, hope and charity during their years of seminary formation. Allow them to create lasting bonds of friendship that will continue into their priesthood. Unite these men to your Sacred Heart, Lord, and in times of struggle, let them find respite in the arms of the Blessed Virgin Mary, your mother and the mother of all priests and seminarians. Amen.

Spiritual Mother Prayer:

Lord, please open the minds and hearts of all of our seminarians that they may know the joy and honor of their priestly vocation. Give them strength to resist the temptations of money and status. May they experience immense joy at being called to stand in persona Christi as ministers of reconciliation and the Eucharist.

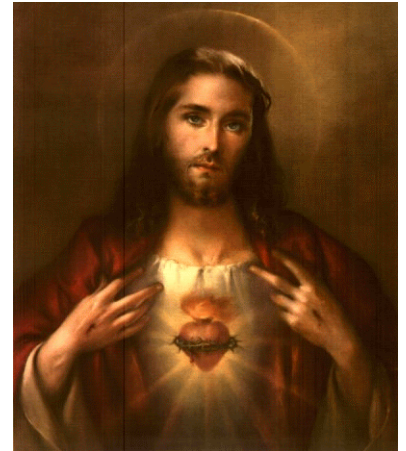
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Day 3 – Friday June 1

Intention: For newly ordained priests

Reading from Catechism on the Priesthood by Saint John Vianney

Saint Bernard tells us that everything has come to us through Mary; and we may also say that everything has come to us through the priest; yes, all happiness, all graces, all heavenly gifts. If we had not the Sacrament of Orders, we should not have Our Lord. Who placed Him there, in that tabernacle? It was the priest. Who was it that received your soul, on its entrance into life? The priest. Who nourishes it, to give it strength to make its pilgrimage? The priest. Who will prepare it to appear before God, by washing that soul, for the last time, in the blood of Jesus Christ? The priest -- always the priest. And if that soul comes to the point of death, who will raise it up, who will restore it to calmness and peace? Again the priest. You cannot recall one single blessing from God without finding, side by side with this recollection, the image of the priest.



Priest Prayer:

Together, we the disciples pray with Mary, as we await the Holy Spirit. We have been called by you Jesus who wants us to participate in his priesthood for the life of the world. Let us spend long moments in prayer every day, recalling that Jesus himself withdrew in silence or in solitude to immerse himself in the mystery of his Father, finding the loving presence of the Lord and allowing us to be transformed by Him. May our life of prayer be an appeal to the Spirit to the mission and new evangelization that your heart desires! Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

Seminarian Prayer:

O Lord, without the priest there is no Eucharist; without the priest there are no sacraments. Instill within those newly ordained a heart of gratitude for the great gift to which they have been called. Help them always to reflect upon the pearl of great price that is the priesthood, which is more precious than any worldly temptation. Keep them faithful to those promises that they have made, and give them the grace to grow in love and understanding of those promises throughout their lives. May they follow the example of so many priests before them, and spend themselves entirely for the salvation of souls. We ask this through Jesus Christ the high priest whose priesthood they share. Amen.

Spiritual Mother Prayer:

Loving God, when I see new priests ordained I am filled with such joy and hope for the Church. I give thanks for all the sacraments they will administer in your name and for all the ways that they will be your loving presence to others. Everything in my own ministry that is important goes back to a priest. When I bring the Eucharist to the homebound, it is because a priest has consecrated; when someone needs to be absolved or anointed, I call one of your priests. I give you thanks for the men who will be ordained throughout the world this year and pray that they will be filled with every grace and blessing each day of their priesthood.

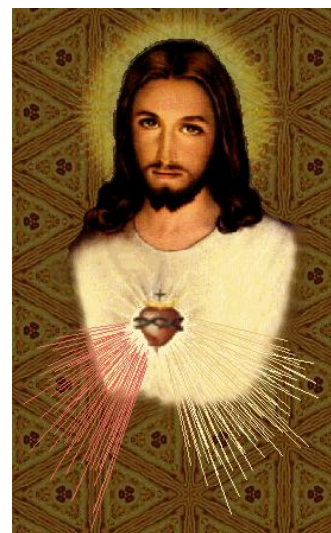
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Day 4 – Saturday June 2

Intention: That all priests will be the loving and merciful presence of Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

From Saint Faustina's Diary...

Today the Lord said to me, Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I myself act in your soul. Here the misery of the soul meets the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrents of grace inundate humble souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls.



Priest Prayer:

My Lord and my God, as your triune Godhead is revealed in the sacrament of reconciliation, we experience you as the author of life, the word who proclaims your commandments and the work of the Holy Spirit fulfilled. You humbled yourself in your divinity to share in our humanity. May our sincere reception of your grace in reconciliation restore our humanity back toward your divinity. Through the ministry given to your disciples, forgive the sins they forgive and may we be recreated into your perfect image and likeness now and for eternity.

Seminarian Prayer:

Grant we pray, O Lord, that by your superabundant grace, your holy ministers might be conformed more perfectly to your Sacred Heart, so that as instruments of your Divine Mercy and Charity, they may faithfully, prayerfully, and piously celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and in so doing, bring many souls back to You, so that together they may glorify You and one day merit to share Eternal Life with You, who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Spiritual Mother Prayer:

Loving God, time and time again you have healed me and shown me your mercy and peace through your wonderful sacrament. I ask for an abundance of grace on all priests and especially the priests who have absolved my sins in your holy name. I give thanks for their vocation and their faithfulness to saying "yes" to all you ask. May they always be your gentle and healing presence. May the words that come from their mouth be yours, may the penances they give lead to spiritual growth, and may they always feel you with them as they celebrate this sacrament.

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Day 5 – Sunday June 3 (Corpus Christi)

Intention: That all priests may continually grow in love for the Eucharist



"O loving, tender Word of God, You tell me: 'I have marked the path and opened the gate with My Blood; do not be negligent in following it, but take the same road which I, eternal Truth, have traced out with My Blood.' Arise, my soul, and follow your Redeemer, for no one can go to the Father but by Him. O sweet Christ, Christ-Love, You are the way, and the door through which we must enter in order to reach the Father."

"O unfathomable depth! O Deity eternal! O deep ocean! What more could You give me than to give me Yourself?" - *from the writings of St. Catherine of Siena on the Blessed Sacrament*

Priest Prayer:

My Lord, as I open my body to receive your body may I open my soul to receive your Spirit. Without the gift of the priesthood, we would be without your Eucharist. Help me never to take for granted the summit of all gifts bestowed on us as you nourish us with your body to eat, your blood to drink. Fill me with you flesh and your will for me, that the works of our hands may be blessed. May we receive you worthily from your table and drink fully from the cup of salvation.

Seminarian Prayer:

Let us pray

"Truly, Truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him..." (John 6:52-56)

Lord of Heaven and Earth, by the death of your beloved Son we are forgiven, by his Resurrection the doors of salvation have been opened to us. We thank you for this most undeserved gift. May Christ's Paschal Mystery always be at the center of every priest's mind, heart, and soul; inspiring every aspect of their ministry. Grant we pray, to all your holy priests, an increased love for the holy Eucharist. May the Holy Eucharist, made present by the hands of your holy priests upon the altar, fill their hearts with the earnest and unending desire to continue to lay his own life down for the service of your holy Church. Pour upon them your infinite grace, so that from consecration to adoration they may never grow weary of serving you. May the ministry you have ordained your holy priests for always be rooted in an unwavering and indispensable love for the Eucharist and to bringing the Holy Eucharist to all God's people, so that all may experience the Risen Christ and know his unending love and mercy. We ask this through Mary our blessed Mother, all your holy saints and angels, and through your Son, Christ our Lord. Amen.

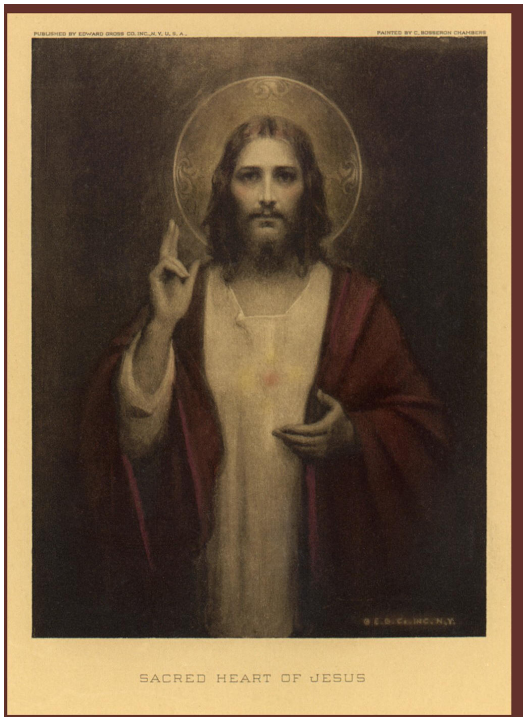
Spiritual Mother Prayer:

It is so hard to put into words what I feel about the Eucharist, Lord. From my earliest memories, I knew that little round Host was you and I couldn't understand why I had to wait until I was seven to have you for my very own. And now, I can't go a day without You— it would just be too sad. I give you thanks for the adoration in the eyes of priests who gaze upon you with love as they elevate you for all to see, for that increases my own love and adoration. I ask for an abundance of grace for those priests in whom I sense a lack of awe that it is You they are holding in their hands. Please melt their hearts with a tender love for you so that their love can be seen by others. Heal their doubts and discouragements and fill them with wonder.

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Day 6 – Monday June 4

Intention: That all priests live the fatherhood to which they are called



"To be a father means above all to be at the service of life and growth." (Pope Benedict XVI)

Priest Prayer:

Lord Jesus, you have chosen us to be your priests and you sent us out to proclaim your word and to act in your name. I ask you to fill us with the fire of your love, that our ministry may always reveal your presence in the Church. I pray that your power shine out through our weakness. In our afflictions let us never be crushed; in our doubts never despair; in temptation never be destroyed; in persecution never abandoned. Inspire us through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send us your Spirit, and help us to praise your heavenly Father. By the same Holy Spirit put your words on our lips and your love in our hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the broken-hearted. And may the gift of Mary your mother, be your gift to every one of us. Grant that she who formed you in her human image, may continue to form

us in your divine image, by the power of your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Seminarian Prayer:

O Most Holy Father, You have created all and continually guide what you have created each and every day. Thank you for the gift of the priesthood and for the privilege of calling you "Father." Bestow upon all men ordained to the priesthood of your son Jesus Christ, and those preparing for Holy Orders, a feeling of thanksgiving for spiritual fatherhood. Help all these men to set a heavenly example, to love all entrusted to their care, and to come to the realization that you have placed everyone in their lives for a reason. Allow both the priest and the people he serves to mutually benefit from this unique relationship and grow ever closer to the most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Help them to mend the brokenhearted with fatherly love and tender compassion. May their lives be a constant reminder that we are made to rest with you for all eternity in our heavenly homeland. Amen

Spiritual Mother Prayer:

Loving God, to me the most beautiful thing we can call a priest is "Father". That title, given upon ordination, affirms that he gives life, that he teaches, that he protects and provides. Truly we are brought to life in the Church through Baptism, we are fed through the Eucharist, and we are healed and grow through Reconciliation. May all priests appreciate their fatherhood and always strive to live as father to your people.

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Day 7 – Tuesday June 5

Intention: For all priests who suffer or struggle

"On the judgment day we shall understand how much God has loved us by giving us the opportunities to merit so rich a reward. Then we shall reproach ourselves for complaining at what was meant to increase our happiness, for grieving when we should have been rejoicing, for doubting God's goodness when He was giving us concrete evidence of it. If such will be our feelings one day, why not anticipate them now? Why not bless God here and now for something we shall be thanking Him for everlastingly in heaven?" - St. Claude de la Colombière



Priest Prayer:

Good and gracious God, be near to us and listen mercifully as we pray for priests who are wounded today, in body, mind, or spirit. Christ, our one High Priest beheld, embraced, and healed the wounds of men, women, and children who came or were brought to Him by others. He saw them as only He could, He heard them and touched them with power to make them whole and to restore them to life. When the time had come, Your Son and Our Priest called the Disciples and those would be His Apostles to draw near, to see and even to touch His own glorious wounds by which we are healed and saved. Your priests, who serve in Your Church have been called through the years of their ministry to be the eyes, ears, and hands of Christ to witness to and to be instruments of grace for those who turn to You in their moments of great need. In the midst of the full, living Body of Christ you have commissioned them in a unique way to give comfort to the suffering and the sorrowful, to those who feel isolated in and by their suffering, to proclaim hope for those whose faith might falter and who are caught in despair. Help our priests to know and to trust that it has been Your will to take upon Yourself in Your wounds the suffering they endure. Help our priests to know and to trust that it is Your love and mercy which has addressed a broken world and broken lives through their own priestly lives that now addresses them. Help our priests to know and to trust that the wounds You once touched upon this earth and the glorious wounds which you called Thomas to touch in his moment of unbelief have become one. Give, we pray, O Lord, Your priests the firm assurance that any moment or circumstance that might appear to them to be a fall from grace can, because of your love and mercy, become once again and at all times a fall into your grace.

We ask this through Our Lord, Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest, Who lives and reigns with you in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

Seminarian Prayer:

Almighty God, we praise and thank you for sending us your only Son, the suffering servant. We ask you to please bless all priests, especially those who are suffering or struggling. As Christ's road to Calvary reconciled us with the Father, may their suffering be a path to a deeper relationship with Christ. May they place all their struggles before you, entrusting in the powerful intercession of the Blessing Virgin Mary and all the angels and saints, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Spiritual Mother Prayer:

We pray to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in gratitude and love for the priests who serve in the Church, especially our Diocese. May our priests never become despondent during difficult times. Heavenly Father, give our priests perseverance and shower them with grace to unite their sufferings to the Sacred and Wounded Heart of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

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Day 8 – Wednesday June 6

Intention: For our bishops



(From a sermon by saint Gregory the Great)

Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Note that a man whom the Lord sends forth as a preacher is called a watchman. A watchman always stands on a height so that he can see from afar what is coming. Anyone appointed to be a watchman for the people must stand on a height for all his life to help them by his foresight.

How hard it is for me to say this, for by these very words I denounce myself. I cannot preach with any competence, and yet insofar as I do succeed, still I myself do not live my life according to my own preaching.

I do not deny my responsibility; I recognize that I am slothful and negligent, but perhaps the acknowledgment of my fault will win me pardon from my just judge. Indeed when I was in the monastery I could curb my idle talk and usually be absorbed in my prayers. Since I assumed the burden of pastoral care, my mind can no longer be collected; it is concerned with so many matters.

I am forced to consider the affairs of the Church and of the monasteries. I must weigh the lives and acts of individuals. I am responsible for the concerns of our citizens. I must worry about the invasions of roving bands of barbarians, and beware of the wolves who lie in wait for my flock. I must become an administrator lest the religious go in want. I must put up with certain robbers without losing patience and at times I must deal with them in all charity.

With my mind divided and torn to pieces by so many problems, how can I meditate or preach wholeheartedly without neglecting the ministry of proclaiming the Gospel? Moreover, in my position I must often communicate with worldly men. At times I let my tongue run, for if I am always severe in my judgments, the worldly will avoid me, and I can never attack them as I would. As a result I often listen patiently to chatter. And because I too am weak, I find myself drawn little by little into idle conversation, and I begin to talk freely about matters which once I would have avoided. What once I found tedious I now enjoy.

So who am I to be a watchman, for I do not stand on the mountain of action but lie down in the valley of weakness? Truly the all-powerful Creator and Redeemer of mankind can give me in spite of my weaknesses a higher life and effective speech; because I love him, I do not spare myself in speaking of him.

Priest Prayer:

Sacred Heart of Jesus, divine and eternal high priest, enlighten the hearts of our bishops. Flow into them and transform them into your own image that they may follow your example of a good shepherd by leading your people in perfect peace and charity. By your grace make them true apostles of your Sacred Heart. Amen

Seminarian Prayer:

O Divine Shepherd, by your will you established certain men as pillars for your Church by the laying on of hands to become the successors of the Apostles, the Shepherd of shepherds. Pour out the grace of your Holy Spirit upon them to make them truly "strong, loving, and wise."

Lord, bless (our bishop N.), (and his assistant, N.). Fill him/them with the grace, strength, and charisma to continue their vital ministry courageously. Inspire obedience and love for all bishops in the hearts of your priests, and the steadfast confidence of all your faithful people for those who carry out the episcopal office. May bishops work for unity in the Church, so that all may be in accord with the Holy Gospel.

Like the High Priest, may they always remember that The Lord looks tenderly on our poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters. Preserve the faithful by their teaching, preaching, and sanctifying, so that the work of the Lord's Kingdom may be done on earth as it is in heaven. Through the work of your bishops and the Vicar of Christ, who foster an encounter with the Word of God, may men and women in the created world be directed and ordered toward the uncreated, the eternal, and the beatific life to come. We ask through Christ our Lord. Amen

Spiritual Mother Prayer:

Loving God, I give you thanks for our Bishop and all the faith filled bishops throughout the world who are shepherds to your flock. Please give them the graces they need each day to be faithful to your teachings, to work tirelessly for your Church, and to always live a life of personal holiness.

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Day 9 – Thursday June 7

Intention: For our Holy Father the Pope



Faith is not a light which scatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey. To those who suffer, God does not provide arguments which explain everything; rather, his response is that of an accompanying presence, a history of goodness which touches every story of suffering and opens up a ray of light. (Pope Francis "Lumen Fidei," June 29, 2013)

Priest Prayer:

Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus, you know our suffering, our pain, our hopes, our fears, and our desires. Please be with our holy father, Pope Francis, who guides our church trying to be ever closer to you and the love, tenderness, and mercy of your Sacred Heart. Help us to know the depths of your love for us and of the love for all of your priests who strive to walk in your footsteps each day.

Seminarian Prayer:

O God, Shepherd and Ruler of Your chosen people, we beg you to mercifully grant to Your servant Pope Francis, whom You have appointed chief Shepherd of the universal Church, unwavering faith, unflinching hope, and lively charity, to guide your people according to the truth of the Gospel. May his leadership create an atmosphere where everyone is welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel. Empower him with a deep desire to keep your church in unity of faith, the zeal to lead the faithful to the heavenly Jerusalem, and a firm purpose to serve the poor. Lord Jesus, may your Sacred Heart be his light in moments of decision, his strength in moments of weakness, and his consolation in moments of difficulty. Give him good health of mind and body to govern the barque of Saint Peter in conformity to God's will. Pour out the Holy Spirit to inspire him to find new ways to present the gospel with new vigor, new methods, and new applications relevant to the problems of our time. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of the Church and the divine shepherd. Amen

Spiritual Mother Prayer:

Good and gracious God, thank you for the gift of the papacy, which continues to bring unity to the Church in our secular and troubled world. Please shower your graces and blessings upon our Holy Father so that he may always live in your heart and be your loving presence to a world that needs you desperately. May his words and actions inspire all of us to live a life in which the works of Mercy form our purpose and focus.

Litany (last page)

Litany of Saints devoted to His Heart and the Priesthood



Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us and for the priests and seminarians we entrust to your care.

St. John Vianney, pray for us and for the priests and seminarians we entrust to your care.

St. Margaret Mary, pray for us and for the priests and seminarians we entrust to your care.

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, pray for us and for the priests and seminarians we entrust to your care.

St. Faustina, pray for us and for the priests and seminarians we entrust to your care.

St. Francis de Sales, pray for us and for the priests and seminarians we entrust to your care.

St. Jane de Chantal, pray for us and for the priests and seminarians we entrust to your care.

St. Claude de la Columbière, pray for us and for the priests and seminarians we entrust to your care.

Venerable Mother Louise Margaret, pray for us and for the priests and seminarians we entrust to your care.

St. John Eudes, pray for us and for the priests and seminarians we entrust to your care.

St. Gertrude, pray for us and for the priests and seminarians we entrust to your care.

St. Mechtilde, pray for us and for the priests and seminarians we entrust to your care.

St. Catherine of Siena, pray for us and for the priests and seminarians we entrust to your care.

St. Birgitta of Sweden, pray for us and for the priests and seminarians we entrust to your care.

St. John Paul II, pray for us and for the priests and seminarians we entrust to your care.

St. Lutgarde, pray for us and for the priests and seminarians we entrust to your care.

St. Gemma Galgani, pray for us and for the priests and seminarians we entrust to your care.