

# ***To the Priests...***



## ***Words of Hope and Love for the Sons of Heaven***

***A Compilation of Inspired Quotes, Practical  
Wisdom and Heavenly Guidance from the  
Church, the Mystical Body of Christ,  
dedicated to priests everywhere.***

***Hi there Father!***

***I am a member of Shepherds of Christ Associates, a  
movement founded by the late Father Edward Carter,  
SJ, centered around the Sacred and Immaculate  
Hearts of Jesus and Mary.***



***Father Carter's books  
and prayer manuals  
were applauded by Pope  
John II, Pope Benedict XVI  
and many Cardinals and  
bishops at the Vatican  
and around the world.  
The English and Spanish  
newsletter he started  
goes to approximately  
75,000 priests and 8,500  
religious.  
Internationally, over 245  
bishops and 4 cardinals  
have requested it for  
their diocese (190  
countries).***

***Yet in addition to distributing newsletters on the  
spiritual life to priests, Shepherds of Christ Ministries  
has its mission in starting prayer chapters to pray for  
priests in all their needs and praying for the renewal  
of the church and the world. A coequal purpose is to  
provide a spiritual way of life for people interested in  
advancing their personal holiness, such as the Rosary***

***Meditations, Children's Consecrations, and Love  
Letters from Jesus and Mary.***

***I am writing first of all to sincerely thank you for all you do for Lay people like myself. Your commitment to Christ, your loyalty to Mother Church, and your day in and day out administration of the Sacraments is touching far more lives than you may realize in this life, and I believe all of Heaven applauds you for your many efforts and sacrifices, prayers and love! In this packet, I just wanted to offer you some resources in carrying out your priestly ministry and mission.***

***I understand that in these difficult times for the Church, and that after the recent scandals and subsequent reactions from many in the media or even in the pews, many priests are feeling discouraged and directionless. Yet as a young adult in the Church today, I am trying to maintain my youthful optimism, and even confident assurance that all of Heaven is working harder than ever with the unlimited, untold graces of these turbulent times for the salvation of each of God's beloved sons and daughters, for "where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more"(Romans 5:20).***

***During the Year of Priests (2010), Pope Benedict XVI declared St. John Vianney to be patron of all priests (parish & religious). The following are his 3 requests for priests to preach more on, which I have expanded upon in the remaining sections of this packet:***

- 1. Jesus' real and true Presence in the tabernacles of the world***

- 2. The most Holy and Virgin Mother of God***
- 3. The Battle between good and evil in hearts***

***Thus, I have included a series of quotes and messages on these topics from a variety of reliable sources within the Tradition of Faith, including Sacred Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, various saints and scholars, and finally, private revelation, especially in more recent years as the times have become more dire and in need of heavenly intervention!***

***Even if you are not inclined to follow private revelations, I would just ask is an honest and open-minded look at the following words, spoken from, for, and with the greatest love for you and those under your care and which carry many graces and come with many promises. I believe if they are met and applied with an open and prayerful spirit, they will lead to the strengthening and blossoming of many vocations, the return and increase in participation in the Church's sacramental life by lay people, the unity of priests in the tradition of faith as handed down from John Paul II, (among Eastern Rite, Latin Rite and Orthodox), and most importantly, the conversion and salvation of many, many souls. For as Mother Mary has specifically stated in the Church-Approved writings of "Anne" the Law Apostle, Volume 3: "The Blessed Mother Speaks to Her Bishops and Priests":***

***"You will want every soul to be saved and will grieve at the loss of even one soul snatched by the darkness."***

*Thank you, Father, for dedicating your life to be a living witness of to the Endless Love and Mercy of Our Lord as a priest of God and Shepherd of Christ. I would like to end this preface with Jesus' words to Saint Faustina in #1212 of her Diary, Divine Mercy in My Soul:*

*"It was they [the souls of Priests and Religious] who gave me strength to endure My bitter Passion. Through them as through channels My mercy flows out upon mankind."*

*May God bless you and Mary lead you and your flock ever closer to the Sacred, Eucharistic Heart of Her Divine Son.*

*PS- I understand you are very busy, so if nothing else, please consider making the following consecrations to Jesus and Mary, as described in the Shepherds of Christ Apostle's Manuel:*

**"Do we want peace? Then we must do as Mary said at Fatima: we must consecrate our hearts to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.**

**When the priest gives his heart to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, he becomes one in Their Hearts and he offers a most holy sacrifice. He becomes one in Their Hearts.**

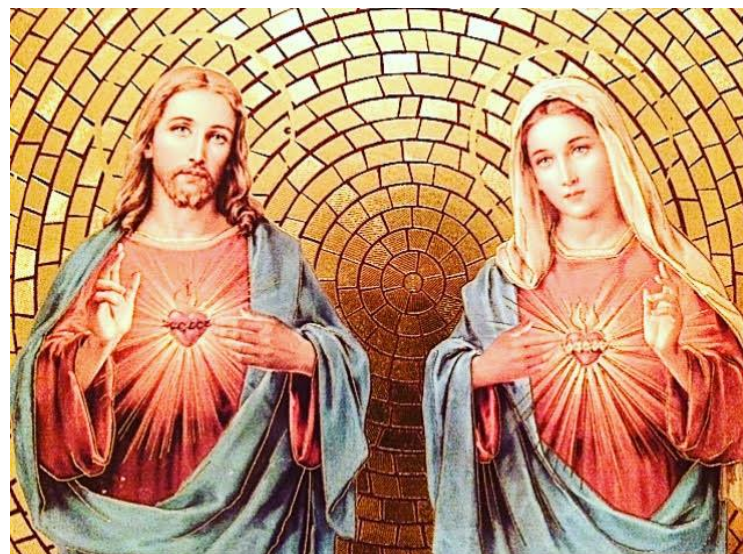
**When the people give their hearts to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, they become one in Their Hearts and they offer a most holy sacrifice.**

**The priest and people are united in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, they become one with Christ in a**

**very deep way and an immense amount of grace is poured out on the priest and people, the Church and the world.**

**Do you want peace and unity in your parish? Do you want the most abundant grace to flow in the Mass? Then say this simple consecration before Mass with the people:**

*'Jesus and Mary, we love You. We give ourselves to You. We consecrate our hearts to Your Hearts. Dear Holy Spirit, enlighten and strengthen us. We give You ourselves'".*



***The following is a Letter from the Church-approved locations from the Blessed Mother to "Anne" the Lay Apostle. To read the full messages, visit [DirectionForOurTimes.com](http://DirectionForOurTimes.com) → [Free Library](#) → [Volume 4 \(Part II\) Heaven Speaks to Priests](#)"***

**January 27, 2004. Jesus**

**Dear sons of heaven, I call out to you now. My compassionate heart sees all that has transpired in this world and I have willed that the time of suffering and persecution for the sons of heaven is passing. You, dear ones, are the sons of heaven. You have a divine duty to maintain My holy priesthood in this world. I am no longer walking your earth in the physical sense. I do not need to, because I have you to do that for Me. You bring Me to souls, just as if I were physically present, as I was physically present to so many during My lifetime. Imagine, being called upon to be the Savior of humanity. That was My call. What is your call? Your call is to bring the Savior of humanity directly to that humanity every day. You are called upon to make the sacraments available. Dear sons of the Father, souls must repent and confess their sins. This is as I have willed. To do that, they must have priests available to administer this sacrament. Are you available to do that for God's children? If not, you must consider whether or not I am asking you to do so. The administration of the sacraments is part of your calling. Many of My sons have gone away from this priority in their lives, seeing it more as an annoyance. My sons, it is not just to serve souls that I call upon you to do these things. I also minister to you and deepen your vocation with the richest of graces during your service to souls. It is through your service to souls that you will find your salvation. Do not treat this area of your priesthood as superfluous. You must study Me and the methods I used when I walked your paths of ministry. I was**

**always kind. I was patient. I was humble. Remember and recall that I am God. Still, I did not wield My authority as a weapon to control others. I administered My authority to others in telling the truth. I had courage, My sons. Remember and recall also that I was to be put to death for speaking the truth. Did this threat seal My lips? You know that it did not. I spoke the truth always. I feared neither the wrath of mankind nor the wrath of the enemy. Man cannot touch your soul without your permission. You would do well to remind yourself of this when you are called upon to speak a truth that will alienate others. You walk the earth during a time of challenges. Thank God for this. I intend to assist you now in every way that you can imagine. You are not alone. I walk with you and wish to live your vocation. I can only do so with your permission and cooperation. Come back to My Sacred Heart, My dear chosen son. I have extraordinary consolations waiting for you. I want you to serve with joy and joy is possible for you in every area of your service to heaven. But you must be united to Me in order for Me to transmit this joy. I intend to infuse your soul with all wisdom and love. I wish to illuminate the truth for you so that you feel no doubt or confusion. Come to Me. Be with Me. Let Me serve you so that you may serve others.**



## **1. The Eucharist**

***"The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch." (CCC #1342)***

***"With what Love, O Jesus, would I bear you in my hands if at the sound of my voice you came down from heaven ...With what love would I give You to souls! ...But alas! While desiring to be a Priest, I admire and I envy the humility of St. Francis of Assisi, and I feel in myself the vocation of being like him in refusing the sublime dignity of the priesthood ." -St. Therese of Lisieux***

**"Christ is the principal Priest. The priest, in his union with Him, must pray for the greatest union with Christ. Christ is the Chief Priest. The priest puts on Christ, Christ is offering the sacrifice through the priest.**

**We unite proportionally to Christ depending on our degree of holiness. Mary told Jacinta that priests must be pure and holy.**

**We must forever strive to offer the most holy sacrifice to the Father, being one with Christ. It is in the offering of this holy sacrifice that enormous amounts of grace flow. The priest must be pure and one with Christ in offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.**

**Love is in the heart. Many priests recite the words without love in their hearts. The grace flows copiously depending on the degree of the connection between the priest's heart and Christ's Heart.**

**A priest celebrating the Mass must be united in his heart to Christ. It is from the Heart of Christ that His divine life flows. A Mass that is celebrated in which the priest speaks words and is not united in his heart to Christ is a Mass in which a lesser amount of His life flows from His pierced Heart.**

**"We are sinners. How can we, in our sinfulness, unite deeply to Christ? God has given us the pure, sinless one, the one human**

**person conceived without sin with an Immaculate Heart, totally pure. We go to this Immaculate Heart, we give ourselves to her. Although we are sinners, we can tell God we are sorry and go to her heart and unite in deep union with God. She is the pure and sinless one. She is the gateway to the Heart of Christ. Jesus told Lucia, the main visionary from Fatima, that He wants His Heart venerated next to the heart of His Mother." -Rita Ring in the Mass Book with Church Imprimatur**





**“Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day.” -St. Alphonsus Liguori**

**“But the secret of my power is that I have never in fifty-five years missed spending an hour in the presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. That's where the power comes from. That's where**

**sermons are born. That's where every good thought is conceived.” -Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**

**“The sacraments are what sets the Catholic Church apart from all the rest. Church leaders have the solemn responsibility of defining, administering and protecting the sacraments. Sacrileges and indifference towards the Holy Eucharist must be safeguarded against – never, never encouraged. The soul must be in a state of grace – that is free of mortal sin – to receive the Eucharist. Otherwise, the Eucharist is defiled. This is where the definition of mortal sin must be clearly defined and not open to debate.” -St. Jean Vianney, Cure d’Ars and Patron of Priests\***

**“The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth.” -Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

**“The parish that encourages Eucharistic Adoration will be greatly blessed. Many vocations will come out of parishes where this is encouraged.”**

**-St. Jean Vianney, Cure d’Ars and Patron of Priests\***

**“Jesus told me that in Eucharistic Adoration, His graces flow into souls, who then go back into the world, where His graces then flow into their homes, work places, and peer groups. He said that in the most difficult cases, where an adorer is still sinful, He can preserve their families and limit the damage this person does to others while also healing and preserving the person. In the best cases, where the person accepts His grace and lives a pious life, He can truly change areas of the world.**

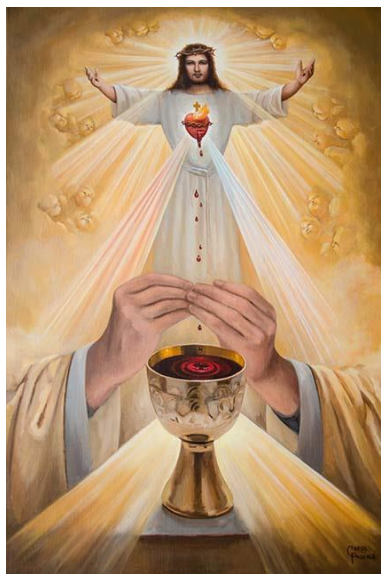
**He showed me that the more souls we have in Eucharistic Adoration, the more the river of purity will cleanse the world.”**

**-Anne the Lay Apostle, in [Volume 8: Resting in the Heart of the Savior](#)**

**“Oh, how painful it is to Me that souls so seldom unite themselves to Me in Holy Communion. I wait for souls, and they are indifferent toward Me. I love**

**them tenderly and sincerely, and they distrust Me. I want to lavish My graces on them, and they do not want to accept them. They treat Me as a dead object, whereas My Heart is full of love and mercy."**

**-Our Lord's words to St. Faustina, in her Diary, "Divine Mercy in My Soul, #1447**



**"Never miss an opportunity to greet Me, to adore Me, to remain with Me, even if only for a moment, in the Sacrament of My love. In eternity, you will see the inestimable value of every moment spent in My Eucharistic presence."**

**-Jesus to a Benedictine monk in "In Sinu Jesu"**

*Image painted by Carol Pascal and revealed to Geraldine Miller. Learn more at [eucharisticjesus.org](http://eucharisticjesus.org)*

**"Truly, the Tabernacle houses the Savior, our Redeemer and Creator. This is a sublime mercy that cannot be fully understood while you walk the earth. Those who adore the Eucharist have an inkling of Its power. Jesus transmits many choice graces during Adoration. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is our secret weapon. Brothers and sisters, we must spread Adoration throughout the world. I will help you to do this. Look into your life and begin by making a decision to adore Jesus in the Eucharist. Then I ask**

**that you consider how He is asking you to spread this practice. There is something for you to do in this regard and you must ask Him what He requires of you. Graces flow down into the world through these heavenly ports and we must have as many as possible."** -St. Thomas Aquinas in Volume 7: Greetings from Heaven with Church Imprimatur

**The following excerpts are taken from "The Mass Book" with Imprimatur, as well as God's Blue Book 2: The Fire of His Life, which has been carefully discerned by Father Edward Carter, SJ:**

***Jesus: My Dear Beloved Ones,  
On January 17, 1994, At 3:40 A.M. I delivered the following message to My beloved world:  
The message is recorded in God's Blue Book - vol. II p. 33.***

***The title: I Want My Priests to Come Back  
In this message, I stated, "...I want My priests to come back...When they are led back to Jesus, they will lead the flock home...Pray for your priests...Read the messages at prayer meetings. There is no secret here. They are from Me and I want them out. I want you to speak...Lead the priests back to adoration and the people will follow...This is the key, the key to unlock the doors to the world's problems. It is found in front of the tabernacle, at daily Mass and Communion. Do the priests ever preach any of this? You have forgotten your Center, Jesus, in the Eucharist! All power is found in Jesus...Spread the messages on the tabernacle, I want them out!"***





**"I want My priests to come back and pray before My tabernacle. I want them to read these messages and make Jesus the Center of their lives. When they are led back to Jesus, they will lead the flock home. Priests need adoration every day for at least an hour. I don't**

**care how busy they are. None of it matters if they are not spending time in private prayer alone with Me. They need to come and get their supplies. They need to quit thinking they are doing it and turn back to turning their lives totally over to Me, to totally letting their burdens and busy lives off at the foot of My cross and letting Me lead the way.**

**There is not one priest who has so much to do that he cannot do private adoration daily. When the priest comes back to the power in the Eucharist and the tabernacle, the congregation will turn to God for their troubled hearts. Satan has led priests away from Jesus. They are so busy they cannot do all their work, but this must all take second place to praying silently before God and reading His words. These letters will help many priests to come back and be intimate with Jesus."**

**I want the priests to read this message. Where is the reverence after Communion and who has even heard it mentioned in the church? Private union with Jesus! What an honor! I have all you need. Come to Me and I will give you rest. I am all powerful. I have all the power. I am hyper-vigilant over your lives. I guard you. Quit trying to do it yourselves. Become selfless and let Me possess your souls.**

**Have the priests spread these messages. Read them in church. I want adoration of the Eucharist back. I want people to know I am God and I am coming to them in Holy Communion. I want the Blessed Sacrament exposed. I want My churches open. Union with Jesus, the love of Jesus, trust, faith, love for one another, love of God--I want all of these preached from the pulpit!**

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**"The priests lock Me up all day. Those who want to come cannot get in! Tell them to come and adore Me and open My doors."**



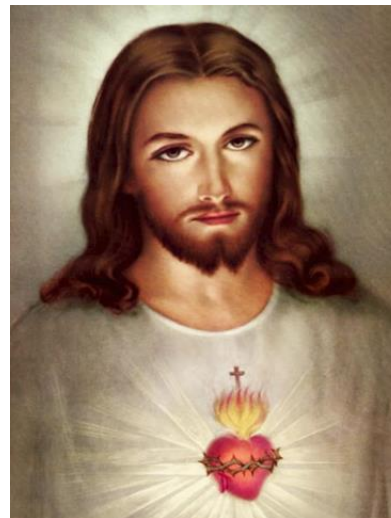
**“My beloved ones, I love you this day this way. I died for you. I want you to know how I am waiting for you, My most beloved ones, to come and sit with Me after Communion. Do not offend My aching Heart by leaving in such indifference and discussing the weather. You have a free will I gave to you freely. I can only beg you, but you do not listen. You want what you want. Nothing, nothing can compare to time spent with Jesus Christ, truly present in your heart after Communion.**

**Be with Me, stay with Me, be silent with Me. Read My letters on how I love you. I wait, I wait, I wait, I yearn, I long for you, My loved ones. Oh, please do not run! Such indifference! Sit with Me at least 20 minutes. Stay. I long for you, My beloved ones. I come to you. I enter your breast. I am God. I beg you. Your will is free. You do not hear because you do not want to hear Me, My cry coming to you. What can be more important than God in your breast? I will fill you with such gifts you will never know. Please stay with Me. Do not treat Me with such indifference. I love you so!”**

***Many more of these Eucharistic Messages on the Mass and the Tabernacle are available at: [sofc.org](http://sofc.org) → [Books](#) → “[Mass Book](#)” or “[God’s Blue Book 2](#)”***

**Note: Some parish priests have recently started to allow at least 5 minutes of silence after the communion reception to foster deeper intimacy with God. These are the indeed most sacred moments of our lives when our prayers are most powerful (since we are physically as close to Christ as possible!)**

## **Act of Consecration**



**Lord, Jesus, Chief Shepherd of the Flock, I consecrate my priestly life to Your Heart, pierced on Calvary for love of us. From Your pierced Heart the Church was born, the Church You have called me as a priest, to serve in a most special way. You reveal Your Heart as symbol of Your love in all its aspects, including Your most special love for me, whom you have chosen as your priest-companion. Help me always to pour out my life in love of God and neighbor. Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in you.**

### **Consecration of Priestly Vocation to Christ’s Eucharistic Heart through Mary’s Immaculate Heart:**

***“My Jesus, Divine Good, accept my heart as Your instrument in the world through Holy Love, which is the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I consecrate my vocation in this present moment to Your Eucharistic Heart. I will dedicate my life to bringing the Holy Eucharist to those You lead me to, and to whom I am led.” “I desire union and faithfulness to the Will of the Eternal Father through consecration to Your Eucharistic Heart. Amen.”***

## **2. The Blessed Mother**



***“Ask my priests to speak of my beloved Mother. They should never give a homily without exhorting people to deep devotion to her.”***

***-Jesus to Elizabeth  
Kindleman, Flame of Love  
Movement (with  
Ecclesiastical Approval by  
Pope Saint John Paul 2)***

***“Every grace that is communicated to this world has a threefold course. For by excellent order, it is dispensed from God to Christ, from Christ to the Virgin, from the Virgin to us.”*** -St. Bernadine of Sienna

**“Many also underestimate the power of our heavenly mother. Be assured that the enemy knows her power. Do not let your heavenly mother be attacked without response. If you witness this, you must speak out for her. This pleases every- one in heaven, but this pleases Jesus in a special way. She is a loyal friend to you and a powerful intercessor. There are many mercies and graces given to your world today which would be absent but for Mary. We love her immeasurably. You will not err if you follow her. She leads to Jesus.”** -St. Thomas of Aquinas in Volume 7: Greetings from Heaven with Church Imprimatur

**“Our Lady has only the choicest gifts and graces for you. She has been so maligned on earth and this grieves our Jesus terribly. Be one who defends this spotless heavenly mother. “Mary.” Say her name throughout your day and she will nourish you as a mother nourishes an infant. I speak now as your brother, who wants only what is best for you. If you do not have a devotion to this woman, I am beseeching you to seek one. Only holiness and peace come from the relationship with Mary. Only blessings and purity come from her. Joy and peace flow out from her to all she encounters. Families and vocations are restored. If you are in any way struggling today, seek Mary’s help. You will not be disappointed. If you are not struggling, be grateful to Mary because it is a given that she has helped you in the past. Jesus only blesses those who love His mother.”** -St. Dominic, in “Heaven Speaks to Consecrated Souls” with Church Imprimatur

**“Jesus only blesses those who love His mother. Do not think you are above a devotion to our Lord’s mother. Do not be superior to those who love her. There would be only one fool in that case, my friend. Mary is your mother. She will help you in everything. Begin to say the Rosary and be certain that you pray like a small child. Pray with trust and devotion, with confidence and love. Pray in the presence of the Eucharistic Christ. And then observe the changes in yourself. If you are already praying the Rosary, you understand what I am speaking about and you are nodding your head in agreement with these words.**

**Either way, I am with you and intercede on your behalf.” -St. Dominic in “Heaven Speaks to Consecrated Souls” with Church Imprimatur**

***“Please pray the Rosary because the powers attached to this prayer will protect you. Through these Rosaries I bind you to my Immaculate Heart. In this way, I keep you close to me and I can steer you away from dangers. This prayer is being used by heaven to bind our apostles together all over the world. Through the Rosary, your hand is joined with the hand of each apostle on earth. Do you understand? The Rosary also creates an unbreakable bond with me, your heavenly mother. Through this bond I keep you and your loved ones attached to heaven. The world pulls at you but I am linked to you and so you cannot be pulled away.***

***Pray the Rosary and I will keep you safe. I will help you to step over snares and walk around traps laid by the enemy. I will help you to heal. I will help you to see the world with the heavenly light that exposes sin, even when it is well concealed by those who wish to lead you away from me. I am your mother. I can only lead you to Jesus. That is my role.” -Mother Mary, in “Heaven Speaks to Young People” with Church Imprimatur***

***"It is through the Rosary Holy Love takes root in hearts and ignites personal holiness. When you pray the Rosary, meditating upon its mysteries, I am with you. The angels surround you, the heavenly court defends and assists you." "My Rosary will defeat Satan and bring peace to hearts and so to the world. I hold***

***special favor in My Heart for those devoted to the Rosary. I encourage the downtrodden, protect the vulnerable, convert the unbeliever -all through My Rosary.”-Mother Mary\* (via holylove.org)***

***“...however hardened and diffident a heart may be, the name of this most Blessed Virgin has such efficacy, that if it is only pronounced that heart will be wonderfully softened.” -Blessed Raymond Jordano***

***“The priest is another Christ. It is through the priest that Christ administers to the people.***

***Priests must be one in their hearts with Christ. The more priests are one with Christ, the more the graces flow to the people, to the Church, and to the world.***

***In order for the priest to be connected in the deepest union to the Heart of Christ, he must consecrate his heart to Jesus' Sacred Heart and the heart of Mary.***

***Because of our sins and our fallen, human nature, we must go through the one, pure, Immaculate one, Mary. Then, we can be deeply united in His Heart.***

***How can impurity unite deeply to purity? How? We go through the pure one, she holds us in her heart and we go deeply into the Heart of Christ. She is the only sinless human person.***

***So the devil has waged a war against the priests and Mary. The priest will not achieve great holiness without giving his heart to Mary. He cannot unite deeply in the Heart of Christ without her pure and***

sinless heart.

The grace will not flow abundantly, to feed the people, without this connection to Mary.

Life flows in the heart. Priests must love God with their hearts. A priest celebrating the Mass who is not united deeply in his heart with Christ lessens the flow of great grace from the fountain of His divine life.

It will be open, flowing at full force, according to how deeply the priest has united to the Heart of Jesus. This does not happen without the priest giving his heart first to Mary.

Union of the body of Christ is centered around this consecration and the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice by these holy and pure priests.

Our home is the Heart of Christ. When we consecrate our hearts to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, we dwell within Their Hearts. This is our little heaven on earth.

As Fr. Carter states:

This last message offers us an excellent opportunity to summarize the Fatima message. It tells us "that the Heart of Jesus wishes to be venerated together with the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

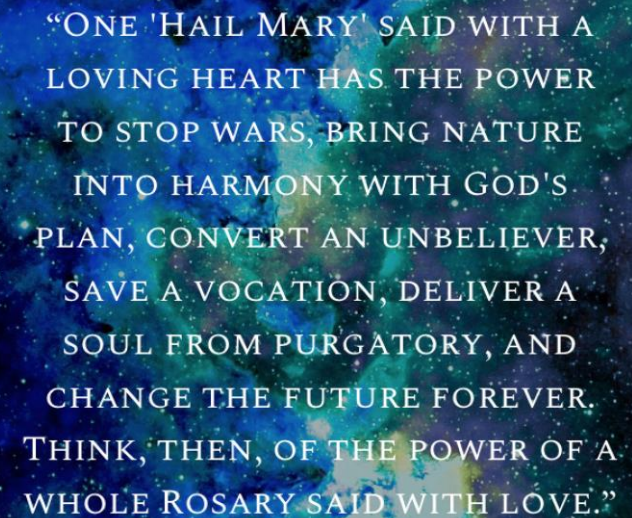
At the center of the veneration for which Our Lord calls is the act of consecration to His Sacred Heart and to Mary's Immaculate Heart...As such, consecration to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary summarizes the Fatima message." -Rita Ring, in the "Priests and Consecration" chapter on January 10, 1997 from "The Mass Book" with Church Imprimatur

**"One Hail Mary may be all it takes to change someone's heart. You never know what one extra Hail Mary may accomplish. It will always do good and is better said than left unsaid." -St. Patrick (via holylove.org)**

**"...have boundless confidence in My Immaculate Mother. Her hands are open over the Church to dispense graces in abundance, first to all My priests, and then through My priests to souls everywhere. Call**

**upon My Mother as Mediatrix of all graces, for you and all My priests are called to share in her mediation, as you participate sacramentally in Mine. My Mother is assembling a company of priests to be for her other Saint Johns. These will live in her presence and receive from her Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart an abundance of knowledge and of graces for the days that lie ahead.**

**-Jesus to a Benedictine Monk, in "In Sinu Jesu"**



**"ONE HAIL MARY SAID WITH A LOVING HEART HAS THE POWER TO STOP WARS, BRING NATURE INTO HARMONY WITH GOD'S PLAN, CONVERT AN UNBELIEVER, SAVE A VOCATION, DELIVER A SOUL FROM PURGATORY, AND CHANGE THE FUTURE FOREVER. THINK, THEN, OF THE POWER OF A WHOLE ROSARY SAID WITH LOVE."**

**-Jesus on September 18th, 1999  
holylove.org**



***“I will give [priests] a share in my sacred intimacy that was the portion of Saint Joseph, my most chaste spouse, and of Saint John, my adopted son.” “To every priest who desires it and asks me for it, I will give the grace of living in my presence as Virgin Bride- this was the vocation given to Saint Joseph—and of living in my presence as Mother—this was the vocation given to Saint John when, from the Cross, my Son entrusted me to him, and him to me.” -Our Lady to a Benedictine Monk in “In Sinu Jesu”***

***“The more one is consecrated to Mary, the more one is consecrated to Jesus.” -St. Louis DeMountford***

## **Act of Consecration**



**Dear Blessed Virgin Mary, I consecrate myself to your maternal and Immaculate Heart, this Heart which is symbol of your life of love. You are the Mother of my Savior. You are also my Mother. You love me with a most special love as this unique priest-son. In a return of love I give myself entirely to your motherly love and**

**protection. You followed Jesus perfectly. You are His first and perfect disciple. Teach me to imitate you in**

**the putting on of Christ. Be my motherly intercessor so that, through your Immaculate Heart, I may be guided to an ever closer union with the pierced Heart of Jesus, Chief Shepherd of the Flock, Who leads me to the Father in the Holy Spirit.**

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***“Be docile receptacles of the great graces that gush from heaven now, directly into your heart. Be supportive of each other while we work through you. It is your task to begin this rescue mission and there are many souls who have been placed under your care. You will want every soul to be saved and will grieve at the loss of even one soul snatched by the darkness. You will be the light. You will reflect Christ and your followers will see Christ in you. How grateful you will be to have participated in the implementation of this plan. Many saints in heaven stand by, ready to be of service to you. Many angels arrange themselves around you in protection, awaiting your beckoning. Truly, you walk with the authority of Jesus Christ and must wear that authority with dignity and a firm purpose. It is not time for superfluous activity. It is time for deep prayer and commitment and the setting of a holy example, to both your fellow religious, and to the people who watch you for direction. Dear souls, be immovable in your stand on sin. Sin is an offense***

*against the Godhead. Do every one of your followers know this? Have you told them this? If you have not, you will want to do so. You do not want people to be in the state of sin through ignorance, dear ones, as that is not fair to them. You are working against a dark world, that seeks to dismiss goodness as foolishness. Well, let us all be foolish now, dear souls under my care. Let us be foolish for Christ and allow nothing to stand between us and our full surrender to Christ. I am with you and direct your footsteps. Allow your mother to do this. You will not regret surrendering to heaven and the souls saved by your example will sing your glories for eternity. Do you want this? Let this be your goal then and nothing will weaken your resolve. Your work will be easy, I assure you. It is time to work in unity with heaven and with all righteous souls on earth who are also participating in this great renewal. Let us count you as one of the chosen servants of Christ and we will be about the business of saving souls. I bless you dear ones. I will never leave you. Your mother secures all graces for you and will answer your prayers in a special way right now. Ask for infinite graces for souls and these graces will be yours. Are you beginning to see Our plan? Spend time in prayer and you will see it unfold before you. You will also see your part, clearly lit. Your mother thanks you. Jesus, who will never be outdone in generosity, will reward you handsomely, even while you remain on earth. How grateful you will be, dear ones, for having been given the opportunity to walk this walk of salvation with us. Go in peace now, to do great things."*

### **3. The Battle Between Good and Evil**



**"A church that suffers no persecution but enjoys the privileges and support of the things of the earth - beware! - is not the true church of Jesus Christ. A preaching that does not point out sin is not the preaching of the gospel. A preaching that makes sinners feel good, so that they are secured in their sinful state, betrays the gospel's call."**

**-Saint Oscar Romero**

**"The decisions that each heart makes from moment to moment- good vs. evil- affect the universe."**

**-Jesus\* (via holylove.org)**

**"When you try to change and compromise God's Laws and Church laws you are choosing evil and prolonging the rein of evil. Dear children, each time you pray; each time you meditate on the Passion, each moment you spend adoring My Son in His Real Presence, you change the world and bring God closer to mankind. Do not procrastinate them, in all that can transform evil to good. My children, continue to pray, pray, pray." -Mary, the Lady of Guadalupe\* (via holylove.org)**

**“Oh, if sinners knew My mercy, they would not perish in such great numbers. Tell sinful souls not to be afraid to approach Me; speak to them of My great mercy.” -Jesus to St. Faustina, in her Diary (#1396)**

**“I desire to go throughout the whole world and speak to souls about the great mercy of God. Priests, help me in this; use the strongest words [at your disposal] to proclaim His mercy, for every word falls short of how merciful He really is.”**

**-St Faustina in her Diary, Divine Mercy in My Soul (#491)**

**\*The following messages, as well as any previous quotes with an asterisk mark are taken from the comprehensive collection of Messages of Holy and Divine Love at Maranatha Spring and Shrine, which have been discerned and supported by many priests and bishops, including the Archbishop of Jos, Nigeria, the Bishop of Nyssa and Canon of St. Mary Major Basilica in Rome, and more. To view the full messages addressed to priests, visit [holylove.org](http://holylove.org) →**

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**I have also written an explanation and defense of Holy Love Ministries on my blog: [liveandliveon.com](http://liveandliveon.com)**

**“My brothers and sisters, solemnly tonight I tell you, that all priests must support life from the moment of conception until natural death from the pulpit. Not to do so is to play into the enemy’s hands. It is the solemn duty of the Church to take a firm stand**

**publicly on this issue. All priests will be held accountable before the Judgment of God on this issue.” -St. Jean Vianney, Cure d’Ars and Patron of Priests (via [holylove.org](http://holylove.org))**

**“This topic of sin and of a state of grace must never be compromised to please man. It is the priests’ job to steadfastly hold his followers to the uncompromised Truth between good and evil. It is necessary also for a soul to be in a state of grace – that is without unrepentant grave sin – in order to receive the Holy Eucharist. Catholic priests have the responsibility of making this known.” -St. Jean Vianney, Cure d’Ars and Patron of Priests (via [holylove.org](http://holylove.org))**

**“In the world today, both secular and religious, the main problem is there is not a clear distinction between good and evil. Tolerance of evil has taken center stage. Even within Church circles this is so. Respect for the Blessed Sacrament has diminished, as souls are not encouraged to search their hearts to determine if they are in a state of grace before approaching the altar. As sin is no longer clearly defined, a clear examination of conscience is not always possible. The percentage of sacrileges is higher than ever.” -St. Jean Vianney, Cure d’Ars and Patron of Priests (via [holylove.org](http://holylove.org))**

**“Much of the confusion these days in regards to good versus evil is the bad fruit of secular and religious leadership intermingling. You can see this quite**

**plainly in the issues of abortion and same-sex marriage. Secular leaders have given these sins their stamp of approval – making them seem acceptable.**

**Religious leaders have not been vocal enough in defining these as sin.” “Those given the vocation of religious leadership must lead spiritually towards the salvation of their flock. They must clearly and distinctly define good as opposed to sin. It is their obligation before God. There should be no confusion or gray areas. Religious leaders should not try to accommodate those in the political arena or those who demand the right to sin.” “In Holy Love leaders must be united, but secular and religious leaders must never be united in error.” -Mary, Refuge of Holy Love\* (via holylove.org)**

**“There is a grave responsibility on the shoulders of religious leaders these days to clearly define sin as sin and not to make the sinner feel comfortable with his error.” -St. Jean Vianney, Cure d’Ars and Patron of Priests\***

**“When priests do not preach against sin, by omission they are misleading their flock and promoting untruth. This is the bad fruit of the desire for popularity. But how do you prosper if your pews are full and your coffers overflowing when your flock is not spiritually healthy? Recognize your call to save souls by leading your flock in the Truth.” -St. Thomas Aquinas\* (via holylove.org)**

**“I tell you, souls who cannot distinguish good from evil or Truth from untruth number in the majority these days.\*\*\* This is so due to the fact that leadership has chosen such compromise and abuses their authority by propagating it. You are now beginning the second generation of this mass compromise of Truth.”-St. Jean Vianney, Cure d’Ars and Patron of Priests (via holylove.org)**

**\*\*\*Note: According to polls, only 39% of US Catholics attend mass every Sunday and only 13% of those who Catholics who honor the Sabbath believe that artificial contraception (birth control) is morally wrong. Finally, only 2% of US Catholics attend frequent or monthly Confession. Thus, one can understand why the Our Lord, Our Lady, and the saints are insistent on their chosen ones, their priests, speaking out bravely to denounce sin (even sins that have become political issues) and promote God’s Commandments, the Church Teachings and proper and frequent participation in prayer and the sacraments. Of course, this must be done in all love and humility, for Christ came not to condemn but to save and loved so tenderly and mercifully those in his flock that were in error. Yet in this day and age when profanity, pornography, drug use, violence, self-harm, and suicide have become widespread, especially among the youth of our society through the media and technology, priests must pray for the Holy Boldness to expose evil and point and lead the way to the healing and holiness, that can only come through Christ Jesus.**



## **Other Priestly Advice:**

**"My brothers and sisters, I have come to help all priests realize that the success of their vocation does not lie in intellectual prowess, but in their personal relationship with Jesus." -St. Jean Vianney\* (via holylove.org)**

**"Today on my feast day, I have come to remind all priests that their vocation is the salvation of the souls under their charge. Towards this end, they need to place the distribution of the sacraments as their first priority, making Mass, the Eucharist and Confession generously available. They must be just stewards of any and all funds that come their way--not neglecting the poor in their needs, nor treating the affluent with greater respect than the simplest and lowliest under their charge." "Any activity which could lead to debauchery must be discouraged. In the same way, sin must be exposed for what it is. Bishops cannot be placated because of rank, but must be open to suggestions--even constructive criticism." "Seek always the reconciliation between God and His people." "As priests, do not neglect your own prayer lives. You cannot lead if you do not move forward yourself first." "Above all, avoid sin of any kind so that your relationship with God is the best and strongest it can be." "If you listen and act on the words I have given you today, your Confession lines will be long, your Masses overcrowded, and many**

**vocations will blossom in your midst." "Make it known." -St. Jean Vianney (via holylove.org)**

**"If the priests preached the love of God, people would flock to the church. We were created to know, love and serve God. This is the drive in our being. Stronger than any appetite is the need to love God.**

**People are thirsty for the love of God. They are hungry for His love. Their appetites crave His love. If they were given this love in church, it would be a joy to come to hear His Word, a joy to attend Mass, a joy to pray the Rosary.**

**Coming from a place of love for God, I want to go to church. I want to pray. I want to be with Him. It is not a chore, it is enthusiasm to come and be with my loved one. I love Him. I want to hear His Word, it is about Him, Whom I love. I want to pray the Our Father, it is my beloved Father, to whom I pray!**

**Loving God, reading His Word, attending Mass, meditating on Jesus in the Rosary, are joys because I love Him so much!**

**Jesus: The priests need to preach My ardent on-fire love, given for each of My precious ones. They will want to come to My altar, they will want to receive Communion, they will want to pray if they do it for love.**

**I come to give you life that you may have it more abundantly. When you experience the love of God it is a life that is vibrant within you." - Excerpt from God's Blue Book 4, August 3, 1994**

**"The function of a priest is to bring the sacraments to the people. Nothing should get in the way of this."**

**"The priest can change many souls and situations from the pulpit and by his lifestyle. He can uncover sin, fight abortion, feed the hungry, and strengthen faith. He can promote the family Rosary and Rosary groups in his own parish. He can ask for prayers against abortion and in support of the Holy Father and the Church. He can lead a saintly, exemplary life not being afraid of unpopularity or being a sign of the priesthood in the world - not being afraid to uncover sin." "A vocation is a special gift from God. It is a call, and within that call is grave responsibility towards his parishioners and their salvation..." -St.**

**Jean Vianney, Cure d'Ars and Patron of Priests**

**"Being a priest is the greatest honor God gives to a man. God gives a man the power to change bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ.**

**God gives to a priest the power to Baptize, to elevate a human nature to one in which the person shares divine life.**

**God gives to a priest the power to take away sins, which makes the difference to a soul dead in sin.**

**God gives such power to a priest, such a great gift given to a priest.**

***Why are not more young men priests?***

***The priest must give himself in consecration to Jesus and Mary to be so one with Christ.***

***When the priest is in love with Jesus with his whole heart, his whole mind and his whole soul, the man being called to the priesthood will see the great***

***honor it is to be a priest and men will flock to the seminary. The modeling isn't there.***

***Oh, priests wear your priesthood proudly. You are given the greatest honor bestowed to a man-the title of a priest!***

***The priest must love God with a burning heart and love his people with the Heart of Jesus.***

**It is powerful to be loved by the priest in the Mass. The priest must love his flock, that he would die for them. He must love Christ so much he gives himself totally to Him and holds nothing back.**

**Love is giving. The priest must give himself completely to God to have proper union with Him.**

**Oh, how the Mass unites us in one body, in the Body of Christ. I become one in Him. You become one in Him. We are one body in Him. His life flows through His body, the Church." -Rita Ring, via "the Mass Book" with Imprimatur**

**"If I were on earth today, I would exhaust myself again hearing the confessions of the confused and compromised." -St. Jean Vianney\* (via holylove.org)**

**Reception of the Holy Sacraments needs to be promoted from the pulpit. One half hour of confession offered per week shows little concern for the spiritual welfare of any priest's flock. This is the bad fruit of the neglect or reluctance to preach about sin" -St. Jean Vianney\* (via holylove.org)**

**"I have come to tell each one of you that anything you do without love in your heart is wasted. Priests in**

**particular must pray for love of prayer, sacrifice and penance, for this is the way of conversion for their flock that they have been entrusted with. Do not hesitate to ask me to intercede for you, whether you are a priest or lay person. This is a special grace to love penance, prayer and sacrifice. I will help you with it." -St. Jean Vianney\* (via holylove.org)**

**"Priests can become holier if they perform a self-examination of conscience nightly. Then they will see the importance of the Sacrament of Penance, and they will promote it to their flock."  
-St. Jean Vianney\* (via holylove.org)**

**"Priests these days need to reset their priorities. First of all, and tantamount to their vocation, is their own personal holiness. If they are not holy, how can they lead their flock along the path of holiness? Their vocation was given to them to save souls. Therefore, every priest must realize he is responsible for the salvation of every soul under his charge." "The priest must not ignore his own personal prayer and sacrificial life. If he is committed to prayer and penance, he will be given Holy Wisdom to lead others." "He will then minister the sacraments accordingly - using them as the powerful spiritual weapons that they are. He will be better able to instruct the faithful and guide them according to the laws of Holy Love." -St. Jean Vianney\* (via holylove.org)**

**"My brothers and sisters, all priests must come to realize that they must imitate their Savior Jesus**

**Christ. In this way, they should sacrifice everything for the conversion of their flocks, holding nothing back. Then, when they stand before the Judgement Seat of God, the Guardian Angels of those whom they have helped to save, will stand next to them. Remember this always, and make it known."  
-St. Jean Vianney\* (via holylove.org)**

**"Too much is made of social action, modern psychology, and the like. Not enough emphasis is placed on sin, salvation, heaven, and hell." -St. Jean Vianney\* (via holylove.org)**

**"The key to a good apostleship is Holy Love in the heart. This is the height and the depth of every evangelization effort. It is only then that the apostle can meet people where they are spiritually in a non-critical way. The apostle looks into his own heart to find error first. He trusts in God's Mercy for forgiveness. This helps him to forgive what he sees as errors in others' hearts." "Holy Love is the safeguard against self-righteousness. It promotes in the heart an effort to be non-judgmental. Holy Love reaches out to all people and all nations. While a heart steeped in Holy Love does not judge, it leads in a positive effort towards salvation - always pointing to the next positive step to be taken, and leading past any pitfall with gentleness." ." -St. Peter\* (via holylove.org)**

**“The priest must first and foremost be in love with the Truth of the Faith. He must be committed to making the sacraments available to his flock. He must realize that he is responsible for leading his flock to salvation. He must support Church dogma and doctrine. He must not call Dogma and Doctrine by any other name hoping to minimize their importance. The priest is the link between Heaven and earth for his flock. He must rid himself of self-interest and live for others.”**

**“He is not a social director or a financial director. These things must be left for others.”**

**“What I see missing in priestly vocations today is a genuine interest in the spiritual well-being of each one in their flock. Vocations within parishes would flourish if this would change! As it is, many vocations are lost due to the poor example given by priests.”**

**“I can come here and speak, but if the ones I am addressing do not listen and believe, the grace of my words is lost forever.” -St. Jean Vianney\* (via holylove.org)**

**“My priests do well to honour the poverty and discipline of the ecclesiastical dress. It is at once a protection for them and a sign of hope given to the world. Enough vanity. Enough extravagance. Be instead pure mirrors of My Holy Face in the world.”“ -  
Jesus in *In Sinu Jesu***

### **For Funerals:**

**“My brothers and sisters, priests must not be pressured into honoring the dead as already reaching their sainthood. Priests, indeed, have a solemn responsibility to encourage prayer for the faithful departed. Many souls are in Purgatory very close to their release, but no one offers prayer or sacrifice for them. In fact, this is fast becoming a thing of the past.” -St. Jean Vianney (via holylove.org)**

**“Console others with the reality of the endless depth of God’s mercy. Never fear for a soul who has died. Pray for them and do not forget them. But you must tell souls that they should never fear for the salvation of loved ones. Their prayers alone at times are sufficient for the heart of their loved one to turn to Me with remorse. My heart melts instantaneously and I take them to My breast, never to be parted. Mediate with happiness on the mercy of Jesus and the compassion of your heavenly comrades.” -Jesus  
via Volume 1: Thoughts on Spirituality**

**“In my heart, I said to our Lord, ‘Father, how beautifully Father Chris explained the Eucharist to the people.’ Immediately our Lord replied, ‘But he forgot the most important things. He forgot to tell people about the importance of Repentance and Confession.’ During the Elevation, our Lord Jesus said, ‘All over the world I Am so sacrilege and abused in the Holy Eucharist. So many people receive Me so casually, unworthily and unrepentant, this is all because the Church no longer teaches Repentance.’” -Our Lord to**



Valentina Papagna, on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

*"My Son desires these rules of conduct for a good vocation be passed on to you today. These are not suggestions, but rather commandments for fulfilling a vocation as God desires. They are meant for all: Cardinals, Bishops and priests."*

*"This has been a long time coming, but the hour is here when straight forward talk is needed. No one can say they weren't aware of what was weakening their vocation once they digest this."*

*"These rules of conduct unravel the abuse of authority, the compromise of Truth and, if closely adhered to, unite the heart of the Church which is greatly needed today."*

*"Pay attention to what I am saying today by way of the Grace of My Immaculate Heart."*

- 1. "You must not think that your rank or title is your salvation. Work and pray for your own personal holiness."*
- 2. "You must work towards the salvation of your flock, not towards any political advantage within the ranks of the hierarchy."*
- 3. "You must realize that the future of the world rests in your hands now, for every soul you lead to godliness changes the future of the world."*
- 4. "You must make it known that Jesus' Mercy does not mean His acceptance of sin but His forgiveness of sin. Imitate His Mercy."*
- 5. "You must clearly define good from evil and identify*

*sin as sin. Never remain silent in the face of sin."*

*6. "You must never remain silent about sin to gain popularity or approval from others."*

*7. "You must never use obedience as a means of control, manipulation or retaliation. Rather, earn the loving respect of your followers."*

*8. "You must never make the acquisition of money, or worldly goods or popularity your priority, but always put the salvation of souls first."*

*9. "Private revelation, apparitions and Heavenly intervention must be discerned fairly - not with the preconceived attitude of curtailing belief in such things out of jealousy and the need to control. You must never say there is nothing supernatural going on, for the Holy Spirit is everywhere. Spiritual warfare takes place in every heart. You are responsible for all the souls you mislead about genuine apparitions and all the prayers you stop. See these graces as an aid and not competition."*

*"If you follow these, My instructions to you today, your vocation will be solidly safeguarded. If you compromise these Truths in any way, you will be giving Satan his foothold."*

*"These 'commandments'\* for a sound vocation are given to nourish and to support the existing vocations in hearts, and thereby the faith of those whom they lead. Vocations are not given solely for the recipient, but for the faithful in general. If a vocation is weakened by any of the points I mentioned\*\*, the community of faith around the vocation is weakened." "In the same way, every sin weakens the general state*

*of the heart of the world. While those of spiritual leadership have a greater influence, every soul affects the greater good. This is why personal holiness plays such an important role in the future of the world. This is why the ongoing struggle between good and evil has been obscured by Satan, who nourishes a spirit of complacency in hearts." "You, My children, have been given the Truth. In your hearts, is the Light of Truth. Do not give in to the sentiments of accommodating sin, but always stand for God's Truth. Salvation is not about making sin comfortable and acceptable. It is about avoiding sin and speaking out against it. In today's world this is not popular, but you need only to be popular with God." "I, your Heavenly Mother, pray for your courage. I pray for the steadfastness of every vocation."* -Mary, Refuge of Holy Love\* (via holylove.org)"

\* The 'commandments' refer to the rules of moral conduct for a good vocation. The term, "vocation", as defined in the "Webster Dictionary" (1985) is a specific "call from God to a distinctive state of religious life in which the person can reach holiness through faithful adherence to the Ten Commandments and teachings of the Church, and witnessed in the person's service to God and the Church." A vocation can be to the priesthood (by males) and religious consecrated life (by males and females). In these Messages, the term "vocation" refers more specifically to those in religious life who are leaders in the Church - bishops, cardinals,

priests, abbots, pastors. \*\* Reference Message given April 23, 2015.

May 29, 2006

"I am your Jesus, born Incarnate."

"It is quite easy for My Priests, Bishops and even Cardinals to remain long years in Purgatory. They are given great responsibility in this world of leading the flock in the Faith. Some are no longer even Catholic. Their consciences become dull through self-love. They believe what is most advantageous to believe."

"You were asking about the element of time in Purgatory. As you know, there is no time or space in Heaven. But that is Heaven. Purgatory and Hell are still caught in the realm of earthly time. Eternity in Hell is an eternity. In Purgatory the hundreds of years souls say they spend there are hundreds of years. The souls are bound there by time until they are released to Heaven."

"These are some of the sins Priests, Bishops and Cardinals (even some Popes), suffer Purgatory for:"

"Sins of omission:"

"-not encouraging Adoration, the rosary and devotion to the saints, to their flock."

"-not preaching against all sin, and especially abortion. It is their job to uncover darkness."

"-not acknowledging the existence and activity of Satan-some do not even believe in him."

"-not encouraging the sacrament of Reconciliation and extending the hours it is available."

**“-not preaching against sacrileges perpetrated against the Holy Eucharist.”**

**“-preaching against, acting against reported apparitions, even though they have never been investigated and offer many fruits. They are, in many cases, making themselves the adversary of Heaven.”**

**“-not wearing priestly garb in public. They are not called to blend in with the general population, but to stand out so that sinners can seek them out.”**

**“A great sin of omission in the Church these days is the failure to deal with pedophilia as it should be dealt with. It is a grave sin. The perpetrators need to be relieved of their priestly duties, no matter their importance in the Church. To deny this truth is as serious as the sin of pedophilia itself.”**

**“Up until this time, I have spoken strictly about sins of omission. Here are other ways in which men fail Me in their religious vocations.”**

**“They put the focus on social justice instead of personal holiness. Personal holiness must be first. Social justice is a fruit of personal holiness. Some preach often on social justice but never virtues, holiness, prayer or the sacraments.”**

**“Those who have authority in the Church should lead as the Good Shepherd-not as one in control-but as one who loves. Souls are being lost every present moment because of these sins I have stated. The ones who do not slip to their perdition spend long years in Purgatory. Many, many add hundreds of years onto their Purgatory as they have not taken their duties to heart, and have consequently misled a multitude.”**

**“I know you fear making this public. You fear censure by the very ones I come to correct. But you must not hold back. To do so would greatly displease Me and may cost souls their salvation. Everyone, in humility, needs constructive criticism. This message is for those who stand to gain much. If they object to it, it is because they see themselves within these words. I give you Holy Boldness to release this publicly.”**

**“Sanctification is a process, rather than an event or a state of being. We move through this process obtaining greater and greater spiritual abilities and awareness. We are destined to reach a certain level on the earth. We do this through cooperation with Christ’s sanctifying grace, which we are granted through prayer, the sacraments, and generally living life as a Christian. Now my friends on earth will not be offended if I say that from my vantage point, the high ground that is heaven, I see a world in which many, including many who were destined to be great spiritual leaders, have failed to cooperate with the process of sanctification in their lives. This is bad. The world suffers, souls directly around this person who were destined to flourish, wither, and the individual himself does not reach the high level that is available to him. This widespread phenomenon of “non serviam” is a result of the darkness, of course, but has also fueled the darkness.” -St. Daniel in**  
**Volume 7: Greetings from Heaven**

**"There are many dangers in the world today due to mankind's acceptance of falsehoods as Truth. The**

**Father's Ten Commandments are Truth, but these days, they are greatly compromised to suit individual life choices. In My Father's Eyes, new interpretations of Truth are lies. You must not allow your hearts to be persuaded against the Truth, for what each one holds in his heart affects the heart of the world."**

**"The inner working of hearts and, indeed, the movement of the Cosmos itself, depends on a few just prayers offered daily in Holy Love. Often, you do not see the dramatic effects of your prayers; but I tell you, no prayer offered with love goes unheard. You have the power of your rosary in your hands to stop wars and thwart manmade or natural disaster. The rosary is more powerful than any nuclear weapon when it is prayed with love. In trust, believe in Me."**

**-Jesus via holylove.org**

### **Final Note:**

Please speak out about the dangers of fortune tellers, psychics, reiki healers, etc, for Jesus states explicitly to His Apostles in Volume 10:

**"Children, when you are concerned about the many misleading powers in your world today, ask this simple question. "Does the power for the alleged claim come from God the Father who sent His only Son into the world?" If the answer is no, then the power is being obtained from the enemy. Does this sound confusing to you? It should not sound confusing, because it is clear. If you are still confused, it is because you do not want to relinquish some habit that has gotten hold of you. Be vigilant here, brothers and sisters. There are impostors every-**

**where and the impostors do not seek the good of your soul. The enemy, in the form of these powers, seeks the destruction of anything that is holy in you. The enemy seeks your soul. The Holy Spirit within you will object and warn you if you have been nourishing the Holy Spirit. Do not become involved with anything that reminds you of fortune telling or healing. These habits are sinful. You will be held accountable. Speak out against them, warning your brothers and sisters. Christians in the world have become easy targets of the enemy's followers because they are lukewarm. Not My little apostles, though. You will know the truth and speak it loudly. Warn others, please. We are losing souls in this manner."**

## **Prayers for Priests**

**The following prayer is promised by Our Lord Himself to "strengthen vocations and boost sagging spirits." Additionally, "priests who faithfully recite this prayer will receive My special protection over their vocations. By My Hand, they will be led to the Heart of the Paternal Father." (Jesus' words on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, via holylove.org):**

***"Dear Jesus, I place myself under the Complete Blessing of the United Hearts. With this Blessing, I desire a deep understanding of my faults. With your help, I will not defend myself, but by Your assistance, work to overcome every obstacle and weakness that holds me back on the path of holiness."***

***“Impress on my heart a great love for the virtues, most especially Holy Love and Holy Humility, so that every virtue can increase in me. I desire to be holy, and I desire sanctification by living in God’s Divine Will. Amen.”***

***“I have come to offer these prayers that every priest can recite daily towards healing and strengthening of his vocation. This is needed more today than ever before.”***

***“Dear Jesus, I place all of these petitions on the Altar of Your Most Sacred Heart. Please look with favor upon them.”***

***–“Please strengthen my vocation by strengthening me morally and spiritually by living in uncompromised Truth.”***

***–“Please help me always to conform to the Will of God.”***

***–“Please help me to forgive all others, and to forgive myself of any wrongs I have committed against others.”***

***–“Please strip from me love of money, status or popularity.”***

***–“Please help me to forgive the misuse of authority, and do not allow me to misuse any authority I may have.”***

***“Dear Jesus, please strengthen my vocation by walking closely with me in every circumstance. Increase in me every virtue through Holy Love. Open my heart to the Holy Spirit and help me to see His Actions in the hearts of others. Jesus, today I surrender my heart and my***

***vocation to You. I am Your humble instrument.”*** -Given by Jean Vianney, to be recited daily toward the healing and strengthening of a priest’s vocation.

### **Novena to the United Hearts for Holiness of Priests:**

**St. John Vianney says:**

***“Praise be to Jesus.”***

***“My little daughter–child of God–I have been sent to dictate to you this novena for all priests. It is given to me at the command of the Eternal Now to be prayed for the strengthening of the Church from within through the intercession of the United Hearts. It will return many priests who are compromising their vocations to the path of righteousness–the path of Holy Love.”***

***“Each day the following prayer should be recited:”***  
**[Prayer for each day:]**

***“Dear Jesus, I place myself under the Complete Blessing of the United Hearts. With this Blessing, I desire a deep understanding of my faults. With your help, I will not defend myself, but by Your assistance, work to overcome every obstacle and weakness that holds me back on the path of holiness.” “Impress on my heart a great love for the virtues, most especially Holy Love and Holy Humility, so that every virtue can increase in me. I desire to be holy, and I desire sanctification by living in God’s Divine Will. Amen.”***



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*"I beseech You-Blessed United Hearts of the Most Holy Trinity, together with the Immaculate Heart of Mary-help me in all of my weaknesses and imperfections. Remind me always that my vocation is a gift from you. Assist me in being an image of Divine Love to all those I minister to. Give to me the gift of touching even the most hardened souls. Amen."*

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#### Day 1

*"Through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the infinite power and grace of the United Hearts, I ask for the grace of desiring to be holy. Strengthen this desire in every present moment so that I can inspire deep personal holiness in those I minister to. Increase my love for you, dear United Hearts. Amen."*

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#### Day 2

*"Most Holy United Hearts, through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, help me to inspire those entrusted to my care with this desire towards personal holiness. Give me Holy Boldness to fill the hearts of my flock with this desire. Help me to inspire them by my own example. Amen."*

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#### Day 3

*"Most Worthy United Hearts, through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, never allow me to forget, that as a priest, it is my duty to make the sacraments available to my flock, for it is the sacraments [especially the Eucharist and Confession] that protect and encourage personal holiness, and which strengthen whole parishes. Knowing this, I must encourage frequent confession, as well as Eucharistic Adoration. I must never limit their availability out of selfish use of my own time. Help me, dear United Hearts, to place others' spiritual welfare ahead of my own ease. Amen."*

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#### Day 4

*"Most Holy United Hearts, through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as a priest, help me to help my flock to grow in virtue, for the virtues are the building blocks of personal holiness. Help me, dear United Hearts, to educate my flock as to the importance of Holy Love in the present moment, for all virtue is based on Holy Love. Amen."*

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(On 5/20/09 St. John Vianney gave the following message and prayer for Day 5:)

St. John Vianney says:

*"Praise be to Jesus."*

*"Through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the United Hearts of the Holy Trinity, priests*

***must pray to please God and live in harmony with the Will of God. This is the dictate of Holy Love–Holy Humility. These two virtues are companions; one cannot exist in the soul without the other. The depth of either is dependent upon the depth of the other. Each day priests are tested in these two virtues.”***

***“Let this be the priests’ prayer:”***

**Day 5**

***“Through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,\* Most Holy United Hearts, let me not fail in any test of Holy Love or Holy Humility. I must realize that the test is the opportunity God gives me to practice every virtue. I pray to accept the graces I am given to succeed in every test. I pray to be able to teach others to do so. Amen.”***

**\* Recite the prayer given to priests by Blessed Mother on Aug. 18, 2007.**

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**Day 6**

***“Most Holy United Hearts, through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, today I pray that any disordered desire to be popular with people be taken from my heart. I will not place love of money ahead of shepherding my flock. I will trust in God’s Divine Provision. I pray for courage and Holy Boldness to speak out against all sin, even the sins that have been carried by Satan into the political arena, such as abortion, same sex marriage, euthanasia and embryonic stem cell research. Lord, give to me a righteous tongue. Amen.”***

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**Day 7**

***“Most Worthy United Hearts, through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, as a priest, help me always to realize the value of self-effacement and poverty of spirit. Help me never to place myself first–my own needs or my own feelings. My personal holiness depends upon my efforts to place God and others first. Assist me, dear United Hearts, in detaching from the false gods of reputation, material gain and intellectual pride, for these are all doorways that liberalism uses to destroy vocations. I petition you, United Hearts, protect me from these traps. Amen.”***

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**Day 8**

***“Most Holy United Hearts, through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, help me always to speak and to teach through the Spirit of Truth. In this age of compromise, I need your assistance in combating all heresy against the Tradition of Faith. Help me to stand firm in all that the Catechism teaches, and never to alter my views to please others. Amen.”***

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**Day 9**

***“All Worthy, All Loving United Hearts, through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I, your faithful priest, beg your assistance in preparing my***

*flock for the triumphant return of Jesus. I understand that Jesus' Victory will be a Victory of Holy and Divine Love. Assist me in any effort of propagating these messages of Holy and Divine Love, for I see they are scripturally sound and based on truth. I must encourage others to live in Holy Love, for this is the Gateway to the New Jerusalem, and the path of salvation. Safeguard my heart against discouragement. Fill me with Holy Boldness. Amen."*

May 22, 2009

Public

To Priests

St. John Vianney says:

*"Praise be to Jesus."*

*"I have come to help you understand the significance of this novena I just dictated to you. Encapsulated within these words is the directive to becoming a good priest. Such a priest places his own personal holiness and the holiness of his flock first. This is the embrace of Holy Love. The priest cannot do this with sincerity and still enjoy the roles of social director, financial director or embrace liberalism. Everything else becomes secondary, even miniscule, to his own journey in holiness and the holiness of all those in his charge." "When Jesus looks into the heart of a priest, this is what He searches out. How many priests today live in such simplicity?"*

## **Appendix**

The "Heaven Speaks" Booklets Direction for Our Times as given to "Anne", a lay apostle, contain many graces and may serve as great aids in priest's pastoral ministry. The following booklets are available individually from Direction for Our Times:

Heaven Speaks About Abortion

Heaven Speaks About Addictions

Heaven Speaks to Victims of Clerical Abuse

Heaven Speaks to Consecrated Souls

Heaven Speaks About Depression

Heaven Speaks About Divorce

Heaven Speaks to Prisoners

Heaven Speaks to Soldiers

Heaven Speaks About Stress

Heaven Speaks to Young Adults

Heaven Speaks to Those Away from the Church

Heaven Speaks to Those Considering Suicide

Heaven Speaks to Those Who Do Not Know Jesus

Heaven Speaks to Those Who Are Dying

Heaven Speaks to Those Who Experience Tragedy

Heaven Speaks to Those Who Fear Purgatory

Heaven Speaks to Those Who Have Rejected God

Heaven Speaks to Those Who Struggle to Forgive

Heaven Speaks to Those Who Suffer from Financial  
Need

Heaven Speaks to Parents Who Worry About Their  
Children's Salvation

All twenty of the "Heaven Speaks" booklets are now  
available in PDF format for free download and  
printing from our website

[www.directionforourtimes.org](http://www.directionforourtimes.org). All are encouraged  
everyone to print and distribute these booklets.

Visit <https://direction-for-our-times-usa.myshopify.com/collections/volumes/products/complete-set-of-the-volumes> to purchase all Volumes  
(to use as a Parish set)

### 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

1. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life.
2. I will establish peace in their families.
3. I will comfort them in their trials.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and, above all, in death.
5. I will shed abundant blessings on all their undertakings
6. Sinners will find in My Heart an infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls will become fervent.
8. Fervent souls will rapidly grow in holiness and perfection.
9. I will bless every place where an image of My Heart shall be exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. The names of those who promote this devotion will be written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.
12. I promise thee, in the excessive mercy of My Heart, that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor

without receiving their Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

### Jesus' Promises concerning His Divine Mercy, given to Saint Fuastina (1905-1938)

- “Souls who spread the honor of My mercy I shield through their entire lives as a tender mother her infant, and at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior. At that last hour, a soul has nothing with which to defend itself except My mercy. Happy is the soul that during its lifetime immersed itself in the Fountain of Mercy, because justice will have no hold on it (Diary, 1075).”
- “All those souls who will glorify My mercy and spread its worship, encouraging others to trust in My mercy, will not experience terror at the hour of death. My mercy will shield them in that final battle (Diary, 1540).”

The following “updated” or New ACT OF LOVE partially replaces the already known prayer revealed by Jesus to Sister Consolata Betrone: “Jesus, Mary, I love you! Save souls!”. Jesus now asks us to pray this, while USING the word THOUSAND, and promises the salvation not only of one but of a thousand souls! In “God Speaks to the Soul,” the Spiritual Diary of Justine Klotz, Jesus promised, “No priest who prays the *Act of Love* and helps to make it known will die without the *Act of Love*.” Concerning



this new “Act of Love” He also revealed to her the following:

“It is an eternal offering. Even while you are thinking about it, I can save many souls”, “Oh Child, I don’t see your mistakes. Make an Act of Love and everything will be fine.” “I love this *Act of Love*. I have attached great graces to it.” “How my Mother cried for the sake of souls! It is for Her that I established the Act of Love, so infinitely great for each soul, and forever.”

“(…) All will be in the act of Love. Therefore, spread it and let it be spread. For the time being, secretly. It will become a great flame. I promise. You start, with courage! Always add the thousand! You don’t know what you are doing. It is like a down payment for my love, for which I pledge myself without reserve. The angels will sing ‘HOLY’ and will praise my Love as never before.”

“Pray the act of love with commitment! It brings light. It benefits all, far beyond death!”

“It is granted you all to belong to my Mother! She is the QUEEN OF GRACE! “Come together in the ACT of LOVE! My Heart is ready! It is a time of grace, particularly for sinners. Don’t lock me up in to your narrow heart, for my Love goes beyond, to the ends of the earth.”

“Pray the Act of Love! Put your time to good use. Make time for yourself always. Encourage also others to do the same. (…)”

“The ACT of Love will conquer the world.”

**“Jesus, Mary, I love You! Save priestly souls, save souls! Grant me to repeat this Act of Love a thousand times with my every breath, my every heartbeat.”**

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Note: If you would like to access Father Carter’s acclaimed Monthly Priestly Newsletters, which cover a variety of theological, spiritual and pastoral topics, such as “The Life of Grace” and more have been acclaimed by priests and Bishops all over for their theological and pastoral content, all of them are available at Archived at [sofc.org](http://sofc.org). There, you can also learn more about Shepherds of Christ, such as founding a prayer chapter or receiving a Homily Book, or prayer cards/rosaries, especially for children in schools.

Will you give 1% of 1440 minutes each day to God? If so, pray the daily rosary in 15 minutes - 1% of 24 hours.

## SPECIAL ROSARIES TO HELP BRING ABOUT THE COMPLETION OF THE FATIMA MESSAGE

Available on [sofc.org](http://sofc.org)→Books→”Rosaries from the Hearts of Jesus and Mary” SEPTEMBER 10, 1996

**THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES**

*This rosary was received on Tuesday, **September 10, 1996** at a Shepherds of Christ Associates Meeting at Tom Arlinghaus' farm in Kentucky. The meditations and messages were given to Rita Ring during the rosary. This rosary was received live and transcribed from the recording. This live recording can be obtained by writing Shepherds of Christ Publications. All of these meditations have been discerned by Fr. Edward J. Carter S.J.*

### **The Agony in the Garden**

1. **Jesus:** My sweet one, I waited for you day and night. I waited for you to come. I waited for you and you did not come, and My Heart was in such anguish for I knew the sorrow within your heart, and I knew that I could comfort you and I could make you feel full of love in your heart, but you refused to come. You went to the world. You went to your friends. You went every place, but you did not come to Me and I waited. I watched you in your struggle. I watched you go from place to place searching, searching for that that would fill your starved soul, and you did not find what you wanted, but I waited, and I hoped, and I gave you the grace, but you continued. I waited for you. I am waiting for you now. I am waiting for you in this rosary to open your heart, to let Me come into your heart, and to penetrate your soul. I want to give you My Divine love. I want to be so close to you. Let go, My sweet, sweet, sweet one, for in this rosary I will give you great gifts. I will give you My undying love.
  2. I knelt in the garden in such anguish for My beloved priests, the priests that I love, and I sweat Blood for I long for their love. They have gone to the world, and they treat Me as a dead object. Many of My priests have turned from Me, and their hearts are cold. I am telling you this, My chosen one, My shepherds. I am telling you this. Do not criticize your priests. You must not criticize the priests.
- You must pray for them and help Me to circulate these messages in this world, for the world is starving and hungry for My love. My chosen priests will feed the hungry souls. You must pray for the priests this day.
3. It was for them I sweat My Blood. My dear ones, I long for a drop of heartfelt love from My chosen religious, and many do not come to Me. They do not tell Me that they love Me. I ask for a drop of love, a drop of love for the Blood that I sweat in the garden for love of them. I tell you these things, My dear ones, that you will pray fervently for the religious, My chosen ones, that you will pray with all your hearts, that you will not criticize, but that you will pray, and that you will spread this movement to the ends of the earth. You do not know how I will magnify all of the efforts that you make and how many souls will be saved because of the efforts that you put forth. It was for My religious that I sweat Blood, and today I ask for a drop of love from many of My religious and they do not love Me. Do you hear this message? Do not criticize the religious. You must spread this movement. This is My instrument for the renewal of the Church and the world. Do you see Me in the garden with Blood on My face. Will you help Me to reach the religious in the world? It is through the hands of the priests that many will be fed and led home.
  4. Buckled over in the greatest pain, I sweat Blood for them. Will you pray. Will you go to the churches and spread this movement, that hearts will be consecrated to My Heart and the Heart of My Mother, that hearts will be holy hearts, that hearts will be hearts of love? And I will be pleased to receive the love of My dear ones.
  5. **Messenger:** You come to me, Jesus, and You deliver these messages to me, and my heart is in such pain and anguish. Deep within my being, in my cells, in every inch of my body, I feel the message delivered to me, and words, words are so simple and do not express the

message that I know within my soul. It is such great pain to know what I know and not be able to deliver this message to this world. I pray that You give to all of us the grace to know the will of the Father to carry the message, that You deliver here, to the world. We hear You lamenting, Jesus, and we feel within our hearts sorrow for the state of the world and the Church, but we come to You as a dependent child and we beg You to give us the grace to carry out the plan that the Father has for us.

6. Deep within my insides, I feel this pain. I cannot express what I know and what He has told me. It is beyond words to be with Jesus in the garden and to feel the utter anguish, heartache, pain envelope you, to feel as if you are sweating blood, to know the anguish especially that He suffered for the religious. How, how can you know this and not carry this movement into the world? We are met with resistance on every corner. We are pressed on by the forces of Satan. It is so difficult, and it is so hard. I ask You, Jesus, to help us, to give us the grace, to tell us what we need, to help this plan of the Father to unfold.
7. **Jesus:** It is in fervent prayer, My beloved ones, that the plan of the Father will unfold. It is a plan that is a mighty plan. From the time of Adam and Eve until all eternity, it is the plan of the Father. It is through the might of the Almighty God that it will unfold. I will bring men to their knees, and they will realize that the power is in God, that it is in fervent prayer, that it is in prayer before the tabernacle. Prayer by holy hearts during the Mass, uniting every action with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, it is in this prayer, this Sacrifice, that the Church will be renewed and that the world will be turned to holy hearts.
8. It begins with your surrender, My dear ones. You must give your hearts to the Heart of My Mother. It is in her pure Heart that she will place you within My Heart, and your prayers will be holy prayers, that your prayers will be one with Me, that grace will be outpoured on this earth.

This is a mighty plan. It will be accomplished through your prayers. Many think today that they must shuffle papers and be busy about their work. It is only according to the Father's will that this great plan will unfold. You are My apostles. You must heed the directions given. The most important direction is that you become one in Me.

9. And so you say, "My God, should I pray all day?" And I say to you, "Every action is a prayer when you unite every action as a sacrifice to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that is being said at this moment in all parts of the world." You must go into the darkness that your light will shine. I am not asking you to spend all day in church and pray. I am asking you for daily Mass, daily Communion. I am asking you for time alone with Me every day, and I am asking you to pray the rosary with all your heart for these intentions. Go to your Father. Close your door. Beg the Father, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in the Holy Spirit, with all the angels and saints, with consecrated hearts, beg your Father as you have never begged your Father before for help to spread this movement to the world, for it was in the garden that I sweat Blood for My beloved religious and many do not give Me a drop of love this day. It is through your prayers that the cold hearts will be turned to hearts of love. It is through your prayers and your efforts to spread the consecration that hearts will be turned from cold hearts to holy hearts.
10. Song: O Lady of Light, shining so bright, be with us this day, guiding our way, O Lady, O Lady of Light.

To finish this rosary and pray many others, visit  
[sofc.org](http://sofc.org)→Books→"Rosaries from the Hearts of Jesus  
and Mary"

***Thank you again for taking the time to read through this packet... I sincerely hope that you allow these words of love to the priests, the Sons of Heaven, to strengthen your vocation and deepen your spirituality the spirituality of those God has given you to lead. I would like to end on the following excerpt from the book "In Sinu Jesu: Heart Speaks to Heart" which contains beautiful mystical writings from Jesus and Mary about the priesthood to a Benedictine monk. May Our Lord and Our Lady bless and keep you always in their heavenly joy and peace.***

*Feel free to access this packet to print or forward for other priests or to contact me personally at my website: [liveandliveon.com](http://liveandliveon.com)*

**"The Eucharist is the Sacrament of My divine friendship. I desire that My priests should be the first to experience this for themselves. Let them come to Me and keep watch before My Eucharistic Face, close to My open Heart; then they will understand how grace an offense it is to lock My churches, placing a distance between Me and My people, those in whose midst I have chosen to dwell. I want the visit to the Blessed Sacrament to become once again a part of ordinary Catholic life, an instinct of the believing heart, an expression of gratitude and reparation to Me who am forsaken and spurned in so many places. Let My priests set the example and the faithful will follow it. Do not the sheep follow the shepherd?"**  
**"I want My priests to learn to rest in My presence. There I promise to refresh them in a way that no entertainment, no diversion, no other means can do. Let them come to Me when they are weary and**

**lonely. I will be there rest and their dearest companion. They will leave My Eucharistic presence restored and with their joy renewed. This I promise."**  
**"I want My priests actively to encourage souls to seek Me out in the Sacrament of My love and to spend time close to My Eucharistic Heart. Nothing will bring this about more effectively than the example of My priests. There are priests who go into My church only when they have a function to perform there. The hearts of these have already grown cold and I am grieved by their indifference towards My abiding presence, often very close to them. Priests must begin to frequent their churches, not only at the hours of divine service, but at other times during the day and even during the hours of the night. Thus will they begin to allow Me to restore My priests to a shining holiness. Let them begin, one or two, here and there. The great fire will begin with these few sparks and will spread until the whole Church is set ablaze with the Eucharistic holiness of My friends, My priests."**

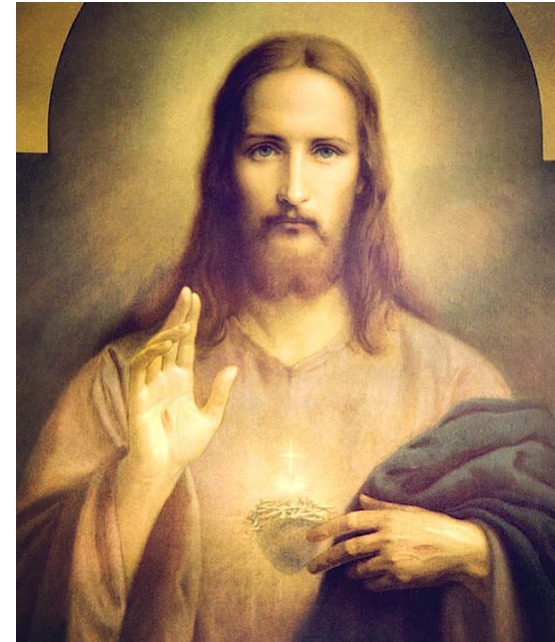
**"If there are so few priests in certain places, it is above all because those that are there have forsaken Me in the Sacrament of My love and no longer live in My friendship. Let every priest present himself as a friend of Jesus, and his ministry will soon take on the efficacy and fruitfulness that characterized that of Saint John, of Saint Paul, and of My first apostles. The friend speaks with the authority that only experience can confer."**

**- Words of Our Lord to a Benedictine Monk on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday**



## SELF-LOVE vs. HOLY LOVE

Self-Love	Holy Love
Is motivated towards self-advantage in thought, word, and deed.	Is motivated in every thought, word, and action by love of God, and neighbor as self.
Sees only others' faults, not his own. Considers himself on the right path—perhaps even humble and virtuous.	Sees himself full of imperfections. Is always seeking to be perfected through love. Considers everyone more humble and holy than himself.
Holds a checklist in his heart of every wrong perpetrated against him.	Imitates Divine Mercy as best he can. Is compassionate and forgiving.
Is quick to anger and stands vigil over his own rights making certain they are not transgressed.	Is patient. Takes note of others' needs and concerns.
Hangs on to his own opinions refusing to surrender to another viewpoint.	Offers his own opinions but listens to others and lends them equal merit with his own.
Takes pride in his own achievements. May even take pride in his spiritual progress.	Realizes all things proceed from God; that without God he is capable of no good thing. All good comes from grace.
Sees himself and the world as the be-all/end-all. His only pleasure is thus achieved through the world.	Takes joy in storing up heavenly treasure, in growing closer to God and deeper in holiness. Knows the difference between earthly pleasures and spiritual joy.
Uses the goods of the world to satisfy self.	Uses the goods of the world to satisfy quest for holiness.
Objects to every cross. Sees trials as a curse. Resents others' good fortune.	Surrenders to the cross through love as Jesus did. Sees crosses as a grace to be used to convert others.
Prays only for himself and his own needs.	Prays for all in need.
Cannot accept God's Will. Becomes bitter over trials.	Accepts God's Will with a loving heart even when difficult.



**“My brothers in the priesthood, I direct these words to you. When I call you My brother, I do so with all love and understanding. A brother is one who has had the same general preparation for life, and as such, views life with similar vision. I am that way to you. I am your brother. You are My brother. You must view your life through eyes that see as your Savior sees. To clarify, view everything through My eyes. I am Jesus Christ. You are My divine servants. You have been given a share of My divinity through your vocation. In this way, it is not you who leads sheep back to the fold, but Me who leads through you.”**

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