

HOLY HOUR FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS AND FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The Sign of the Cross followed by an Adoration Hymn, such as *O Sacrament Most Holy*

An Act of Faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist

I most firmly believe, O Jesus, that in this Holy Sacrament You are present; that here are Your Body and Blood, Your soul and Your divinity. I believe that You, my Savior, true God and true Man, are really here, with all Your treasures; that here You communicate Yourself to us, make us partakers of the fruit of Your Passion, and give us a pledge of eternal life. I believe there cannot be a greater happiness than to receive You in the state of sanctifying grace, nor a greater misery than to receive You in the state of mortal sin. All this I most steadfastly believe, because it is what You have taught us by Your Church. Amen.

A Prayer of Eucharistic Reparation

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary I beg of You the conversion of poor sinners. Amen.

Intentions for the Holy Hour

Lord God, at this time we beg your loving care and protection for:

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis

Archbishop Samuel Aquila and Bishop Jorge Rodriguez and all Bishops throughout the world

All Priests who minister within the Archdiocese of Denver and all Priests throughout the World

All Missionaries laboring in the United States and abroad

All Priests and Religious who are discouraged or at the point of giving up

All Priests who left the active ministry

All Deceased Priests

All Seminarians, that they may persevere in their vocations

All Families, where holy vocations are born

(Add personal intentions in silence)

Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

*Lord Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest,
you offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the cross
and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit
gave your priestly people a share in your redeeming sacrifice.
Hear our prayer for the sanctification of our priests.
Grant that all who are ordained to the ministerial priesthood
may be ever more conformed to you, the Divine Master.
May they preach the Gospel with pure heart and clear conscience.*

(over)

*Let them be shepherds according to your own heart,
single-minded in service to you and to the Church,
and shining examples of a holy, simple, and joyful life.
Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, your Mother and ours,
draw all priests and the flocks entrusted to their care
to the fullness of eternal life where you live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen*
Pope Benedict XVI

Meditative Prayer, such as

- ◇ *A reading from Sacred Scripture, followed by silent meditation*
- ◇ *Holy Rosary*
- ◇ *Chaplet of Divine Mercy*
- ◇ *The reading of the life of one of the spiritual mothers for priests, taken from the “Eucharistic Adoration for the Sanctification of Priests and Spiritual Maternity” booklet*

Silent Prayer

- ◇ *Tell Me about everything and know that this will give Me great joy...with childlike simplicity talk to Me about everything, for My ears and heart are inclined towards you, and your words are dear to Me” (Diary of St. Faustina #921).*
- ◇ (Short prayer suggestions) - *“Jesus, I love You!”, “Jesus, I surrender myself to You; take care of everything!”, “Jesus, I trust in You!”, “Jesus, Mary, I love You, save souls!”*
- ◇ (Short meditation suggestion) - *St. Ignatius of Loyola’s prayer: Anima Christi*

Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

(Make a silent commitment to Jesus to become holy for the sake of the Sanctification of Priests)

Concluding Prayer

O my Jesus, I beg you on behalf of the whole Church: grant it love and the light of your Spirit, and give power to the words of priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to you, O Lord. Lord, give us holy priests; you yourself maintain them in holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil’s traps and snares which are continually being set for the souls of priests. May the power of your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of priests, for you can do all things.

St. Faustina

Concluding Hymn, such as *Holy God We Praise Thy Name* or *Ave Maria*