

Called to live in love

Prayer vigil for vocations and Eucharistic adoration

Preparation: arrange the altar as is customary in the place. In addition three unlit candles will be in place which will be lit during worship. Each candle will have a name: Love, Availability and Fraternity. It is recommended to distribute the scriptures and the reflections to the readers beforehand. Suggestion: between the moments of silence there can be background music, provided it doesn't disturb prayer.

INTRODUCTION

In this time of prayer, within the framework of the birthday of our founder, Fr. Dehon, we pray for Dehonian vocations. His experience of faith is similar to that of Saint Paul, when he expresses: "I live, but it is not I who live, it is Christ who lives in me. And my life now in the flesh, I live it by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself up for me (Gal 2,20). "We want, as disciples of Father Dehon, to make the union of Christ in his love for the Father and for people, the beginning and center of our life" (Cst 17). We now prepare ourselves to pray with three ideals (LOVE, AVAILABILITY AND FRATERNITY), which will help us renew our Dehonian commitment to the Lord.

Song – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

OPENING PRAYER: Asking the spirit for our vocation

Lord Jesus Christ,
you call us to be disciples
like Father Dehon.
Give us the grace of an experience of faith
similar to his,
to live and act in the Church
in tune with his charism and his mission.
Show us your pierced Heart,
source of love that,
in the total surrender of oneself,
recreates humanity according to God;
By contemplating it,
we will be strengthened in our vocation
to offer ourselves to the Father
and give ourselves to our brothers and sisters
with you and like you Amen.

Moment of Silence

First moment: LOVE

(The first candle is lit)

*“According to his loving plan, forged before the creation of the world (cf. Eph 1,3-14),
The Father sent his Son: he gave him up for us all (Rom 8,32)” (Cst 19)*

Word of God: Ephesians (Eph 3,17-19)

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ.

Reflection: (Spiritual Directory no. 158)

“The love of our Lord must animate the entire life of the Priests of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Life should be a life of love. The love of our Lord must be the motive for all his actions. All out of pure love for the Heart of Jesus.

To win people’s love, Jesus himself has revealed the devotion to the Sacred Heart. Since this divine Heart has loved us and continues to love us all with an infinite love, it wants, in turn, to be loved by us. Whose responsibility is it to procure from the Heart of their God, of their Redeemer and Teacher, this consolation, this right to reign in his heart for love, if not especially those who are consecrated to him?

Therefore, they will do their best, with the help of grace, to correspond to the love of Jesus with a pure, disinterested, ardent and generous love even as far as immolation, since that is how the Heart of Jesus loved them. How much has this love cost him! What humiliation, what poverty, how many labors and sorrows he has suffered to get this love!”

Response

V: You who continue to call many to follow you more closely:

A: Make them disposed to answer your call with joy.

SILENCE (5 MIN.)

Second moment: AVAILABILITY

(The second candle is lit)

"We live out our union with Christ by our availability and our love for all, particularly for the lowly and for those who suffer" (Cst 18).

Word of God: Hebrews 5: 7-9

In the days when he was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death,* and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was,* he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Reflection: (Spiritual Directory nn. 8-9)

"In all circumstances, in all the events of our present and future life, Ecce venio is enough, if it is in the mind and in the heart, at the same time that our lips pronounce it. Thus, our vocation is an abandonment, an absolute letting go, looking at the One who has gone ahead along the path and has made it possible, leaving behind him the bloody footprints of his steps.

When someone gives himself to Our Lord in this way, the Lord also gives himself to him and then, what could he lack? "Even the hairs of your head are numbered," Jesus said to his disciples. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted.(Mt 10:29-30). The Lord supplies all our needs at his due time, if we abandon ourselves to him."

Response

V: You who continue to call many to follow you more closely:

A: Make them disposed to answer your call with joy.

SILENCE (5 MIN.)

Third moment: FRATERNITY

(The third candle is lit)

“As members of Christ, faithful to his pressing invitation Sint Unum, they fraternally bear one another’s burdens in one same common life.” (Cst 8)

Word of God: Gospel according to Saint John (17: 17-23)

Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth. I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me.

Reflection from the Constitutions (63-65)

63. Our community life is not only a means to an end: although always in need of improvement, it is the fullest realization of our Christian life. We let ourselves be permeated with the love of Christ and we hear His prayer Sint unum: we do our utmost to make our communities authentic centers of Gospel life, particularly by openness, sharing and hospitality, while respecting those places reserved for the community

64. Imperfect, certainly, like all Christians we want however to set up a milieu which is favorable to the spiritual progress of each one. How else to attain this, if not by deepening in the Lord even our most ordinary relationships with each of our brothers? Charity must be an active hope for what others can become with the help of our fraternal support. The mark of its genuineness will be the simple way with which all strive to understand what each one has at heart (cf ET 39).

65. Through fellowship even above and beyond conflicts, and through mutual forgiveness, we would like to be a sign that the fraternity for which people thirst is possible in Jesus Christ and we would like to be its servants.

Response

V: You who continue to call many to follow you more closely:

A: Make them disposed to answer your call with joy.

SILENCE (5 MIN.)

Psalm 111: Happiness of the righteous

Walk as children of light: all goodness, justice and truth are fruits of light. (Eph 5,8-9)

Ant: The Lord protects his children and shows them his love and mercy.

I will praise the LORD with all my heart
in the assembled congregation of the upright.

Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.
Majestic and glorious is his work,
his righteousness endures forever.

He won renown for his wondrous deeds;
gracious and merciful is the LORD.
He gives food to those who fear him,
he remembers his covenant forever.

He showed his powerful deeds to his people,
giving them the inheritance of the nations.

The works of his hands are true and just,
reliable all his decrees,
Established forever and ever,
to be observed with truth and equity.

He sent release to his people,
decreed his covenant forever;
holy and fearsome is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of
wisdom;
prudent are all who practice it.
His praise endures forever.

Ant: The Lord protects his children and shows them his love and mercy.

Song of Adoration

Our Father...

Prayer

Lord Jesus, confirm us in your love, accept the offering of our life and unite it to the oblation that you continually offer to the Father for our salvation. You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing with the Blessed Sacrament

While the Blessed Sacrament is on the altar, the litany is recited.

Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Heart of Jesus, burning bonfire of charity, R/.

Heart of Jesus, asylum of justice and love, R/.

Heart of Jesus, full of kindness and love, R/.

Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues, R/.

Heart of Jesus, worthy of all praise, R/.

Heart of Jesus, King and center of all hearts, R/.

Heart of Jesus, in whom are all treasures of wisdom and science, R/.

Heart of Jesus, in whom dwells all the fullness of divinity, R/.

Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father was pleased, R/.

Heart of Jesus, in whose fullness we have all received, R/.

Heart of Jesus, desire of the eternal hills, R/.

Heart of Jesus, patient and merciful, R/.

Heart of Jesus, rich for all who call on you, R/.

Heart of Jesus, source of life and holiness, R/.

Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our sins, R/.

Heart of Jesus, despised for our crimes, R/.

Heart of Jesus, made obedient to death, R/.

Heart of Jesus, pierced by a spear, R/.

Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection, R/.

Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation, R/.

Heart of Jesus, victim of sinners, R/.

Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who hope in You, R/.

Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in You, R/.

Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints, R/.

V: Jesus, meek and humble of heart,

A: make our hearts like Yours.

Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament

Marian hymn