

Full of wonder and gratitude
at your continuing presence in our midst,
in the name of all priests I too want to cry out:
“Why is this granted me, that the mother
of my Lord should come to me?” (*Lk 1:43*).

Our Mother for all time, do not tire
of “visiting us”, consoling us, sustaining us.
Come to our aid and deliver us
from every danger that threatens us.

With this act of entrustment
and consecration, we wish to welcome you
more deeply, more radically,
for ever and totally
into our human and priestly lives.

Let your presence cause new blooms to burst forth
in the desert of our loneliness, let it cause the sun
to shine on our darkness, let it restore calm
after the tempest, so that all mankind shall see
the salvation of the Lord, who has the name
and the face of Jesus, who is reflected
in our hearts, for ever united to yours!

Amen!

Benedictus PP XVI

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ACT OF ENTRUSTMENT AND CONSECRATION
OF PRIESTS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Year for Priests 2009 - 2010

Immaculate Mother, in this place of grace,
called together by the love of your Son Jesus
the Eternal High Priest,
we, sons in the Son and his priests,
consecrate ourselves to your maternal Heart,
in order to carry out faithfully the Father's Will.

We are mindful that, without Jesus,
we can do nothing good (cf. *Jn* 15:5)
and that only through him, with him and in him,
will we be instruments of salvation for the world.

Bride of the Holy Spirit,
obtain for us the inestimable gift
of transformation in Christ.
Through the same power of the Spirit
that overshadowed you,
making you the Mother of the Saviour, help us
to bring Christ your Son to birth in ourselves too.
May the Church be thus renewed by priests
who are holy, priests transfigured by the grace
of him who makes all things new.

Mother of Mercy, it was your Son Jesus
who called us to become like him:
light of the world and salt of the earth (cf. *Mt* 5:13-14).

Help us, through your powerful intercession,
never to fall short of this sublime vocation,
nor to give way to our selfishness, to the allurement
of the world and to the wiles of the Evil One.

Preserve us with your purity,
guard us with your humility
and enfold us with your maternal love
that is reflected in so many souls consecrated to you,
who have become for us true spiritual mothers.

Mother of the Church, we priests
want to be pastors who do not feed themselves
but rather give themselves to God
for their brethren, finding their happiness in this.
Not only with words, but with our lives,
we want to repeat humbly,
day after day, Our "here I am".

Guided by you, we want to be
Apostles of Divine Mercy, glad to celebrate
every day the Holy Sacrifice of the Altar
and to offer to those who request it
the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Advocate and Mediatrix of grace,
you who are fully immersed in the one universal
mediation of Christ, invoke upon us,
from God, a heart completely renewed
that loves God with all its strength
and serves mankind as you did.

Repeat to the Lord your efficacious word:
"They have no wine" (*Jn* 2:3),
so that the Father and the Son will send upon us
a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit.