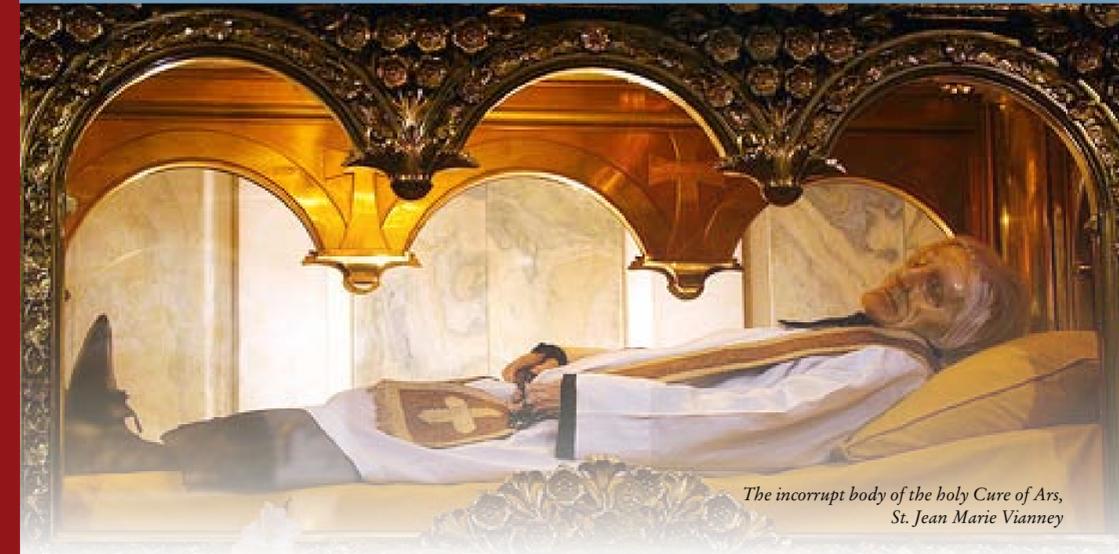




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The incorrupt body of the holy Cure of Ars, St. Jean Marie Vianney

“THE PRIESTHOOD IS THE LOVE OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS”

From the Letter of Pope Benedict XVI in honor of the 150th anniversary of the „Dies Natalis“ of St. Jean-Marie Vianney



Saint John Mary Vianney taught his parishioners primarily by the witness of his life. It was from his example that they learned to pray, halting frequently before the tabernacle for a visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. “One need not say much to pray well” – the Curé explained to them – “We know that Jesus is there in the tabernacle: let us open our hearts to him, let us rejoice in his sacred presence. That is the best prayer”. And he would urge them: “Come to communion, my brothers and sisters, come to Jesus. Come

to live from him in order to live with him... “Of course you are not worthy of him, but *you need him!*”. This way of educating the faithful *to the Eucharistic presence and to communion* proved most effective when they saw him celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Those present said that “it was not possible to find a finer example of worship... He gazed upon the Host with immense love”. “All good works, taken together, do not equal the

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JULY 2009 ORDINATIONS FOR THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING



Adsum ... I am ready Archbishop Burke's sermon Anointing of hands 3 new priests for the Church



First Mass of a newly ordained priest

UPCOMING EVENTS: YEAR OF THE PRIEST

September 29, 2009
 Priestly Ordinations in International Seminary in Gricigliano, Italy

April 17, 2010
 Pilgrimage to Shrine of St. John Marie Vianney in Ars, France, with the priests, seminarians, sisters, oblates, and members of the Society of the Sacred Heart

Prior General visits American apostolates

During the first two weeks of June, the Founder and Prior General of the Institute, Monsignor Gilles Wach, visited many of the apostolates of the Institute across the United States. Large numbers of faithful gathered at each apostolate to welcome Monsignor. They kindly prepared pleasant receptions with good food and lively conversation in the family-like atmosphere characteristic of the spirit of the Institute. Touched by their charity, Monsignor Wach expressed time and time again his gratitude to the faithful for their continual prayers and generous support of the Institute priests and seminarians. While the increasing number of American apostolates did not make it possible for Monsignor to visit all of them this year, he said that he looks forward with anticipation to returning next year for another tour.



Solemn High Mass at the Shrine of Christ the King, Chicago



His Eminence, Francis Cardinal George with Msgr. Wach and Msgr. Schmitz



Msgr. Wach celebrates Mass at St. Mary Oratory in Rockford, Illinois



Msgr. Wach with children from St. Gianna Oratory in Tucson, Arizona

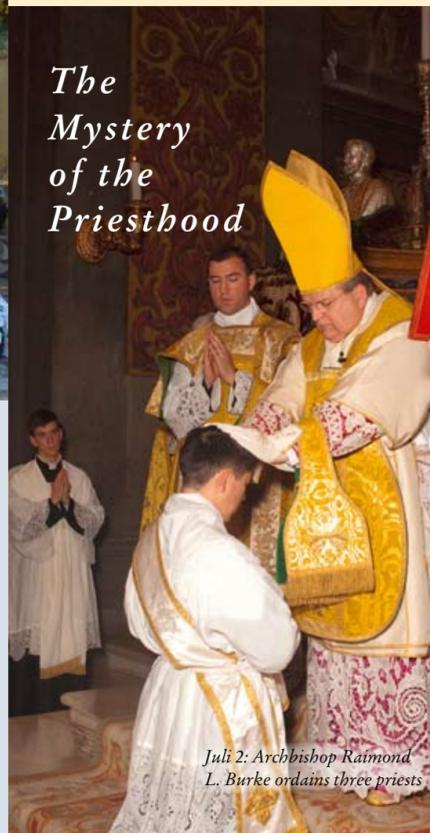


Marian devotions at St. Francis de Sales Oratory in St. Louis, Missouri



Solemn High Mass at St. Margaret Mary in Oakland, CA

The Mystery of the Priesthood



Juli 2: Archbishop Raimond L. Burke ordains three priests



*From the Letter of Pope Benedict XVI
at the beginning of the Year of the Priest*

sacrifice of the Mass” – he would say – “since they are human works, while the Holy Mass is the work of God”. He was convinced that the fervour of a priest’s life depended entirely upon the Mass: “The reason why a priest is lax is that he does not pay attention to the Mass! My God, how we ought to pity a priest who celebrates as if he were engaged in something routine!”. He was accustomed, when celebrating, also to offer his own life in sacrifice: “What a good thing it is for a priest each morning to offer himself to God in sacrifice!”.



This deep personal identification with the Sacrifice of the Cross led him – by a sole inward movement – from the altar to the confessional. Priests ought never to be resigned to empty confessionals or the apparent indifference of the faithful to this sacrament. In France, at the time of the Curé of Ars, confession was no more easy or frequent than in our own day, since the upheaval caused by the revolution had long inhibited the practice of religion.



The parish church of Ars

Yet he sought in every way, by his preaching and his powers of persuasion, to help his parishioners to rediscover the meaning and beauty of the sacrament of Penance, presenting it as an inherent demand of the Eucharistic presence. He thus created a “*virtuous*” circle. By spending long hours in church before the tabernacle, he inspired the faithful to imitate him by coming to visit Jesus with the knowledge that their parish priest would be there, ready to listen and offer forgiveness. Later, the growing numbers of penitents from all over France would keep him in the confessional for up to sixteen hours a day. It was said that Ars had become “a great hospital of souls”. His



The great saint of the confessional

first biographer relates that “the grace he obtained [for the conversion of sinners] was so powerful that it would pursue them, not leaving them a moment of peace!”. The saintly Curé reflected something of the same idea when he said: “It is not the sinner who returns to God to beg his forgiveness, but God himself who runs after the sinner and makes him return to him”. “This good Saviour is so filled with love that he seeks us everywhere”.

“Veritatem facientes in caritate – Living the Truth in Charity”

Ordinations in our International Seminary 2009



The Most Rev. Basil Meeking, Bishop emeritus of Christchurch, New Zealand administers the Tonsure to fourteen seminarians & oblates



Over thirty seminarians received various Minor Orders



New subdeacons make an important step toward the priesthood

THE MYSTERY OF THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD

In the words of Saint Jean Marie Vianney

“Go to confession to the Blessed Virgin, or to an angel; will they absolve you? No. Will they give you the Body and Blood of Our Lord? No. The Holy Virgin cannot make her Divine Son descend into the Host. You might have two hundred angels there, but they could not absolve you. A priest, however simple he may be, can do it; he can say to you, “Go in peace; I pardon you. “ Oh, how great is a priest! The priest will not understand the greatness of his office till he is in Heaven. If he understood it on earth, he would die, not of fear, but of love..”

“Were we to fully realize what a priest is on earth, we would die: not of fright, but of love... Without the priest, the passion and death of our Lord would be of no avail. It is the priest who continues the work of redemption on earth... What use would be a house filled with gold, were there no one to open its door? The priest holds the key to the treasures of heaven: it is he who opens the door: he is the steward of the good Lord; the administrator of his goods.”

“St. Teresa kissed the ground where a priest had passed. When you see a priest, you should say, “There is he who made me a child of God, and opened Heaven to me by holy Baptism; he who purified me after I had sinned; who gives nourishment to my soul.”

“Without the Sacrament of Holy Orders, we would not have the Lord. Who put



Prostration during the Litany of Saints: Priestly Ordinations in Florence by Archbishop Raymond L. Burke, July 2, 2009

himself absolution; he does not administer the Sacraments to himself. He is not for himself, he is for you.”

From his Sermons and Catechism on the Priesthood

him there in that tabernacle? The priest. Who welcomed your soul at the beginning of your life? The priest. Who feeds your soul and gives it strength for its journey? The priest. Who will prepare it to appear before God, bathing it one last time in the blood of Jesus Christ? The priest, always the priest. And if this soul should happen to die [as a result of sin], who will raise it up, who will restore its calm and peace? Again, the priest... After God, the priest is everything! ... Only in heaven will he fully realize what he is.”

“If I were to meet a priest and an angel, I should salute the priest before I saluted the angel. The latter is the friend of God; but the priest holds His place.

Leave a parish twenty years without priests; they will worship beasts... When people wish to destroy religion, they begin by attacking the priest, because where there is no longer any priest there is no sacrifice, and where there is no longer any sacrifice there is no religion.”

“The priest is not a priest for himself; he does not give himself absolution; he does not administer the Sacraments to himself. He is not for himself, he is for you.”

Te Deum of thanksgiving with new Archbishop of Florence



Msgr. Wach greets Archbishop Betori of Florence



Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



Msgr. Wach with Archbishop Burke of the Apostolic Signature, Archbishop Betori of Florence, Bishop Cordilone of Oakland, CA, and Bishop Meeking of Christchurch (emeritus)



Class of the newly tonsured

MEET NEWLY ORDAINED CANON JASON APPLE OF WEST LAFAYETTE, OHIO



Canon Apple with his mother

At the age of thirty, on the feast of the Visitation this last July 2, I was ordained a priest along with two other members of the Institute in Florence by Archbishop Raymond L. Burke. Since then I have come back as vicar to Saint Louis, where I served as deacon for a year at St. Francis de Sales Oratory. What a joy it is for me to serve as a priest now in this church that I know and love.

Hearing Confessions and forgiving sins is particularly wonderful – to imagine that God in His mercy has given such a power to mere mortals! Providing spiritual direction is something I love and which enables me to make St. Francis de Sales’ spirituality more well known and loved. Preaching, too, is a blessed ministry: to be honest, as a seminarian I was apprehensive about one day having to preach, but my spiritual director said never to worry, that God would give me the words to preach when the time came. As a deacon I experienced this

grace – and now even more fully as a priest! I am looking forward to another year of teaching catechism. My biggest duty is overseeing the candidates for membership in the Institute in our pre-seminary program. Please remember this young priest in your prayers!