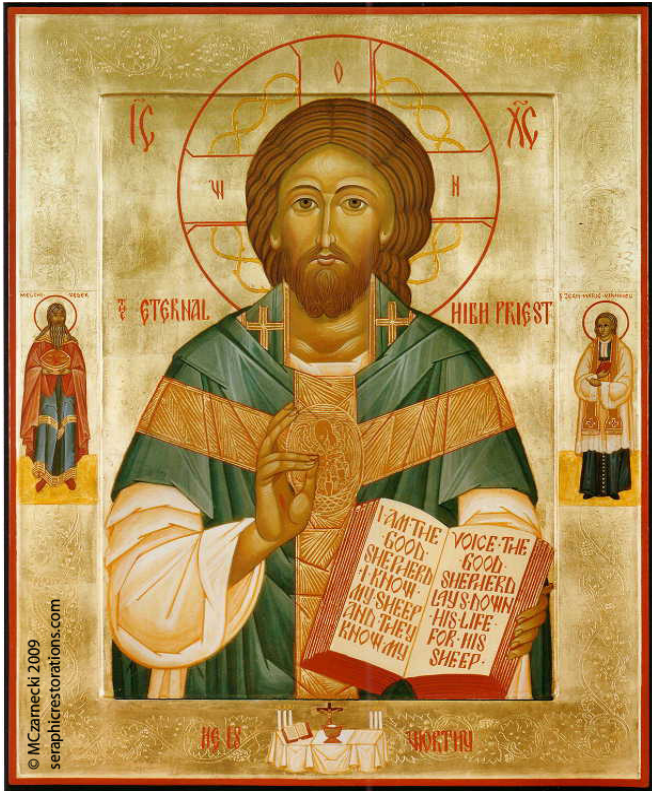


Year of the Priest

June 19, 2009 - June 19, 2010



The Whole Church is a Priestly People Only Christ is the true priest.

Yet through our baptism, we all share in His priesthood.
There are 2 ways to participate in Christ's priesthood:

- the common (or baptismal) priesthood of the faithful
- the ministerial priesthood of bishops and priests.

The ministerial priesthood is at the service of the common priesthood. Priests' lives are literally spent in service to us. The Church states that the priest's office "is in the strict sense of the term a service."

Priests exercise their service to us in 3 ways:

by teaching, divine worship, & pastoral governance.

The ministerial priesthood is one way Christ builds up and leads His Church ...

thus every priest is a GIFT to us from God!

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How can we thank God for the GIFT of our priests?

We can pray for them!

Let us build up our Church by sharing this prayer practice:

choose ONE WEEK to PRAY for PRIESTS.

WHICH WEEK? The Week for the First Letter of Your Last Name below!

During this week, you're invited to pray specifically for our parish priests:

Father Beto Father Celestine Father Jorge Father Mario Father Romy

Consider taking a few moments to reflect on the challenges of the priesthood, the gifts and graces you have received from them, and lifting them up in prayer. Consider inviting them to lunch or dinner; sending them a note of appreciation or encouragement; or asking them how you can help in building our Catholic Community.

2010 WEEKLY SCHEDULE BY LAST NAME:

A: Jan 3 - 9	J: Mar 7 - 13	T: May 9 - 15
B: Jan 10 - 16	K: Mar 14 - 20	U: May 16 - 22
C: Jan 17 - 23	L: Mar 21 - 27	V: May 23 - 29
D: Jan 24 - 30	M: Mar 28 - Apr 3	W: May 30 - June 5
E: Jan 31 - Feb 6	N: Apr 4 - 10	X/Y: Jun 6 - 12
F: Feb 7 - 13	O: Apr 11 - 17	Z: Jun 13 - 19
G: Feb 14 - 20	P/Q: Apr 18 - 24	
H: Feb 21 - 27	R: Apr 25 - May 1	
I: Feb 28 - Mar 6	S: May 2 - 8	

Prayer for Priests

Dear Lord,
we pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry.
We pray that Mary will guide your priests to follow her own words,
"Do whatever He tells you" (Jn 2:5).
May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse.
May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.
May your priests be holy,
filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.
Saint John Vianney, pray for us.