



# INTERCESSIONS FOR THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Below are intercessions that may be used for Mass,  
other liturgies and prayer services throughout the Year for Priests.

## ORDINARY TIME/ GENERAL

For the Holy Father, bishops and priests throughout the world, that they may seek nothing but the glory of God and the salvation of souls. We pray to the Lord.

For all bishops and priests of the Church, that they may be good and holy priests, filled with the fire of God's love. We pray to the Lord.

For all priests, that during this Year for Priests, they may remain close to Christ and lovingly serve the people entrusted to their care. We pray to the Lord.

For our priests, that they may guide the people of God with wisdom and courage and defend them from evil. We pray to the Lord.

For the priests of our Diocese, that they may always be ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel and the Sacraments. We pray to the Lord.

For our priests who have dedicated themselves to God, that they may remain faithful to the promises they made on the day of their ordination. We pray to the Lord.

For the priests of the Diocese of Thunder Bay as we celebrate the Year for Priests, that they may be renewed in holiness, generous in service and fervent in their vocation. We pray to the Lord.

For all priests serving in the Diocese of Thunder Bay, that in this Year for Priests, they may be strengthened by our prayers, nurtured by our gratitude and renewed by our support. We pray to the Lord.

For Fr. *N.*, our parish priest, that in this Year for Priests, we may know the message of Christ through the example of his vocation. We pray to the Lord.

For Fr. *N.*, our spiritual guide, that in this Year for Priests, he may be strengthened in faith as he leads us to our Heavenly Father through the celebration of the Eucharist and the preaching of God's Word. We pray to the Lord.

For Fr. *N.*, our parish priest, that in this Year for Priests, he may be renewed in priestly holiness, integrity and joy. We pray to the Lord.

For the Jesuit Fathers who minister in a special way to the First Nations people of our Diocese and for all who share in this ministry. We pray to the Lord.

For our priests who bring consolation and healing to those in hospital and long-term care facilities and for all who share in these ministries. We pray to the Lord.

For our clergy who serve as chaplains to civil organizations and for all who share in these ministries. We pray to the Lord.

For all religious communities serving the Church in our Diocese. We pray to the Lord.

For our priests who have traveled far from home to minister among us, that they may be blessed for their generosity and that we may be enriched by their missionary spirit. We pray to the Lord.

For priests who are infirm or elderly, that they may be renewed by the Lord who brings comfort and strength. We pray to the Lord.

For priests who are struggling with their vocation, that in this Year for Priests, the Lord may grant them clarity of insight and rekindle in their hearts the joy of when they first heard the call. We pray to the Lord.

For priests who are retired, that they may be appreciated for their many dedicated years of service to God's people. We pray to the Lord.

For all priests, that inspired by the example of Saint John Vianney, they may be encouraged in their vocation. We pray to the Lord.

That God may bless his priests with the gift of preaching, teaching and pastoral care, especially during this Year for Priests. We pray to the Lord.

That priests in our Diocese and throughout the world may always be faithful in fulfilling the ministries of Word and Sacrament which they received from Christ. We pray to the Lord.

That the Lord Jesus may reveal to his priests the depths of love within his Sacred Heart and lead them in ways of compassion for the souls entrusted to them. We pray to the Lord.

That the service of priests may be pleasing to God and bring lasting goodness to the Church. We pray to the Lord.

That all priests may desire not to be served but to serve their brothers and sisters in Christ, according to the example of Christ, the High Priest. We pray to the Lord.

That priests everywhere may be sustained by the prayers and service of the faithful whom they serve. We pray to the Lord.

That during this Year for Priests, priests everywhere may be inspired with zeal to proclaim the Word and live their lives as Christ's presence in the world. We pray to the Lord.

That all priests may desire to imitate Saint John Vianney who served God tirelessly as a good and holy priest. We pray to the Lord.

That inspired by the example of Saint John Vianney, may our priests encounter the God who called them, in the lives of the people they serve. We pray to the Lord.

### **ALL SOULS (2 NOVEMBER 2009)**

For our deceased bishops and priests who have served in the Diocese of Thunder Bay, that they may come to the reward of eternal life with Christ. We pray to the Lord.

That during this Year for Priests, we may remember with love all those priests who served God on earth and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. We pray to the Lord.

That our deceased clergy who shared in the priesthood of Christ may be given a place in the heavenly liturgy. We pray to the Lord.

### **ADVENT/ CHRISTMAS**

For priests in our Diocese, that they may come to recognize the presence of the Word made flesh through their service to the Church. We pray to the Lord.

### **LENT**

For our priests, that they may be men of peace and forgiveness as they help to reconcile us to the Lord and one another in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We pray to the Lord.

For our parish priests who help carry the burdens and the sufferings of the people they serve. We pray to the Lord.

### **HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (1 APRIL 2010)**

For Bishop Colli and for our priests who assist him, that they may be renewed by God's love and follow the example of Christ, our great High Priest. We pray to the Lord.

For the priests of our Diocese, that they may continue to imitate Christ, who came to serve not to be served. We pray to the Lord.

## **EASTER**

For all priests during this Easter Season, that as the Church celebrates the Year for Priests, they may rejoice with God's people that Jesus has risen from the dead. We pray to the Lord.

## **GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY (25 APRIL 2010)**

For all the priests serving in the Diocese of Thunder Bay, that in this Year for Priests, they may lead in faith and serve in love the flock entrusted to their care by Jesus the Good Shepherd. We pray to the Lord.

For our parish communities, that they may be served by dedicated priests, faithful pastors and good shepherds. We pray to the Lord.

For our seminarians, that they may continue to grow in the image of Christ, the Good Shepherd, and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood in service to our Diocese. We pray to the Lord.

## **PENTECOST (23 MAY 2010)**

For priests everywhere, that God may fill their hearts with the fire of the Holy Spirit to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ. We pray to the Lord.

## **SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (6 JUNE 2010)**

For our priests, that they may always celebrate the Eucharist with reverence and joy. We pray to the Lord.

## **SACRED HEART OF JESUS/ CLOSING OF THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS (19 JUNE 2010)**

For all priests, that at this conclusion of the Year for Priests, they may dedicate themselves anew to their ministry through devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We pray to the Lord.

That as this Year for Priests comes to a close, we may continue to cherish the gift of ministry that the Lord has given to the Church in the service of her priests. We pray to the Lord.

That as this Year for Priests concludes, we may continue to ardently pray for vocations to the priesthood in service to our Diocese. We pray to the Lord.

## **ORDINATION WEEKEND (TBA 2010)**

For those who will be ordained priests for our Diocese (today/ this weekend), that they may pattern their lives on the example of Christ, who came to serve not to be served. We pray to the Lord.

For our new priests who were ordained for the Diocese of Thunder Bay this weekend, that God may inspire them to be worthy servants and good shepherds, especially during this Year for Priests. We pray to the Lord.

## FOR SEMINARIANS

For our seminarians, that they may continue to grow in the image of Christ, the Good Shepherd, and for an increase of vocations to the priesthood in service to our Diocese. We pray to the Lord.

For our seminarians, that in this Year for Priests, they may persevere in their studies and preparation for ministry. We pray to the Lord.

For all seminarians, especially those of our Diocese, as they prepare for a lifetime of service in the Church. We pray to the Lord.

For those who will be ordained this year to the priesthood, that God's grace and blessing may be generously poured out upon them. We pray to the Lord.

## FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

For those whom God is calling to the priesthood, especially in the Diocese of Thunder Bay, that they may respond with courage and conviction. We pray to the Lord.

For the young men of the Diocese of Thunder Bay, that they may respond to God's call to serve as faithful and loving priests. We pray to the Lord.

For an increase of priestly vocations, that (young) men may respond confidently and wholeheartedly to God's call, and receive the support of their families, friends and parish community. We pray to the Lord.

For young men, that they may find a joyful faith in their families, and encouragement to respond to a life of ministry and service in the Church. We pray to the Lord.

For all who pray for vocations, that their prayers may be fruitful for the Church and they may be blessed for their efforts. We pray to the Lord.

That in this Year for Priests, (young) men from our Diocese may receive the gift of a priestly vocation along with the strength and encouragement to follow the call. We pray to the Lord.

That during this Year for Priests, many young men will respond to God's call to serve at the altar of the Lord. We pray to the Lord.

That this Year for Priests may be a time of inspiration for the young men of our (parish/ Diocese)

to answer God's call to serve as priests of the Church. We pray to the Lord.

That parents, by their lives and example, may encourage religious vocations among their children. We pray to the Lord.

## ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES & JUBILEES

### BISHOP COLLI (22 FEBRUARY 2010)

For Bishop Colli, who celebrates the anniversary of his episcopal ordination, that the Holy Spirit may continue to bless and guide him in his ministry to the people of our Diocese. We pray to the Lord.

### PRIESTS

For Fr. *N.*, our parish priest, who celebrates the anniversary of his priestly ordination, that the Holy Spirit may continue to bless and guide him in his ministry to the people of our parish. We pray to the Lord.

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For all our priests celebrating jubilees this year, that the Lord may sustain them in their dedicated service to the people of our Diocese. We pray to the Lord.

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