EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR

VOCATIONS

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Here comes the Bridegroom! Go out to meet Him.



Watch, pray, and be laborers for the harvest.

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1. INTRODUCTION

G. In the year when the Rogate Family celebrates the Centenary of the blessed passing of Saint Hannibal Mary Di Francia, we gather before the Eucharist to renew our response to the Lord who comes. Christian life is a vigilant waiting. Every vocation arises from an encounter with Christ who passes and calls. Like the virgins in the parable, we are invited to keep the lamp of faith burning, nourishing it with the oil of prayer, charity, and daily fidelity. Saint Hannibal dedicated his entire life to listening to the cry of the Heart of Jesus: *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few."* This cry continues to resonate in the Church and the world. Even today, the Lord passes and seeks hearts ready to welcome Him, young people willing to follow Him, families open to the Gospel, and generous consecrated men and women willing to give of themselves. In this adoration, we wish to vigil with Mary, Queen of Vocations, and with Saint Hannibal, to recognize the voice of the Bridegroom calling us and to renew our *"Here I am."*

Let us welcome the Lord who comes among us with song.

Hymn for the Exposition

2. CHORAL PRAYER

All: Lord Jesus, faithful Bridegroom of your Church, you come to meet us and invite us to live in hopeful anticipation of your Kingdom. Fill our lamps with the oil of living faith, persistent hope, and active charity. Give us the burning heart of Saint Hannibal, capable of hearing your cry and echoing it in the world. May there never be lacking holy priests, consecrated souls, fervent missionaries, generous Christian families, and lay witnesses of the Gospel. In the Eucharist, nourish our love and make us vigilant in waiting, joyful in service, and faithful to our vocation. You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

3. LISTENING TO THE WORD

G. The pilgrim Church on earth lives in expectation of the definitive encounter with the Lord. For this reason, she watches and keeps the lamp of faith burning. Saint Hannibal also lived as a vigilant man, recognizing in the poor and the little ones the presence of Christ; and understanding that the primary service to the Church is to pray that laborers for the harvest may not be lacking.

From the Gospel According to Matthew

(Mt 25:1-13)

At that time, Jesus told His disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise; the foolish ones took their lamps but did not take oil with them; the wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, the cry

rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.' Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Brief moment of silence.

4. COMMUNITY REFLECTION

G. The wise virgins await the Bridegroom with their lamps lit. Saint Hannibal teaches us that one of the lamps that must never be extinguished in the Church is the prayer for vocations. To await the Bridegroom means to watch, so that the harvest does not remain without laborers, that every calling may be welcomed and brought to completion.

L1: "Here comes the Bridegroom!" It is the cry that pierces the night and awakens the sleeping virgins. It is the cry that traverses the history of salvation. It is the cry that also reached the heart of Saint Hannibal, calling him to spend his life for the Kingdom of God.

L2: The wise virgins are not merely more prudent. They keep the necessary oil for the encounter. What is this oil? For the disciple, it is faithful love. For the consecrated, it is perseverance in the calling. For the Rogate Family, it is unceasing prayer for vocations. It is the oil of the Rogate that keeps the flame of the charism alive.

Hymn / Song

L1: The bridegroom delays. Sometimes it seems that vocations are decreasing. It seems that the Gospel struggles to be welcomed. It seems the night grows darker. Yet the Lord continues to come. He continues to call. He continues to raise up laborers for His harvest.

L2: Saint Hannibal teaches us not to be discouraged. In the face of the scarcity of workers, he does not complain. He prays. He educates. He welcomes. He forms. He trusts in Providence. Those who live the Rogate know that every vocation is born first in the heart of God.

All: Lord Jesus, keep our lamp burning. May our faith in your call never be extinguished. Make us vigilant in prayer, generous in service, and courageous in testimony. Give us the grace to recognize you when you pass through our lives and to follow you with a free heart. Amen.

Hymn / Song

MOMENT OF SILENT ADORATION

(prolonged time of silence)

Some invocations can be alternated:

Reader: Lord of the harvest...

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: That many young people may welcome your call.

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For the Rogate Family in the Centenary of the blessed passing of Saint Annibale.

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: For the Daughters of Divine Zeal and the Rogationists spread throughout the world.

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: That the charism of the Rogate may continue to generate holiness and mission.

All: Hear our prayer.

Hymn / Song

5. PRAYER FOR GOOD LABORERS

(All Kneel)

G: Saint Hannibal lived his life as a long wait for the Bridegroom. With the lamp of faith nourished by the Eucharist and love for the poor, he spent his entire life for the Rogate. On his last day, he was able to meet the Lord with hands full of works of charity and a heart ignited by the desire for the Kingdom expanded through holy workers.

All Together: Jesus, Divine Master of the harvest, you commanded: "Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest." We accept your invitation today, and united with Saint Hannibal Mary Di Francia, we confidently beseech you: send to your Church holy priests, saintly consecrated persons, ardent missionaries, families witnessing to the Gospel, and engaged laypeople in building the Kingdom. Keep alive in the Rogate Family the passion for vocations, the compassion for the small and the poor, and the fidelity to the mission received. Make it so that when the hour of our meeting comes, we can enter with our lamps lit into the eternal feast of the Lamb's wedding. Amen.

G: In grateful remembrance of the blessed passing of Saint Hannibal Mary Di Francia, let us continue our journey with our lamps lit and our hearts vigilant. The Lord of the harvest still comes to meet us. Let us welcome His invitation, renew our "Here I am," and make our lives a prayer for vocations.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Benediction

Final Hymn

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