

**EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR
FOR PRIESTLY AND RELIGIOUS
VOCATIONS**



**DIOCESE OF CAMDEN
OFFICE OF VOCATIONS**

EXPOSITION HYMN:

O Saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to us below.
Our foes press on from every side;
Your aid supply, your strength bestow.

To your great name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;
O grant us endless length of days,
In our true native land with Thee.
Amen

O Salutaris Hostia,
Quae caeli pandis ostium:
Bella praemunt hostilia:
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino
Sit sempiterna gloria:
Qui vitam sine termino
Nobis donet in patria.
Amen.

OPENING PRAYER:

Leader: O Jesus, Lord of the harvest, behold us kneeling before your Eucharistic presence begging you to cast a look of mercy upon our poor world. The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few. Send therefore, laborers into your harvest. Repeat anew to modern youth the loving invitation: “Come, follow me.” Who live and reign forever and ever.

All: Amen.

GOSPEL READING: (Mark 6:34; 39-44)

Leader: “When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. So he gave orders to have them sit down in groups on the green grass. The people took their places in rows by hundreds and by fifties. Then, taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; he also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied. And they picked up twelve wicker baskets full of fragments and what was left of the fish. Those who ate of the loaves were five thousand men.”

SILENT REFLECTION:

Take time to reflect prayerfully upon this Gospel passage or spend time speaking with the Lord in the silence of your hearts and listening to what he wants to share with you this evening.

ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS:

We pray the **Luminous Mysteries** while reflecting on them as “**Mysteries of Vocation**”, imploring the Immaculate Heart of Mary for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated religious life within our diocese.

Leader: (1) The First Luminous Mystery: The Baptism of Jesus. “It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’” (Mk 1:9-11) **Let us pray that all Christians may become aware of their baptismal call to bring the Good News to others.**

Leader: (2) The Second Luminous Mystery: The Wedding Feast at Cana. “On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servers, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’” (Jn 2:1-5) **Let us pray that parents live their vocation to marriage and encourage their children to be open to the call of Jesus.**

Leader: (3) The Third Luminous Mystery: The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God. “Jesus was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.’ Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, ‘Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.’” (Lk 4:17-21) **Let us pray that the Lord will send us many holy priests and religious to proclaim the good news of the kingdom.**

Leader: (4) The Fourth Luminous Mystery: The Transfiguration. “While Jesus was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good that we are here.’” (Lk 9:29-33) **Let us pray for the grace to live our lives with our eyes fixed on the things of heaven.**

Leader: (5) The Fifth Luminous Mystery: The Institution of the Eucharist. “Then he took the bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body, which will be given for you; do this in memory of me.’ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.’” (Lk 22:19-20) **Let us pray for numerous and holy priests that the gift of the Eucharist may never be lacking to God’s people.**

SILENT PRAYER:

Take a few moments to reflect on the Lord’s call in your life. Pray for the courage to respond generously. Reaffirm your faith in the Lord, your hope for everlasting life and your great love for him above all else.



INTERCESSORY PRAYERS:

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, model of all perfection, you not only urge souls to strive toward this lofty goal, but also move them by the power of your grace to follow you in this exalted path. Grant that many may hear and willingly obey your loving inspiration and embrace their vocation to the priesthood or consecrated religious life, where they will enjoy your special grace and tender care.

- That young people might seek to live the truth of Christ. We pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.
- That young people might seek God's will for them in their lives. We pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.
- That young people might hear the call to give their lives for the mission of the Church. We pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.
- That all priests and religious might be renewed in the spirit of the new evangelization. We pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.
- That we may always zealously pray for and promote vocations. We pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.
- That those who are being called to be priests and religious might respond generously. We pray to the Lord.
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: O Lord, enlighten many generous hearts with the ardent rays of your Holy Spirit and by the powerful intercession of your most loving mother, Mary, enkindle and sustain the fervor of your love in these hearts so they may offer themselves in service to you as a priest or consecrated religious for the greater glory of your name. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
PATRONESS OF THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

DIOCESE OF CAMDEN
LITANY OF PARISH PATRONS:

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the World,
God the **HOLY SPIRIT**,
HOLY TRINITY, One God,
INFANT JESUS,
HOLY CHILD,
Jesus in the **HOLY EUCHARIST**,
Jesus in your **MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD**,
Jesus, in your **DIVINE MERCY**,
CHRIST THE REDEEMER,
CHRIST THE KING,
CHRIST, THE GOOD SHEPHERD,
CHRIST OUR LIGHT,
Jesus, by your **INCARNATION**,
Jesus, by your **HOLY FAMILY**,
Jesus, by your **HOLY CROSS**,
Jesus, by your **SACRED HEART**,

have mercy on us.
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Our Lady of the **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**,
OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS,
OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT,
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE,
OUR LADY OF HOPE,
OUR LADY OF THE LAKES,

pray for us.
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**SAINT PADRE PIO,
SAINT ROSE OF LIMA,
SAINT SIMON STOCK,
SAINT STEPHEN,
SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA,
SAINT THOMAS MORE,
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL,**

**pray for us.
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pray for us.**

All holy men and women, **ALL SAINTS** of God,

pray for us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us.

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader: Let us pray.

All:

Lord Jesus, we ask you to bless the Diocese of Camden with an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

We pray that young men from our parishes and families will hear your call and be both generous and courageous in their response.

May more young men serve you as priests who teach the faith, preach the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments and make you present among us through their ministry. Encourage them to embrace the joy-filled and fulfilling life of a diocesan priest. May parents support priestly vocations in their families by prayer and good example. We entrust these prayers through Mary Immaculate, our patroness, hopeful that you will bless our diocese with more priests in the near future, who live and reign forever and ever. AMEN.

**Prayer composed by The Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan, D.D.*

BENEDICTION HYMN:

Down in adoration falling,
This great sacrament we hail;
Over ancient forms of worship
Newer rites of grace prevail;
Faith will tell us Christ is present,
Where our human senses fail.

To the everlasting Father,
And the Son who made us free,
With the Spirit, God proceeding
From them each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might and endless majesty.

Amen.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.

Amen.

INVITATION:

Leader: You have given them Bread from heaven. (Alleluia)

All: Having all sweetness within it. (Alleluia)

Leader: 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, one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

DIVINE PRAISES:

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste Spouse.

Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

May the Heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament,
be praised, adored and loved with grateful affection
at every moment in all the tabernacles of the world,
even until the end of time.

Amen.

As the celebrant is leaving the following or another suitable hymn may be sung.

Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on earth thy scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign!
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign!

Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!



If you think the Lord may be calling you to explore the possibility of becoming a priest or consecrated religious, or if you would like information on the Diocese of Camden's discernment initiatives, please contact:

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