



PRAYER CRUSADE FOR PRIESTS

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Dear Crusader,

Greetings in Our Lord and Blessed Lady! God grant that this letter find you all in good health and high spirits! We need high spirits, for our job is an important one - our priests need our help and our support. As Crusaders we give them an edge that they wouldn't have otherwise: when God sees the priest working, He also sees us working. Our work is nothing other than the furthering of Jesus' own interests.

Get an edge!

Here is a way to further Jesus' own interest. See what regard Our Lord has for the priesthood that He has even included it in the *Promises* given to Saint Margaret Mary for making the nine First Fridays!

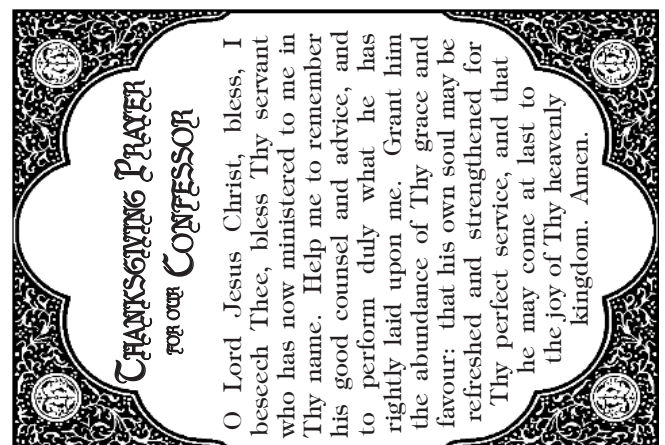
JESUS' 12 PROMISES TO THOSE WHO WOULD MAKE THE FIRST FRIDAYS:

- I. I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life.
- II. I will establish peace in their families.
- III. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
- IV. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all in death.
- V. I will bestow a special blessing upon all their undertakings.**
- VI. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and Infinite Ocean of mercy.
- VII. Tepid souls shall grow fervent.
- VIII. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
- IX. I will bless every place where a picture of My Heart shall be exposed and honoured.
- X. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.**
- XI. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, - never to be blotted out.

Now, you see that numbers **V** and **X** are boldened. When we make these nine First Fridays, we receive a special blessing upon our undertaking (the Prayer Crusade is one of our undertakings), and He will give priests a special gift. We mentioned earlier something about "giving the priests an edge" – here is a way we can sharpen that edge! Many of us have made these nine First Fridays with regards to our own souls, but here let us consider what we can do for priests and so make them a **second** time with our newly formed special intention. (There is a 12th promise as well concerning final penitence and the gift receiving of the Sacraments before one dies).

Defend our Priests

Another way we can support our priests is by defending them - this is a prayer! Let us be devoted to our priests and to all priests. Let us defend their intentions even if we secretly disagree with them. Teach people to respect their wishes and to encourage their interests. They are priests for the love of *our souls*, and God grants them graces that He doesn't give to the rest of us. As we call them *Father* for a reason, we must help people to respect them as *Father*.



When we meet priests in our travels, let us beg their blessing. Not only do we receive the grace of the blessing, but we encourage the priest by reminding him that he is needed, and that we need them to exercise their divine powers. This is especially efficacious with regards to Novus Ordo priests (but be quick to kneel for their blessing because they don't expect you to kneel - they are accustomed to blessing people who are standing). Always tell them, "thank you." The Conciliar Church is so busy breaking down the lofty position of the Priest – let us labour to restore that office by our desire that they be nothing else.

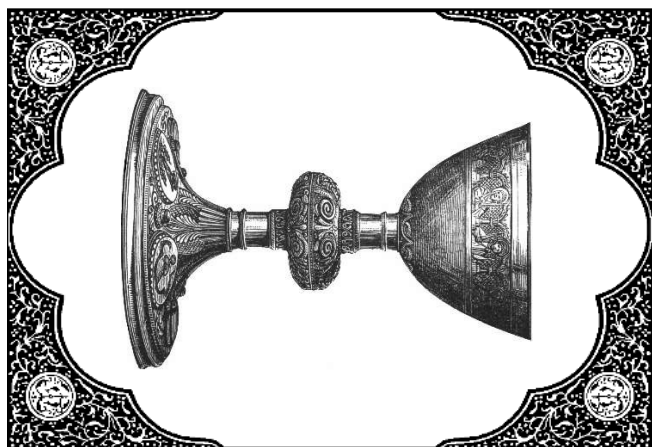
Family of Crusaders

Some of you live with your family. It is a wholesome thing for a family to pray together, so why not organize it so that the entire family prays for the priest? You can add the Prayer Crusade prayers to the daily Rosary. It suffices that the parents be enrolled in the Crusade and to keep the obligations. The children can assist them without the formal obligation. If some of the older children would like to make their own promises and become members, they may send in their own enrollment information and receive their own assignment. This is a devotion also fit for dads!

Some Details for your information

- ✦ There are presently 681 Crusaders.
- ✦ 69 new Crusaders have joined us since October 2006 (thanks to yall's recruiting efforts!)
- ✦ We pray for 584 priests.
- ✦ We pray for many priests from the American dioceses, and for all of the SSPX Fathers stationed in this country. We pray also for our Superior General and our four bishops. Our own SSPX priests are usually assigned to several Crusaders at once!
- ✦ Several priests have written in to say that they appreciate our prayers and that the times are very challenging.
- ✦ One of our members, *Mary Ann Tam* died suddenly in a car accident on July 16. Also recently deceased is *Father Cornelius Gallagher*, one of the diocesan priests for whom we have been praying. If each of you can offer just one Hail Mary for them, that will be 681 Hail Marys to their gain!
- ✦ A new priest, *Father Frank Riccomini* was ordained into the SSPX this past June. Some of you have received him as your assignment.
- ✦ If your priest happens to pass away, we will let you know so you can continue to pray for your priest to be freed from the pains of Purgatory. It is good to keep our assignments!

Here below you will find a prayer card with a good, pious prayer to say in thanksgiving for your Confessor. We should always tell him, "thank you," for hearing our Confession. (In case you are wondering, the card is turned on its side so that it doesn't get caught in the tri-fold.)



God bless you all and our Apostolate!

† Your Brother in Jesus & Mary,

Brother Gabriel-Marie

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Secretary for the Prayer Crusade