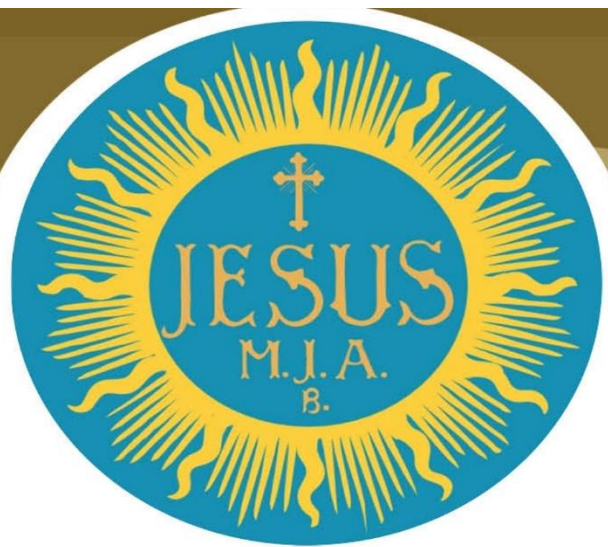


EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS



**“In the Vineyard of the Lord with
Saint Hannibal and Saint Francis:
Workers of Peace, Mercy,
and Vocation.”**

INTRODUCTION

Leader: Father, source of every calling, you gather us at the beginning of this new pastoral year as we journey toward the Centenary of the passing into heaven of Saint Hannibal Mary Di Francia. In this month of October, dedicated to missions and vocations, we also celebrate the 800th anniversary of the transitus of Saint Francis of Assisi, a man of peace, fraternity, and radical Gospel living.

In a few moments, the Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. We want to abide with Jesus, just as Hannibal and Francis did:

– in listening, – in adoration, and – in total self-surrender.

Let us enter into the silence that generates vocations, the silence that shapes saints, the silence that opens the vineyard of the world to the fruitfulness of the Spirit.

Let us welcome the Lord who comes into our midst.

Entrance Song

Silent Adoration

CHORAL PRAYER

Just and merciful Father,
who unceasingly watches over your Church,
do not abandon the vineyard that your right hand has planted.
Continue to cultivate it and enrich it with holy shoots, so that,
grafted onto Christ, the true vine, we may bear abundant fruit for eternal life.

Create in us the silence that listens, open our hearts to your Word,
grant us the wisdom that discerns, the freedom that gives itself,
the poverty that trusts, and the generosity that responds.

Make us laborers in your vineyard, like Saint Hannibal and Saint Francis—
men of the Gospel, men of the *Rogate*, men of peace. Amen.

LISTENING TO THE WORD

L: If the Lord were to come today asking for an accounting of the fruits of our lives, our community, and our Church... what would our answer be? Saint Hannibal and Saint Francis offered abundant fruits: one through the *Rogate*, the other through evangelical fraternity. And what about us?

From the Gospel according to Matthew (Mt 21:33–43)

“Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When produce time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But

the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first. But they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the scriptures:

*'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
by the Lord has this been done,
and it is wonderful in our eyes'?*

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Short moment of silence.

COMMUNITY REFLECTION

L: The vineyard is the world, it is the Church, it is our very life. The Lord has never stopped sending laborers: prophets, saints, witnesses. Among them, Saint Hannibal and Saint Francis stand as two pillars that speak to us today.

Reader: There is a vineyard: intended, planted, and cared for. It is the world, life, faith, and the gifts we have received. Nothing belongs to us; everything is entrusted to us.

Saint Francis reminds us that creation is our brother and sister, a gift to be guarded with gratitude. Saint Hannibal reminds us that humanity is a mission field, a plentiful harvest waiting for laborers.

Both teach us that we are not owners, but servants and stewards.

Chant: *Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum (2x)*

R: We hold something precious in our hands:

- life,
- faith,
- mission,
- vocations,

- the poor,
- creation,
- the Church.

Saint Francis offered the world the joy of the Gospel.

Saint Hannibal offered the Church the *Rogate*, the universal remedy.

Both left behind fruits that continue to nourish generations.

We, too, are called to bear fruit: not merely to preserve, but to cultivate growth.

Chant: Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum (2x)

All:

How much richness, Lord,

you have poured into our lives.

How much trust you have placed
into our hands.

Grant that we may not be consumers,
but fathers and mothers who give birth to the future.

Make us free to give,
attentive to protect,
and courageous in sowing.

Amen.

Reflection Song

R: From the Writings of Saint Hannibal Mary Di Francia:

“I will consider the Church of Jesus Christ as the great field covered with harvest, which consists of all the peoples of the world and the vast multitudes of souls across every social class and condition. I will constantly consider how most of this harvest perishes for lack of cultivators... and remembering His divine words: *‘Rogate ergo Dominum messis, ut mittat operarios in messem suam’* [Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His harvest], I will hold that for the salvation of peoples, nations, society, and the Church—especially children and youth—for the evangelization of the poor, and for every other spiritual and temporal good of the human family, there can be no more effective or sovereign remedy than this one commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ: to unceasingly implore the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, His most holy Mother, the Angels, and the Saints, so that the Holy and Divine Spirit may raise them up.

To faithfully fulfill this divine command and make ourselves worthy to spread it, we must seriously commit to our own sanctification. Therefore, we who ask the Lord for good laborers for Holy Church must first ensure that we ourselves are not bad laborers in the mystical vineyard. We must attend to our own sanctification and to the sanctification and good of all souls.”

Silence for adoration.

Short Meditation *(for personal reflection during adoration)*

Saint Hannibal and Saint Francis are two men who listened to the voice of the Master of the vineyard:

- Francis: “Go and repair my house.”
- Hannibal: “*Rogate*... pray, because laborers are few.”

Francis rebuilt the Church through poverty, fraternity, and peace. Hannibal rebuilt it through prayer for vocations, the education of the young, and active charity.

Two distinct paths, a single root: the Gospel lived without compromise. Two distinct fruits, a single mission: to bring Christ back to the world.

PRAYER FOR GOOD LABORERS *(Kneeling)*

L: The Lord entrusts us with a great mission. Like Saint Hannibal and Saint Francis, let us respond.

Soloist: Lord Jesus, who continue to call laborers to your vineyard, just as you called Saint Hannibal and Saint Francis, grant us open and burning hearts.

All: Here we are, Lord, send us.

Soloist: You who have made your Church a prophetic and priestly people, make us living signs of your Kingdom, capable of bearing witness to the Gospel with our lives.

All: Here we are, Lord, send us.

Soloist: Grant us a poor and free heart like that of Saint Francis, which recognizes every creature as a sister and every person as a brother to be served.

All: Make us, Lord, instruments of your peace.

Soloist: Grant us a burning, missionary heart like that of Saint Hannibal, consumed by the *Rogate* and attentive to the little ones, the poor, and the forgotten.

All: Make us, Lord, laborers for your harvest.

Soloist: Grant that your compassion may become our compassion, that your missionary urgency may become our urgency, and that your vineyard may become our daily field.

All: Here we are, Lord, send us.

Soloist: On our journey toward the Centenary of Saint Hannibal’s transitus, renew in us the gift of the *Rogate*: may prayer for vocations become our breath, mission our lifestyle, and holiness our deepest desire.

All: *Rogate*, Lord, and raise up holy laborers for your Church.

Soloist: In commemorating 800 years since the passing of Saint Francis, teach us the simple joy of the Gospel, the strength of gentleness, and the beauty of universal fraternity.

All: Make us, Lord, brothers and sisters to all.

Soloist: Lord, send us where the harvest is abundant and the laborers are few. Send us to the peripheries of the world, send us into the wounds of history, send us where your light seeks to be born.

All: Yes, Lord, send us. Amen.

Eucharistic Benediction

Closing Hymn

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