

*Pallettine
Community
Prayers*

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Mary, Queen of Apostles

“Mary, Queen of Apostles, is the Patroness of the Society as she is for the whole Union. She is, after Christ, the most perfect model of our apostolate.” (LSAC #9)

“The members are devoted to Mary, Queen of Apostles. Like the apostles they join in prayer with Mary, Mother of the Lord, and ask for the light of the Holy Spirit, who renews the face of the earth.

They seek to imitate her virtues, promote her veneration, and honor her with the practices proper to the tradition of the Church and that of the Society.” (LSAC #16)

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With one heart
They all joined constantly in prayer
With Mary, the Mother of Jesus.
(Cfr. Acts 1:14)

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SUNDAY



THE BLESSED
TRINITY

Sunday – Morning Prayer

L Lord, teach us to pray.

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Praise of the Lord

L Praise the Lord for he is good,

R for his mercy endures forever.

L He sent us Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

R Christ's death and resurrection is our deliverance.

L He sent us the Holy Spirit,

R to effect in us the Divine Life.

L Praise the Lord for he is good,

R for his mercy endures forever.

L Lord our God, you have given us this new day.
Let our hearts find Light in the darkness,
the Creator in the created,
the Giver in the gifts.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

Reflection

- A. St. Vincent Pallotti writes about the Blessed Trinity: “My God, in your infinite love you created me according to your image and likeness. You gave me a free will. Help me to use your gifts and improve myself so as to become totally your living image: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, an image of your infinite qualities and perfections.” *(OOCC X 749)*
- B. St. Vincent Pallotti writes in the Rule: “Immediately after rising and throughout the day all make the Sign of the Cross and renew their trust in God: to be strengthened by the power of the Father, to be enlightened by the wisdom of the Son, and to be sanctified by the love of the Holy Spirit. And as they bless themselves, they may say: Of myself I can do nothing; with God I can do everything; I want to do everything for love of God.” *(OOCC II 305)*

Pause

Apostolic Prayer of St. Vincent Pallotti:

- L Eternal Father, it is your will that all should be saved.
- R Great is your mercy.
Your Son, Jesus Christ, died for all.
Teach all people to recognize you and love you.
- L With deep faith in Christ’s death and resurrection,
we pray:

- R send forth, O Lord, laborers into your vineyard,
and spare your people.
- L Eternal Word, Redeemer of all creation, lead all
people to yourself;
- R you have been obedient for all, even to death on the
cross.
- L Look upon the merits of your Mother and of all the
angels and saints.
They intercede for us.
- R Send forth, O Lord, laborers into your vineyard,
and spare your people.
- L Holy Divine Spirit,
Through the infinite merits of our Lord Jesus
Christ,
- R enkindle in all hearts your ardent love that can do
all things, that all may be one fold and one
shepherd, and that all may arrive in heaven to sing
your divine mercy.
- L Queen of Apostles and all the angels and saints,
pray the Lord of the harvest.
- R to send laborers into his vineyard and spare his
people, that, united with him and the Father and the
Holy Spirit, we may all rejoice forever and ever.
Amen.

(Angelus or Regina Coeli)

The Angelus

Introduction (optional)

L “This is how God loved the world: he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life”
(John 3:16)

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R that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

L Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

During the Easter Season:

Regina Coeli

Introduction (optional):

L *The angel said to the women: “There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would.”* (Mt 28:5-6)

In the joy of the resurrection, let us address our prayer to Mary, Mother of the Redeemer.

L Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.

L has risen as he said, alleluia.

R Pray for us to God, alleluia.

L Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia,

R for the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

L O God, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

R Amen.

L Glory be...

R As...

R Angel of God, whom God has appointed my guardian, enlighten, protect, direct and govern me this day.
Amen.

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To breathe God in and out.
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To reveal God to all.
To radiate the presence of God.

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Fill us with great love for you and for our neighbor.
Let this time of meditation be a light that will enlighten our way.
Let it strengthen us so that we can serve you. Amen.

After Meditation:

- L** We thank you, Lord, for all the lights and favors which you have given us. Give us the grace to profit by them.
- R** By ourselves we can do nothing, with you we can do everything. Because we love you, our Lord, we will do all for you.

Conclusion

- L** May the Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil.
May he keep us faithful in his service.
- R** To him be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Sunday – Prayer during the Day

L Lord, we come to adore you.

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Adoration

L O Sacred Banquet,

R in which Christ is our food, his passion is recalled, grace fills our hearts, and we receive a pledge of the glory to come. *(Alleluia)*.

L You have given us bread from heaven, *(Alleluia)*.

R having in it the fruits of all goodness. *(Alleluia)*.

L Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live and reign forever and ever.

R Amen.

(The Alleluia is added during the whole of Eastertide and on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ [Thursday or Sunday after Trinity Sunday].)

Reflection

- A. St. Vincent Pallotti writes about God and his creation, “It was because he was moved by his infinite mercy towards us, that God undertook the Divine Work of creating all his creatures and conserving them in being. This same mercy moves him to redeem, sanctify and glorify for all eternity the people whom he has created. We must pray that we will always acknowledge and keep in mind the infinite love and mercy of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and thus be able to derive the greatest possible benefit from his love. This is the will of God for us, his most gracious and merciful plan.”
(God, the Infinite Love, 6)
- B. St. Vincent Pallotti writes about the Blessed Trinity and creation: “Illuminated by Faith, I believe in the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit; in the one God who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible: one God in three Persons. My God, you are infinite goodness and as such you wish to give yourself infinitely to your creatures. Filled with eternal love and mercy, you designed the work of creation in order to spend yourself totally in your creatures. You have made all things for our use, providing everything we need for life. We wish to use as much of what you have provided for us as is necessary to attain our last and blessed end.”
(cfr.: God, the Infinite Love, Med. I)

Pause

Prayer to the Holy Trinity

- L** Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- R** We kneel before you, the all-holy, and thank you for all the graces you have bestowed on us.
- L** We praise and glorify you, heavenly Father.
- R** You created the world out of nothing by your loving, infinite power. You have endowed us with understanding and predestined us to become the image of your Son. Through him we recognize and love you as our Father. With him, we see you in eternal splendor.
- L** We praise and glorify you, only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.
- R** You became one of us out of love for us. You redeemed us from sin and eternal punishment. You reconciled us with your heavenly Father.
- L** We praise and glorify you, Holy Spirit.
- R** In Baptism you gave us a share in your divine life and made us heirs to God's kingdom. In confirmation you sealed us with your life and gave us a share in the work of your Church.
- L** Most Holy Trinity, infinite goodness and mercy, give us union with Christ, that one day all peoples and nations will join in the praise of your glory.
- R** Amen.

(Angelus or Regina Coeli)

The Angelus

L The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

R and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary.

L Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R Be it done unto me according to your word.
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L Pray for us, holy Mother of God,

R that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

L Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

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L O God, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

R Amen.

Prayer for the Dead

L For deceased members, relatives, friends and benefactors.

Psalm 130 (129)

A prayer of repentance and trust

- 1** Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.
- 2** If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.
- 1** My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than those who watch for daybreak. (Let the watchers count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord).
- 2** Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.
- L** Give them eternal rest, O Lord,
- R** and may your light shine on them.
- L** May they rest in peace.
- R** Amen.

Closing Petitions

L To the banquet of eternal glory,

R lead us, Christ, our risen Lord.

L Mary, Queen of Apostles,

R pray for us.

L Saint Vincent Pallotti,

R pray for us.

L Blessed Pallottine Martyrs,

R pray for us.

Sunday – Evening Prayer

L Lord, we come to thank you.

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introduction

L Most Holy Trinity, at the end of this day we come before you. We offer you the burden and the joy of this day.

R We thank you for all the love that we have given and received. Accept the good we have done for your glory and for the salvation of all.

L Most Holy Trinity, you alone are good. Nothing sinful can stand before you.

R Remove whatever holds us back from you. Give growth to all that leads to you.

Examen

Reflection

- A.** According to the law of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate, the essence of the act of consecration is stated in these words: “For the greater glory of God, [...] I surrender, give and offer my whole self to the same Omnipotent God.” *(SAC Law 18)*

- B.** St. Vincent Pallotti writes about our consecration: “The spirit of the consecration indicates a public declaration of that holy obligation that every human being has, lay person, religious or priest, always to live in God, always to work for God, always to think and speak about God. Bodily senses, spiritual powers and all things created are to be used for the greater glory of God, for our own sanctification and that of our neighbor.” *(OOCC II 290)*

We ask ourselves:

- Are we aware that the Blessed Trinity lives and works in us? *(Pause)*
- Are our prayers and labors directed towards the honor of God, or towards our personal gratification? *(Pause)*
- Let us call to mind our hope to share in the life of the Blessed Trinity in the glory to come! *(Pause)*

Prayer

- L** St. Vincent Pallotti, you desired to love the infinite God in the most perfect manner possible.
- R** Implore for us the grace not to seek and desire the world, but God, God in all and forever.
- L** Not the intellect, not the will, not the heart, but God.

- R** Not food and drink, not clothing, not tranquility, not worldly good, but God.
- L** Not riches and honor, not dignities and recognition, but God.
- R** God in all and forever.
- L** Mary, Mother of faith, through Christ you loved the Father, Infinite Love, and you responded to his incomprehensible work of salvation more perfectly than all the angels and saints.
- R** Pray for us that we may recognize God, the Infinite Love, and respond to the plans of our Creator with the greatest possible perfection.
- L** Eternal Father, for your infinite honor and glory we unite ourselves to the sacrifice of Christ on the cross and to the obedience of his mother.
- R** We thank you as if you had already given us the grace to know and to love you forever. Amen.

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R Amen.

Intercessions

- L** Let us pray for vocations and for an apostolic spirit among all the baptized: Through the most holy mysteries of our redemption:
- R** Send forth, O Lord, laborers into your vineyard and spare your people.
- L** through the merits and intercession of your holy Mother and of all the angels and saints;
- R** Send forth, O Lord, laborers into your vineyard and spare your people.
- L** Queen of Apostles and all the angels and saints, pray the Lord of the harvest:
- R** to send laborers into his vineyard and spare his people, that united with him and the Father and the Holy Spirit, we may all rejoice forever and ever. Amen.
- L** Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in the Union.
- R** O God, help your servants who trust in you.
- L** Let us pray for our benefactors:
- R** Lord, give eternal life to all who have done good to us for your Name's sake.

L Let us pray for all the deceased, especially for our members, relatives and friends:

R give them eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on them.

At the death of a member, the last intercession is replaced by the intercession on page 185.

On All Souls Day and for a week after it the prayer on page 186 is added.

Vigil Prayer (when this occurs: see pp. 175-184)

Blessing

L May our evening prayer rise up to you, O Lord, and may your mercy descend upon us. Yours is the day and yours is the night. When the light of the day fades away, let the light of your truth shine on us. Remain with us through the stillness of the night and lead us, one day, to our eternal fulfillment. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

R Amen.

S God is love,
and those who abide in love abide in God,
and God abides in them. *(1 John 4:16)*

Through the infinite mercy of God,
through the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ,
through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

Queen of Apostles,
of our holy founder, St. Vincent Pallotti,
and of all the angels and saints:
May the blessing of Almighty God,
the Father + and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
descend upon us and all our brothers and sisters,
and remain with us always..

R Amen.

If no priest or deacon is present, this formula of blessing is replaced by the Leader as follows:

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Queen of Apostles,
of our holy founder, St. Vincent Pallotti,
and of all the angels and saints:
May the Lord bless us, and
keep us from all evil, and bring us
to everlasting life.

R Amen.

Te Deum

You are God; we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father;
All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise;
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you,
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you,
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
And the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory,
The eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free,
You did not spurn the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death,
And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people
Bought with the price of your own blood,
And bring us with your saints
To glory everlasting.

L Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.
R Govern and uphold them now and always.
L Day by day we bless you.
R We praise your name forever.
L Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.
R Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
L Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R for we put our trust in you.
L In you, Lord, is our hope;
R and we shall never hope in vain.

MONDAY



JESUS CHRIST,
APOSTLE OF THE
ETERNAL FATHER

Monday – Morning Prayer

L Lord, teach us to pray.

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Praise of the Lord

L Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

R Praise and honor to you forever.

L Praise to you, Apostle of the Eternal Father.

R Praise to you, sacrifice for the salvation of the world.

L Praise to you, risen from the dead, in the glory of heaven.

R Praise to you in your holy Church.

L Lord Jesus Christ, we come together as your people and thank you for the new day. Open our ears that we may hear you speaking to us. Give us believing hearts so that our lives may be acceptable to you. May we live with you, who live and reign forever and ever.

R Amen.

Reflection

- A. The Law of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate reads:
“All the members of our Society live in a spirit which is ever renewed by the love which Jesus brought to the earth. As the Apostle of the Eternal Father, he makes known to the world that God is Infinite Love. He calls men and women, first created in God’s own image, and later restored to grace through Christ’s death, to give themselves entirely to God and to the service of humanity, and to work for the salvation of the world.”
(SAC Law 10)
- B. St. Vincent Pallotti writes about Christ’s mission:
“Our Lord Jesus Christ is the Apostle of the Eternal Father, who sent him to make amends for the broken honor of God and to redeem all humanity. The apostolate of Jesus Christ is his life of obedience to the will of the Father whereby he brings about the redemption.”
(OCCC III 421)

Pause

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Adoration

L Praise and honor be without end.

R To Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament.

L Praise to you, Holy Sacrament, true bread from heaven, that lives and gives life.

R Praise to you, wonderful mystery of love.

L Praise to you, food of the children of God, bread of the starving, consolation of the dying.

R Praise to you, Body of the Lord, sacrificed on the altar of the cross.

L with all the angels and saints, with all who trust in your Name, we pray:

R We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, in the sacrament of your love.

L Lord Jesus Christ, you are the grain of wheat that died for us. We live because of your death. Give us the

courage to live and work as an apostolic community in order to bring forth fruit in abundance. You live and reign forever and ever.

R Amen.

Reflection

A. St. Vincent Pallotti places before us the ideal of Christ's spirit of sacrifice:

“Through the mystery of the incarnation, Our Lord Jesus Christ entered into this world in the spirit of sacrifice, and lived and died on the Cross in that same spirit. Hence, out of love for our Lord Jesus Christ, we are bound to destroy all inclinations offensive to God, and to live and die in the practice of the spirit of sacrifice from the time we enter the Society until our death.” *(Cfr. OOCC VII 9-10)*

B. St. Vincent Pallotti writes about Christ's mission:

“Because you, O God, are the Infinite Love, you have loved us, and in your mercy wished that your only begotten Son should become one of us and bring us who are sinners before you. That is why you sent your Son as our Redeemer.”

(Cfr. OOCC III 139)

Pause

Prayer

- L** Almighty God, you created the world and all that it contains. Into this world you sent your Son. In the fullness of time he became one of us and stands before us as your living revelation.
- R** His words and his actions all proclaim you whom the world cannot know by itself.
- L** Therefore we pray:
- R** Give us eyes capable of seeing Jesus Christ.
Give us ears to hear his Word.
Give us hearts that are touched by him.
- L** He is the “light of the world” (*Jn 8:12*), but also a “sign that is opposed” (*Lk 2:34*).
- R** We too stand in peril of scandal and unfaithfulness.
- L** Touch our innermost being and give us the strength to be steadfast in all our decisions. Help us to understand that faith means entrusting ourselves to Jesus Christ and with him being able to start anew. Help us to persevere in this faith through all challenges and temptations.
- R** Amen.

(Angelus or Regina Coeli)

The Angelus

- L** The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary.
- L** Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R Be it done unto me according to your word.
Hail Mary.
- L** And the Word was made flesh,
R and dwelt among us.
Hail Mary.
- L** Pray for us, holy Mother of God,
R that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
- L** Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.
- R** Amen.

During the Easter Season:

Regina Coeli

L Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.

L has risen as he said, alleluia.

R Pray for us to God, alleluia.

L Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia,

R for the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

L O God, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

R Amen.

Prayer for the Dead

- L** For deceased members, relatives, friends and benefactors.
- 1** Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offenses.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 2** My offenses truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done.
- 1** That you may be justified when you give sentence
and be without reproach when you judge,
O see, in guilt I was born,
a sinner was I conceived.
- 2** Indeed you love truth in the heart;
then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.
O purify me, then I shall be clean;
O wash me, I shall be white than snow.
- 1** Make me hear rejoicing and gladness
that the bones you have crushed may thrill.
From my sins turn away your face
and blot out all my guilt.
- 2** A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit.

- 1 Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervor sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.
- 2 O rescue me, God, my helper,
and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.
O lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
- 1 For in sacrifice you take no delight,
burnt offering from me you would refuse;
my sacrifice, a contrite spirit,
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.
- 2 In your goodness, show favor to Zion;
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice,
(burnt offerings wholly consumed),
then you will be offered young bulls on your altar.
- L Give them eternal rest, O Lord,
- R and may your light shine on them.
- L May they rest in peace.
- R Amen.

Closing Petitions

L To the banquet of eternal glory,

R lead us, Christ, our risen Lord.

L Mary, Queen of Apostles,

R pray for us.

L Saint Vincent Pallotti,

R pray for us.

L Blessed Pallottine Martyrs,

R pray for us.

Monday – Evening Prayer

L Lord, we come to thank you.

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introduction

L Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us to come to you at the end of this day.

R We offer you our joys and sorrows, our successes and our failures.

L You once said to your apostles after all they had done and taught: “Come away to a lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while.” (Mk. 6:31).

R At the end of this day give us inner peace and the joy of your presence.

L Lord Jesus Christ, Apostle and Image of the Father,

R you are with us now. We adore you.

Examen

Reflection

- A. The Law of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate reads:

“By our consecration we give ourselves entirely to God, and we resolve to follow Jesus by living in the Society according to the norms of its Legislation. So we promise to the Society: chastity, poverty, obedience, perseverance, the sharing of resources and a spirit of service. This is our response to God’s invitation to live for him and to serve all in the world by living in fraternal community.” *(SAC Law 18)*

- B. St. Vincent Pallotti writes about the apostolate of all the baptized:

“The commandment of love bids us to glorify God above all and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Therefore, we are obliged to care for our own eternal salvation and that of our neighbor in every way possible. In the observance of these commandments we imitate Jesus Christ, who is the Apostle of the Eternal Father. Hence the apostolic life of Jesus Christ ought to be the example for our apostolate.”
(OCCC III 142f)

- Let us consider how we have shown our dedication to God in the work of this day. *(Pause)*
- How have our lives shown the love of God towards others? *(Pause)*
- How have we loved our community today? *(Pause)*

Prayer

- L** Lord, there are people who wait for us.
- R** They need a word of encouragement, they rely on our patience.
- L** Many hope for a letter from us or a visit. They need the time and the compassion that we are able to give them.
- R** Many of them expect us to know them by name.
- L** They look to us for an open door. They need a place and some time to talk to us. They need us to share their burden with them.
- R** Lord we too are guests in your house. We have come to you, you are ready to listen to us. You welcome us and share our burden.
- L** And now we bring before you all those who have come to us. Accept them and accept us with all the burdens that we carry.
- R** Lord, you welcome us. Let us rest with you. Give us the courage to keep our doors open so that all who seek us will find you. Amen.

(Angelus or Regina Coeli)

The Angelus

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Hail Mary.
- L** Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R Be it done unto me according to your word.
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- L** And the Word was made flesh,
R and dwelt among us.
Hail Mary.
- L** Pray for us, holy Mother of God,
R that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
- L** Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.
- R** Amen.

During the Easter Season:

Regina Coeli

L Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.

L has risen as he said, alleluia.

R Pray for us to God, alleluia.

L Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia,

R for the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

L O God, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

R Amen.

Intercessions

L Keep us this night, Lord.

R free from all evil.

L Lord, show your mercy,

R for we put our trust in you.

L Have mercy on us, O Lord,

R have mercy on us.

L In you, O Lord, is our hope,

R and we shall never hope in vain.

L Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in the Union.

R Lord, watch over all our members and co-operators, especially the sick, the suffering, the elderly and those in particular distress.

L Let us pray for our benefactors:

R O Lord, reward those who have done good to us for your Name's sake with the gift of eternal life.

L Let us pray for our deceased brothers and sisters in the Union and for all the faithful departed. (*)

R Give them eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on them.

L May they rest in peace.

R Amen.

At the death of a member, the last intercession is replaced by the intercession on page 185.

On All Souls Day and for a week after it the prayer on page 186 is added.

Vigil Prayer (when this occurs: see pp. 175-184)

Blessing

L O Lord, bless all your people tonight. Guard this house and protect us from all evil.

R Let us awaken tomorrow with new strength to serve you.

S May the almighty and merciful God, the Father + and the Son and the Holy Spirit bless and protect us, this night and always.

R Amen.

If no priest or deacon is present, this formula of blessing is replaced by the Leader as follows:

L The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

R Amen.

Te Deum

You are God; we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father;
All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise;
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you,
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you,
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
And the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory,
The eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free,
You did not spurn the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death,
And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people
Bought with the price of your own blood,
And bring us with your saints
To glory everlasting.

TUESDAY



THE CALL OF THE
FAITHFUL TO THE
APOSTOLATE

Tuesday – Morning Prayer

L Lord, teach us to pray.

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Praise of the Lord

Psalm 100 (99)

L Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy.

R Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

L Go within his gates, giving thanks. Enter his courts with songs of praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name.

R Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age.

L Loving Father, out of love you have created us and made us your people. We give you thanks. Help us today to be witnesses to your love.

R Amen.

Reflection

- A. St. Vincent Pallotti writes about the universal apostolate:

“A number of Roman priests and devoted lay people meditated on the divine commandment that obliges everyone to love one’s neighbor as oneself. They understood that they could not fulfill this commandment unless they effectively used every possible means for the eternal salvation of their neighbor.”
(OCCC IV 7)

- B. St. Vincent Pallotti writes about the universal apostolate:

“Everyone: priests, religious, lay men and women, can acquire the rewards of the apostolate, if all possible means, talents, knowledge, associations, professions, occupations, human relationships, material things and prayers are used to renew faith in Jesus Christ and to increase love all over the world, even if all that they are able to do is to pray. Anyone can excel in the good of the apostolate and can indeed even exceed the achievements of the Apostles, because God judges the perfection and value of the work of his creatures according to the intentions of their hearts and according to the abilities of each.”
(OCCC III 145f)

Pause

Apostolic Prayer of St. Vincent Pallotti:

- L** Eternal Father, it is your will that all should be saved.
- R** Great is your mercy.
Your Son, Jesus Christ, died for all.
Teach all people to recognize you and love you.
- L** With deep faith in Christ's death and resurrection, we pray:
- R** send forth, O Lord, laborers into your vineyard, and spare your people.
- L** Eternal Word, Redeemer of all creation,
Lead all people to yourself;
- R** you have been obedient for all, even to death on the cross.
- L** Look upon the merits of your Mother and of all the angels and saints.
They intercede for us.
- R** Send forth, O Lord, laborers into your vineyard, and spare your people.
- L** Holy Divine Spirit,
Through the infinite merits of our Lord Jesus Christ,
- R** enkindle in all hearts your ardent love that can do all things, that all may be one fold and one shepherd, and that all may arrive in heaven to sing your divine mercy.

L Queen of Apostles and all the angels and saints, pray the Lord of the harvest.

R to send laborers into his vineyard and spare his people, that, united with him and the Father and the Holy Spirit, we may all rejoice forever and ever. Amen.

(Angelus or Regina Coeli)

The Angelus

Introduction (optional)

L *“This is how God loved the world: he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life”* (John 3:16)

Adoring, we remember the mystery of the incarnation of the Word and we greet Mary, Mother of the Redeemer.

L The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

R and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary.

L Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R Be it done unto me according to your word.
Hail Mary.

L And the Word was made flesh,

R and dwelt among us.
Hail Mary.

- L** Pray for us, holy Mother of God,
R that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
- L** Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.
- R** Amen.

During the Easter Season:

Regina Coeli

Introduction (optional):

- L** *The angel said to the women: “There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would.”* (Mt 28:5-6)

In the joy of the resurrection, let us address our prayer to Mary, Mother of the Redeemer.

- L** Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.
L has risen as he said, alleluia.
R Pray for us to God, alleluia.

- L Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia,
R for the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.
- L O God, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
- R Amen.
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L Glory be...

R As...

R Angel of God, whom God has appointed my guardian, enlighten, protect, direct and govern me this day.
Amen.

*If meditation takes place in community at this time, the following prayers may be said. Otherwise the **Conclusion** follows immediately.*

Prayers for Meditation:

Before Meditation:

- L Vincent Pallotti encourages us:
To breathe God in and out.
To find God in everything.
To reveal God to all.
To radiate the presence of God.

R Father in heaven, let our hearts be totally consecrated to you.
Fill us with great love for you and for our neighbor.
Let this time of meditation be a light that will enlighten our way.
Let it strengthen us so that we can serve you. Amen.

After Meditation:

L We thank you, Lord, for all the lights and favors which you have given us. Give us the grace to profit by them.

R By ourselves we can do nothing, with you we can do everything. Because we love you, our Lord, we will do all for you.

Conclusion:

L May the Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil.
May he keep us faithful in his service.

R To him be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Tuesday – Prayer during the Day

L Lord, we come to adore you.

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Adoration

L Lord Jesus Christ, incarnate Son of God, you are present here in the Blessed Sacrament.

R We kneel before you and adore you.

L You emptied yourself to save us. You became a man and our brother.

R We praise your Holy Incarnation.

L Your death was not the end but the beginning of the new and eternal life. You opened the way to the Father.

R We praise your death that brings us life.

L The sacrifice of your death is forever present in this Holy Sacrament.

R We praise you in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar.

L Lord Jesus Christ, true God and true man, you overcame death on the cross. You are our food and our drink. We share your risen life. Let us not be blind to

the signs of your love, but realize how close you are to us, who live and reign forever and ever.

R Amen.

Reflection

A. St. Vincent Pallotti writes about the need for apostolic zeal:

“Divine Providence obliges us to help our brothers and sisters not only in their present needs, but all the more to stand by them in their spiritual necessities. That is why we have an obligation to support each other on the road to our final destination. Nobody can be indifferent towards the death of a neighbor. Indeed, everybody must try to prevent the eternal loss of their neighbor and must use every means for their salvation.” *(OCCC IV 131)*

B. St. Vincent Pallotti writes about the foundation of every apostolate:

“God, in his very essence, is love. He loves us and unceasingly seeks what is for our benefit. He did this in the most perfect manner possible by sending his only begotten Son to redeem us by his death on the cross. Since all human beings, as creatures, are living images of this love, they must strive to be perfect in their love for every person. That is what the commandment of love expressly confirms; that is why each and every person is obliged to contribute to the salvation of all through their gifts of nature and grace.” *(OCCC IV 308)*

Pause

Prayer

L Lord, you have given us your love. You open for us the road to life.

R Lead us ever deeper into the mystery of your love.

L You came so that people may have life and have it to the full. (*Jn 10:10*)

R You ask us to give your love to others and thus help all to enjoy this abundance of life.

L You said: “I came to cast fire upon the earth.”
(*Lk 12:49*)

R Do not let us rest until this fire has inflamed us all.

L Our holy founder Vincent Pallotti was driven by your love.

R Lord, we sincerely ask you:
Fill us with the fire of your love, with the power of your truth, with your divine life, until we too are driven to bear witness to you to the ends of the earth.

R Amen.

(Angelus or Regina Coeli)

The Angelus

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- L** Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
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R that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
- L** Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.
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R for the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

L O God, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

R Amen.

Prayer for the Dead

L For deceased members, relatives, friends and benefactors.

Psalm 130 (129)

A prayer of repentance and trust

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

2 If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

1 My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than those who watch for daybreak. (Let the watchers count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord).

2 Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

L Give them eternal rest, O Lord,

R and may your light shine on them.

L May they rest in peace.

R Amen.

Closing Petitions

L To the banquet of eternal glory,

R lead us, Christ, our risen Lord.

L Mary, Queen of Apostles,

R pray for us.

L Saint Vincent Pallotti,

R pray for us.

L Blessed Pallottine Martyrs,

R pray for us.

Tuesday – Evening Prayer

L Lord, we come to thank you.

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Alternative introduction:

L Lord, give us your blessing:

Superior [or L]: May Almighty God grant us a peaceful night and a happy end.

R Amen.

Introduction

L Come, Holy Spirit,

R Fill the hearts of your Faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. (*Alleluia*).

L Send forth your Spirit, and they will be created. (*Alleluia*).

R And you will renew the face of the earth. (*Alleluia*).

L O God, you taught the Faithful through the inner light of the Holy Spirit. In that same Spirit let us recognize what is right and be always joyful in him who consoles us. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

R Amen.

Examen

Reflection

- A. St. Vincent Pallotti writes about the spirit that should permeate the Union of Catholic Apostolate:

“The practice of love is the complete life of the Union. But woe to those who, though belonging to the Union, would try to violate love. Blessed, however, are those who try to preserve the love of the Union with all their strength, because they will be rewarded for strengthening and improving the Union in all of its apostolic endeavors.”

(OCCC III 137)

- B. St. Vincent Pallotti writes about the importance of love:

“My soul, being a living image of God, is also a living image of the Holy Spirit, who is the infinite, immense, incomprehensible love of the Father and the Son. This means that my soul has a natural tendency which aspires to infinite love as opposed to earthly love. Therefore, helped by grace, I am obliged to profit by the gift of free will to become perfect inasmuch as I am the living image of the infinite love of the Father and the Son.”

(God, the Infinite Love, Med. XIII)

- Let us reflect on how we have responded to God's love today, and ask forgiveness for our sins and failings. *(Pause)*
- Let us thank God for all the gifts we have received, especially for the grace of our vocation. *(Pause)*
- Let us consider that one day we must die. Let us pray for faithfulness and a happy death. *(Pause)*

Prayer

L Lord, you resist the proud but are merciful to the humble.

R Give us true humility, after the example of your only Son.

L Deliver us from pride so that we may never know your silence. Give us the gift of true humility, the virtue which obtains for us your grace. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

L Mary, Mother of mercy, our community has been entrusted to you from the beginning. Protect it now and in the future.

R Deepen in it the spirit of chastity, poverty and obedience; the spirit of prayer and of charity; the spirit of self-denial and sacrifice.

- L** Deliver us from all evil, especially from every form of indifference. We ask you to intercede for us this grace from your Son, Jesus Christ.
- R** Amen.
- L** Saint Joseph, your life was entirely devoted to work and the loving care of the Holy Family.
- R** Obtain for our community the grace to make all our work holy and to perform it faithfully as a service to the Church.
- L** Saint Vincent Pallotti, herald of the universal apostolate, intercede with God for us and for all who are inspired by your ideals.
- R** Let us be filled with your spirit and your love, so that we will seek nothing but the honor of God, the destruction of sin and the salvation of souls. Amen.

(Angelus or Regina Coeli)

The Angelus

Introduction (optional)

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R and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary.
- L Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
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Hail Mary.
- L And the Word was made flesh,
R and dwelt among us.
Hail Mary.
- L Pray for us, holy Mother of God,
R that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
- L Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.
- R Amen.

During the Easter Season:

Regina Coeli

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L Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia,

R for the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

L O God, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

R Amen.

Intercessions

- L** Let us pray for vocations and for an apostolic spirit among all the baptized: Through the most holy mysteries of our redemption:
- R** Send forth, O Lord, laborers into your vineyard and spare your people.
- L** through the merits and intercession of your holy Mother and of all the angels and saints;
- R** Send forth, O Lord, laborers into your vineyard and spare your people.
- L** Queen of Apostles and all the angels and saints, pray the Lord of the harvest:
- R** to send laborers into his vineyard and spare his people, that united with him and the Father and the Holy Spirit, we may all rejoice forever and ever. Amen.
- L** Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in the Union.
- R** O God, help your servants who trust in you.
- L** Let us pray for our benefactors:
- R** Lord, give eternal life to all who have done good to us for your Name's sake.
- L** Let us pray for all the deceased, especially for our members, relatives and friends:

R give them eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on them.

At the death of a member, the last intercession is replaced by the intercession on page 185.

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Vigil Prayer (when this occurs: see pp. 175-184)

Blessing

L Lord, we beg you to visit this house and banish from it all the deadly power of the enemy. May your holy angels dwell here to keep us in peace and may your blessing be upon us always. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

S. *God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. (1 John 4:16)*
May Almighty God, the Father + and the Son and the Holy Spirit bless and protect us and all our brothers and sisters in the Union.

R Amen.

(If no priest or deacon is present, this formula of blessing is replaced by the Leader as follows:)

L *God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. (1 John 4:16)*
The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

R Amen.

Te Deum

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You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father;
All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise;
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you,
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you,
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
And the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory,
The eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free,
You did not spurn the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death,
And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people
Bought with the price of your own blood,
And bring us with your saints
To glory everlasting.

L Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.

R Govern and uphold them now and always.

L Day by day we bless you.

R We praise your name forever.

L Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.

R Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

L Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R for we put our trust in you.

L In you, Lord, is our hope;

R and we shall never hope in vain.

WEDNESDAY



ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI,
WITNESS OF FAITH,
MODEL OF THE
APOSTOLATE

Wednesday – Morning Prayer

L Lord, teach us to pray.

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Praise of the Lord

L Lord, Father of heaven, we honor and praise your Name. You are the morning and the evening, the beginning and the end of all time, origin and source of all that was made. We thank you for the night's rest and for the light of this new day.

R Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the world, we honor and praise your Name. You are the Way that we follow today. You are the Truth that guides us. You are the Life that we seek. We thank you for your redeeming Word by which you enlighten and guide us.

L Lord, Creator Spirit, we honor and praise your Name. You awaken our senses and thoughts. You give us the power to perceive ideas, the power to think clearly and to have a sensitive conscience. We thank you for the love you kindle in our hearts.

R Holy and eternal God, we honor and praise your Name. We implore you this morning to be with us today in joy and in sorrow, in success and in failure. We thank you for this new day. Amen.

Reflection

- A** The Preamble states about St. Vincent Pallotti:
“In every age, God has been generous in giving special gifts of the Holy Spirit to certain men and women. In order to continue the mission of Christ for the salvation of all and to promote the growth of the Church. During the first half of the 19th century, St. Vincent Pallotti was among those whom God enriched with his gifts and inspiration for the purpose of aiding the Church in fulfilling her mission. The charism of Pallotti has become the heritage of the Union of Catholic Apostolate. Its members make his ideals their own and accept his mission.”

(Preamble a, e)

- B** Pope John XXIII speaks of St. Vincent Pallotti:
“This loving saint who displayed such remarkable love is one of the outstanding figures in the field of apostolic activity of the 19th century. He designed new ways to lead people to recognize and love God in their lives. His undertakings, especially the Union of Catholic Apostolate, are extraordinarily rich in religious experience and instruction. All who are devoted to the Apostolate have the obligation to pass on to others the love of God, to foster a fraternal spirit and to work towards the fulfillment of their ideas with true and constant enthusiasm.”

(Cfr: Acta SAC V[1962-64] 366-368)

Pause

Apostolic Prayer of St. Vincent Pallotti:

- L** Eternal Father, it is your will that all should be saved.
- R** Great is your mercy.
Your Son, Jesus Christ, died for all.
Teach all people to recognize you and love you.
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- R** send forth, O Lord, laborers into your vineyard, and spare your people.
- L** Eternal Word, Redeemer of all creation,
Lead all people to yourself;
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They intercede for us.
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(Angelus or Regina Coeli)

The Angelus

Introduction (optional)

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R and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
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R and dwelt among us.
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Regina Coeli

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(Mt 28:5-6)

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After Meditation:

L We thank you, Lord, for all the lights and favors which you have given us. Give us the grace to profit by them.

R By ourselves we can do nothing, with you we can do everything. Because we love you, our Lord, we will do all for you.

Conclusion:

L May the Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil.
May he keep us faithful in his service.

R To him be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Wednesday – Prayer during the Day

L Lord, we come to adore you.

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Adoration

L Lord Jesus Christ, you have entrusted to us this Holy Sacrament. In it we receive the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation.

R You said to us: “This is my Body which will be given up for you; this is my Blood which will be shed for you” (*Cfr Lk 22:19*)
We believe in you, we adore you.

L Lord Jesus Christ, you have entrusted to us this Holy Eucharist. By the power of this Sacrament we are able to proclaim the Good News of your redemptive life, passion, death and resurrection.

R You said, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there with them” (*Mt 18:20*)

L Lord Jesus Christ, you have entrusted to us this Holy Eucharist. Through it we become united to you. You are with us.

R You are both our food and our drink; you let us become one with you and one another. Thus you live in us and we live in you. Amen.

Reflection

- A. In the Preamble we read about the charism of St. Vincent Pallotti:

“Because of the worsening crisis of faith in his time, and because of the growth of the Church’s work in the missions, St. Vincent Pallotti saw the urgent need to revive the faith of Catholics, to renew their love and to unite all in Christ. To achieve this objective he considered it indispensable to secure the collaboration of all the members of the Church: clergy, religious and laity, and to unify their efforts in order to promote with greater effectiveness the apostolic mission in the Church.” *(Preamble b, c)*

- B. Archbishop Spalding of Baltimore wrote about Saint Vincent Pallotti:

“He was well known in all of Rome because of his extraordinary holiness. His complete unselfishness was coupled with penance. His love for all never faltered or slackened. No difficulty, no cross could shake his patience. The touching trait of his character was his all-penetrating love of God and of Jesus Christ. This love was the driving force of all his endeavors; it was the true life and soul of all his action, it was the key to his serenity, the font of his courage and that inner peace that spontaneously radiated from his behavior.”

*(Letter 20 Jan. 1871 to Raphael Melia,
quoted in “Life of Fr. Pallotti”
by R. Melia, pp VI-VII)*

Pause

Prayer

- L** Father in heaven, we thank you. Your Son, Jesus Christ, became a man and lived among us. He shared our life and was like us in all things but sin. He called people into his service.
- R** Lord, we thank you for all who have sanctified themselves in the imitation of your Son. They have taken his message to heart. They have shared his love with others.
- L** The saints fulfilled your will. You transformed their lives more and more into the life of your Son whose cross they carried.
- R** Lord, we thank you for your servant, Vincent Pallotti, whom you gave us as our father.
- L** St. Vincent Pallotti is for us the call and the model. He is your witness. Like him we are called to follow Christ and take up his cross. In his spirit we are to carry the Good News to all nations and peoples.
- R** We implore you: grant that we will never cease to regard him as our model. Like him let us spread faith and love among all. Like him let us worship and glorify you with unending love. Amen.

(Angelus or Regina Coeli)

The Angelus

- L** The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary.
- L** Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
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- L** Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.
- R** Amen.

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L O God, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

R Amen.

Prayer for the Dead

- L** For deceased members, relatives, friends and benefactors.
- 1** Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offenses.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 2** My offenses truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done.
- 1** That you may be justified when you give sentence
and be without reproach when you judge,
O see, in guilt I was born,
a sinner was I conceived.
- 2** Indeed you love truth in the heart;
then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.
O purify me, then I shall be clean;
O wash me, I shall be white than snow.
- 1** Make me hear rejoicing and gladness
that the bones you have crushed may thrill.
From my sins turn away your face
and blot out all my guilt.
- 2** A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit.

- 1 Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervor sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.
- 2 O rescue me, God, my helper,
and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.
O lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
- 1 For in sacrifice you take no delight,
burnt offering from me you would refuse;
my sacrifice, a contrite spirit,
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.
- 2 In your goodness, show favor to Zion;
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice,
(burnt offerings wholly consumed),
then you will be offered young bulls on your altar.
- L Give them eternal rest, O Lord,
- R and may your light shine on them.
- L May they rest in peace.
- R Amen.

Closing Petitions

L To the banquet of eternal glory,

R lead us, Christ, our risen Lord.

L Mary, Queen of Apostles,

R pray for us.

L Saint Vincent Pallotti,

R pray for us.

Wednesday – Evening Prayer

L Lord, we come to thank you.

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introduction

L Eternal, ever-living God, we gather here before you. Your presence makes our community holy.

R We greet you on the evening of this day. Humbly we praise your Name.

L You have given to the world and to the Church the witness of St. Vincent Pallotti.

R Help us to embrace this witness and to make it a reality in our lives. Grant that it may help us to experience your Divine Love for us.

L God our Father, our hearts are reluctant and slow to follow the good example set by others. We seek to excuse ourselves before you by blaming our own weakness or the weakness of others.

R Send us the light of your Holy Spirit to help us understand that each one of us will have to answer to you personally for what we have done with our lives. For this we ask your help, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Examen

Reflection

- A. Our Founder, St. Vincent Pallotti, writes:
“The Fundamental Law of our little Society is the life of our Lord Jesus Christ whom we must imitate with the greatest possible perfection in all that he did in his public and hidden life for the honor of our heavenly Father, for the sanctification of our souls and for the souls of all.” *(OCC III 40)*
- B. A companion relates about the hour of Saint Vincent Pallotti’s death:
“St. Vincent Pallotti implored the infinite mercy of God through the merits of Jesus Christ and of the Immaculate Queen of Apostles to bestow the blessing of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit on his companions and the whole world. Then he exhorted them to love and imitate Christ by a life of humility, obedience and sacrifice. He edified all by his graciousness and touching kindness, seemingly indicating his final farewell. As a final word he added: ‘The Society will develop and be blessed by God. You will see. I tell you this not simply because I trust that it will happen, but because I am certain of it.’” *(Oral tradition, quoted in the “Sommario del processo apostolico per la beatificazione di Vincenzo Pallotti” p. 163)*

- Let us reflect that Jesus is offered to us as a model in our thoughts, in our speech, in our behavior. *(Pause)*
- Do we think of God's presence frequently and with reverence? Do we call upon him often, humbly and trustfully? *(Pause)*
- Let us give thanks for the opportunity to share in the most noble of all tasks; to work for the eternal salvation of our neighbor. *(Pause)*

Prayer

- L** In this evening hour, Lord Jesus Christ, we come together. You called us and we have followed.
- R** The time of prayer means communion with you. We praise your Name and call upon your mercy.
- L** Our hearts accuse us; You gave yourself to others lovingly; but we think of ourselves. You carry the cross for us; but we run away. We confess our guilt and weakness; Lord forgive us.
- R** Lord, you alone give us the strength to be your witnesses to the world. You proclaim the Word, you give us your sacraments. You call us to share the bread of your heavenly gifts with all your people.
- L** Lord, your saints responded to your love. They fulfilled your commandments and became a blessing for all who seek you, for all who devote themselves to the suffering and to the poor.

R The saints fought the good fight and kept the faith. You crowned them with eternal life.

L Teach us to follow you as they did, to become all things to all people (*Cfr 2Cor 9:22*)

R Lord, we thank you for this day and ask you to protect us this night. Amen.

(Angelus or Regina Coeli)

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R that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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Intercessions

L Keep us this night, Lord.

R free from all evil.

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L Have mercy on us, O Lord,

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L In you, O Lord, is our hope,

R and we shall never hope in vain.

L Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in the Union.

R Lord, watch over all our members and co-operators, especially the sick, the suffering, the elderly and those in particular distress.

L Let us pray for our benefactors:

- R O Lord, reward those who have done good to us for your Name's sake with the gift of eternal life.
- L Let us pray for our deceased brothers and sisters in the Union and for all the faithful departed. (*)
- R Give them eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on them.
- L May they rest in peace.
- R Amen.

At the death of a member, the last intercession is replaced by the intercession on page 185.

On All Souls Day and for a week after it the prayer on page 186 is added.

Vigil Prayer (when this occurs: see pp. 175-184)

Blessing

L Lord our God, give us the peace of eternity, the morning without evening, the light without darkness. Time does not touch you, the Creator of time. Give us rest during the hours of this night. Give us peace in the course of days and years, give us peace to the end of time.

R Amen.

S. *God is love and those who abide in love, abide in God and God abides in them. (2 John 4:16)*
May Almighty God, the Father + and the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless and protect us and all the members of the Union.

R Amen.

If no priest or deacon is present, the Leader invokes God's blessing as follows:

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The Lord bless us and keep us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

R Amen.

Te Deum

You are God; we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father;
All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise;
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you,
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you,
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
And the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory,
The eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free,
You did not spurn the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death,
And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people
Bought with the price of your own blood,
And bring us with your saints
To glory everlasting.

THURSDAY



THE UNITY OF
CHRISTIANS

Thursday – Morning Prayer

L Lord, teach us to pray.

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Praise of the Lord

L Most Holy Trinity, we thank you for all the good things of our life and for this new day. May the Spirit of Jesus form us today. May Mary, the handmaid of the Lord, be our model.

R Our thoughts, our speech and our actions are to give you honor and glory. Help us to do everything for love of you and our neighbor. Whatever anyone does in your service is for your glory. Whatever good is achieved in time or eternity is to be done out of gratitude for your love.

L With the whole of creation we praise you:

Psalm 117 (116)

L O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him, all you peoples!

R Strong is his love for us; he is faithful forever.

L Glory...

R As...

Reflection

- A. St. Vincent Pallotti writes about the unity of Christians:

“Some priests and lay people of Rome made the resolution to unite themselves in complete love. They wanted to increase the spiritual and temporal means conducive to the spreading of faith and to rekindling charity. In the company of all good people they longed for the promised moment when there would be one fold and one shepherd.”

(OCCC IV 2)

- B. The Second Vatican Council teaches about our ecumenical mission:

“The restoration of unity among all Christians is one of the principal concerns of the Second Vatican Council. Christ the Lord founded one Church and one Church only. However, many Christian communions present themselves to us as the true inheritors of Jesus Christ; all indeed profess to be followers of the Lord but they differ in mind and go their different ways, as if Christ himself were divided (*cf 1Cor 1:13*). Certainly, such division openly contradicts the will of Christ, scandalizes the world, and damages that most holy cause, the preaching of the Gospel to every creature.”

(UR 1)

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Thursday – Prayer during the Day

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Adoration

- L** Lord Jesus Christ, you became a human being like us and are present here in the Blessed Sacrament.
- R** We adore you and we thank you, since you are close to us in fellowship.
- L** All of us partake of the one bread; hence all are one body.
- R** You tear down the dividing walls and bring together all who are in disunity (*Cfr. Eph. 2:14*)
- L** May we accept one another in love and preserve the unity of the spirit. (*Cfr. Eph 4:2-3*)
- R** Whether man or women, whether rich or poor, we are all one body in you. (*Cfr. Col. 3:15*)

L Lord, the bread that we break was once grains of wheat spread over the fields. They were gathered to become one single loaf. In like manner, assemble your people from the ends of the earth into your Kingdom. Yours is the power and the glory forever and ever.

R Amen.

Reflection

A. Saint Vincent Pallotti writes about the unity of all Christians:

“Our Lord Jesus Christ predicted a time when the whole world would be united into one fold with one shepherd. The Divine Wisdom decreed that, by the prayers of all the righteous, and especially those of the Queen of the righteous, Our Blessed Lady, the advent of the Redeemer of the human race, our Lord Jesus Christ, be hastened, and this in spite of the fact that the world was so full of error and sin. Who can possibly doubt that the infinite clemency of the Father of mercies has already decreed that the moment desired by all the multitudes in heaven will arrive soon in which there will be but one flock and one shepherd.”
(OCCC III 146)

B. The Second Vatican Council teaches about our ecumenical mission:

“For although the Catholic Church has been endowed with all divinely revealed truth and with all means of grace, yet its members fail to live by them with all the fervor that they should, so that the

radiance of the Church's image is less in the eyes of our separated fellow Christians and of the world at large, and the growth of God's kingdom is delayed. All Catholics must therefore aim at Christian perfection and, each according to their situation, play their part that the Church, bearing in her own body the lowly and dying state of Jesus, may be daily more purified and renewed, against the day when Christ will present her to himself in all her glory without spot or wrinkle.” (UR 4)

Pause

Prayer

- L** Almighty Father, during his life on earth, Christ implored you earnestly for the unity of his followers.
- R** We are to be one, as you, Father, are one with the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- L** We confess that human weakness and guilt have divided the Church.
- R** Give us, your people, the spirit of discernment. Remove misunderstanding and prejudice from among us. Open our hearts to the full truth.
- L** Your people lack the love that would bind them together. Indifference, discord and intolerance drive them apart.

- R** Send your Spirit of Love into the hearts of your Faithful to guide them to work actively for the unity of Christians.
- L** Teach us to work with one mind to fulfill the command that Jesus gave us.
- R** Remove from us all selfishness, formalism and narrow-mindedness. Open our eyes, enlighten our minds, inflame our hearts that we may see and accomplish what will be for your greater honor and glory. Amen.

(Angelus or Regina Coeli)

The Angelus

- L** The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary.
- L** Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R Be it done unto me according to your word.
Hail Mary.
- L** And the Word was made flesh,
R and dwelt among us.
Hail Mary.
- L** Pray for us, holy Mother of God,
R that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

L Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

During the Easter Season:

Regina Coeli

L Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.

L has risen as he said, alleluia.

R Pray for us to God, alleluia.

L Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia,

R for the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

L O God, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

R Amen.

Prayer for the Dead

L For deceased members, relatives, friends and benefactors.

Psalm 130 (129)

A prayer of repentance and trust

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

2 If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

1 My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than those who watch for daybreak. (Let the watchers count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord).

2 Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

L Give them eternal rest, O Lord,

R and may your light shine on them.

L May they rest in peace.

R Amen.

Closing Petitions

L To the banquet of eternal glory,

R lead us, Christ, our risen Lord.

L Mary, Queen of Apostles,

R pray for us.

L Saint Vincent Pallotti,

R pray for us.

L Blessed Pallottine Martyrs,

R pray for us.

Thursday – Evening Prayer

L Lord, we come to thank you.

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introduction

L Lord Jesus Christ, here in the Blessed Sacrament you are present among your Faithful.

R We praise and adore you.

L You desire to unite all humankind in your Church.

R The nations find salvation and truth in her.

L To all people of good will you give the light and the consolation of your Holy Spirit.

R In your presence we ask you to enlighten us as we examine ourselves on how we have served you this day.

Examen

Reflection

A. The Law of the Society of the Catholic Apostolate speaks of the ecumenical mission:

“We undertake ecumenical initiatives in response to Christ’s wish that ‘all may be one’ (*Jn 17:11-21*), endeavoring to support efforts to bring about Christian unity. Our work in this field should be done in a spirit of respect for the working of the Holy Spirit in other Christian communities.”

(SAC Law 206)

B. The Second Vatican Council teaches about our ecumenical mission:

“The concern for restoring unity involves the whole Church, faithful and clergy alike. It extends to everyone, according to the talents of each, whether it be exercised in daily Christian living or in theological and historical studies. This concern itself reveals to some extent the bond of fellowship existing among all Christians, and it leads toward full and perfect unity, in accordance with what God in his kindness wills.”

(UR 5)

- Let us listen in our hearts to Jesus’ prayer “that all may be one.” *(Pause)*
- Let us give thanks to God that he has called us into his Church. *(Pause)*
- Let us ask the Lord to forgive us for the prejudices in our lives, and let us ask for the grace to accept one another openly. *(Pause)*

Prayer

L Lord Jesus Christ, we bear a great responsibility for the unity of Christians. The division in the Church is a scandal for the world. It weakens us in our struggle against unbelief and indifference. It hampers the missionary work of the Church. We have turned away from your will – with tragic consequences.

R Do not be mindful of our sins. Listen mercifully to the prayers of your Church and bless the initiatives we undertake for the unity of Christians.

L Lord, look graciously upon the prayers and efforts of the other Christian Churches. They bear your Name just as we do. They too have become children of your Father through baptism. They too pray for the unity of your Church.

R You alone can lead us all to the full truth of the faith and to the fullness of grace in your Church.

L Lord Jesus Christ, you implored your Father: “Let all be one that the world may know that you sent me.”

(John 17:21)

Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your Kingdom where you live and reign forever and ever.

R Amen.

(Angelus or Regina Coeli)

The Angelus

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R and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
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R and dwelt among us.
Hail Mary.

L Pray for us, holy Mother of God,

R that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

L Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

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Regina Coeli

L Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.

L has risen as he said, alleluia.

R Pray for us to God, alleluia.

L Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia,

R for the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

L O God, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

R Amen.

Intercessions

- L** Let us pray for vocations and for an apostolic spirit among all the baptized: Through the most holy mysteries of our redemption:
- R** Send forth, O Lord, laborers into your vineyard and spare your people.
- L** through the merits and intercession of your holy Mother and of all the angels and saints;
- R** Send forth, O Lord, laborers into your vineyard and spare your people.
- L** Queen of Apostles and all the angels and saints, pray the Lord of the harvest:
- R** to send laborers into his vineyard and spare his people, that united with him and the Father and the Holy Spirit, we may all rejoice forever and ever. Amen.
- L** Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in the Union.
- R** O God, help your servants who trust in you.
- L** Let us pray for our benefactors:
- R** Lord, give eternal life to all who have done good to us for your Name's sake.
- L** Let us pray for all the deceased, especially for our members, relatives and friends:

R give them eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on them.

At the death of a member, the last intercession is replaced by the intercession on page 185.

On All Souls Day and for a week after it the prayer on page 186 is added.

Vigil Prayer (when this occurs: see pp. 175-184)

Blessing

L May the Lord, the Almighty, the beginning and the end of all things, bless us.

R May he fulfill our hopes and give fruit to our labor, protect us from all evil and save us from all danger; may he be our refuge in anxiety.

L Lord, give us peace. Give us health of body and redemption for our souls,

R Amen. This is the will of the Father, who is from eternity to eternity.

S May Almighty God, the Father + and the Son and the Holy Spirit bless us and all our brothers and sisters.

R Amen.

If no priest or deacon is present, this formula of blessing is replaced by the Leader as follows:

L The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

R Amen.

Te Deum

You are God; we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father;
All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise;
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you,
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you,
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
And the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory,
The eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free,
You did not spurn the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death,
And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people
Bought with the price of your own blood,
And bring us with your saints
To glory everlasting.

(The following part of the hymn may be omitted:)

L Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.

R Govern and uphold them now and always.

L Day by day we bless you.

R We praise your name forever.

L Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.

R Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

L Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R for we put our trust in you.

L In you, Lord, is our hope;

R and we shall never hope in vain.

FRIDAY



OUR VOCATION
AND WORK:
MISSION AND
APOSTOLATE

Friday – Morning Prayer

L Lord, teach us to pray.

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Praise of the Lord

Psalm 145 (144)

L I will give you glory, O God my king.
I will bless your name forever.
I will bless you day after day and praise your name forever.

R All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

L They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to all your mighty deeds and the glorious splendor of your reign.

R Let me speak your praise, O Lord, let all people bless your holy name forever, for ages unending.

Reflection

- A. St. Vincent Pallotti writes about the possibilities and value of the apostolate:

“God judges the perfection and value of our apostolic efforts according to the intentions of the heart and the ability of his creatures. Yes, in my opinion, all, [...] important people and simple people, whether rich or poor, priests and lay people, alone or in community, old and young, men and women, the sick and the healthy, in any position of life assigned to them by God in his mercy, will be able to find some way of participating in the apostolic mission of Jesus Christ – with the merit due to them.”

(OCCC IV 182, cf. 326f)

- B. Saint Vincent Pallotti writes about faithfulness to one’s vocation:

“Let us remember that love is as strong as death; this conviction should help us never to lose courage but rather to strive diligently to overcome any difficulty and to bear whatever opposition and persecution we may encounter. Love is not halted by any difficulties; it overcomes them. Our rule is a means of observing love towards God and our neighbor in the most perfect manner possible. Keeping the rule as perfectly as possible will therefore help us to avoid any danger of breaking any of God’s commandments and to avail ourselves of all the means of observing them as faithfully as possible.”

(OCCC VIII 264)

Pause

Apostolic Prayer of St. Vincent Pallotti:

- L** Eternal Father, it is your will that all should be saved.
- R** Great is your mercy.
Your Son, Jesus Christ, died for all.
Teach all people to recognize you and love you.
- L** With deep faith in Christ's death and resurrection, we pray:
- R** send forth, O Lord, laborers into your vineyard, and spare your people.
- L** Eternal Word, Redeemer of all creation,
Lead all people to yourself;
- R** you have been obedient for all, even to death on the cross.
- L** Look upon the merits of your Mother and of all the angels and saints.
They intercede for us.
- R** Send forth, O Lord, laborers into your vineyard, and spare your people.
- L** Holy Divine Spirit,
Through the infinite merits of our Lord Jesus Christ,
- R** enkindle in all hearts your ardent love that can do all things, that all may be one fold and one shepherd, and that all may arrive in heaven to sing your divine mercy.

L Queen of Apostles and all the angels and saints, pray the Lord of the harvest.

R to send laborers into his vineyard and spare his people, that, united with him and the Father and the Holy Spirit, we may all rejoice forever and ever. Amen.

(Angelus or Regina Coeli)

The Angelus

Introduction (optional)

L *“This is how God loved the world: he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life”* (John 3:16)

Adoring, we remember the mystery of the incarnation of the Word and we greet Mary, Mother of the Redeemer.

L The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

R and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary.

L Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R Be it done unto me according to your word.
Hail Mary.

L And the Word was made flesh,

R and dwelt among us.
Hail Mary.

- L Pray for us, holy Mother of God,
R that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
- L Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.
- R Amen.

During the Easter Season:

Regina Coeli

Introduction (optional):

- L *The angel said to the women: "There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would."* (Mt 28:5-6)

In the joy of the resurrection, let us address our prayer to Mary, Mother of the Redeemer.

- L Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.
L has risen as he said, alleluia.
R Pray for us to God, alleluia.
L Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia,

R for the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

L O God, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

R Amen.

L Glory be...

R As...

R Angel of God, whom God has appointed my guardian, enlighten, protect, direct and govern me this day.
Amen.

*If meditation takes place in community at this time, the following prayers may be said. Otherwise the **Conclusion** follows immediately.*

Prayers for Meditation:

Before Meditation:

L Vincent Pallotti encourages us:
To breathe God in and out.
To find God in everything.
To reveal God to all.
To radiate the presence of God.

- R** Father in heaven, let our hearts be totally consecrated to you.
Fill us with great love for you and for our neighbor.
Let this time of meditation be a light that will enlighten our way.
Let it strengthen us so that we can serve you. Amen.

After Meditation:

- L** We thank you, Lord, for all the lights and favors which you have given us. Give us the grace to profit by them.
- R** By ourselves we can do nothing, with you we can do everything. Because we love you, our Lord, we will do all for you.

Conclusion:

- L** May the Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil.
May he keep us faithful in his service.
- R** To him be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Friday – Prayer during the Day

L Lord, we come to adore you.

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Adoration

L Lord Jesus Christ, our food on the road of life.

R Lord, strengthen us with this food always.

L Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd who leads his flock to green pastures and refreshes us at the fountain of life.

R You are the true Easter Lamb, sacrificed on the cross and given to us as food.

L You are the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to you will never hunger. Whoever believes in you will never thirst.

R Lord, give us this bread always.

L You are the true bread from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

R The bread that we eat is your flesh, given for the life of the world. *(Cfr. John 6)*

L Lord Jesus Christ, through this Sacrament you give us a share in your divine life. Let us never be separated from you but keep us in your love. You live and reign forever and ever.

R Amen.

Reflection

A. St. Vincent Pallotti writes about sincerity in our apostolic work:

“Just as Christ is the firstborn among many brothers and sisters, so we must become like him in all things. He, to teach and encourage us, first did and then taught. He said: ‘whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.’ [Mt 5:19]. So, woe to us if we preach the crucified Christ, and live in wealth ourselves; if we preach his humility, and enjoy being held in honor ourselves. Woe to us, if we preach the mortification of Christ, and seek pleasure ourselves; if we preach alms, but do not open our hands to the poor; if we preach that Jesus Christ went about doing good and curing all, whereas we seek our own interests and not the interests of God.”

*(Pallotti to Melia and Faà di Bruno,
Epist. Latinae 1907, P. 24)*

B. St. Vincent Pallotti speaks about our daily work: “In the Holy Family at Nazareth, service to God and prayer alternated with the laborious work of a carpenter and other duties necessary for earning a

living. Laziness was unknown. Hence, every form of laziness must be banished from our houses. Keeping in mind the harmony and the perfect charity that characterized the home in Nazareth, everyone must try to expedite one's tasks in as short a time as possible. This is in the interests of brotherly and sisterly cooperation which they thus offer to the others in the duties which they have to perform; moreover, it enriches them spiritually, ensuring for them the merits of acting according to charity and obedience.” *(OCCC VIII 318)*

Pause

Prayer

- L** Lord, our God, from your hands came forth everything that exists. You created everything and sustain it day by day.
- R** The heavens and the earth, the seas and the mountains, human beings and animals are all the work of your hands. Their existence and their diversity come from you. You formed them.
- L** You have called us to have a share in the creation of the world. Your word calls upon us to bring the earth to its fulfillment, to explore it and to use its mighty forces responsibly.
- R** Our daily work is your mission to us. It is our service to you and fulfillment of your will. We become your co-workers.

- L** Lord, by increasing and spreading faith and love, we share in the mission and in the saving work of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- R** You send us into the fields to bring in the harvest. In doing this, no labor should be too hard for us and no effort too strenuous.
- L** Send your Holy Spirit to give us confidence and strengthen us with his power.
- R** Give us courage to start anew each day. Help us not to look on our failures but let us receive from you what we lack. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Angelus or Regina Coeli)

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Hail Mary.
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R Amen.

Prayer for the Dead

- L** For deceased members, relatives, friends and benefactors.
- 1** Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offenses.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 2** My offenses truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done.
- 1** That you may be justified when you give sentence
and be without reproach when you judge,
O see, in guilt I was born,
a sinner was I conceived.
- 2** Indeed you love truth in the heart;
then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.
O purify me, then I shall be clean;
O wash me, I shall be white than snow.
- 1** Make me hear rejoicing and gladness
that the bones you have crushed may thrill.
From my sins turn away your face
and blot out all my guilt.
- 2** A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit.

- 1 Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervor sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.
- 2 O rescue me, God, my helper,
and my tongue shall ring out your goodness.
O lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
- 1 For in sacrifice you take no delight,
burnt offering from me you would refuse;
my sacrifice, a contrite spirit,
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.
- 2 In your goodness, show favor to Zion;
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
Then you will be pleased with lawful sacrifice,
(burnt offerings wholly consumed),
then you will be offered young bulls on your altar.
- L Give them eternal rest, O Lord,
- R and may your light shine on them.
- L May they rest in peace.
- R Amen.

Closing Petitions

L To the banquet of eternal glory,

R lead us, Christ, our risen Lord.

L Mary, Queen of Apostles,

R pray for us.

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R pray for us.

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Friday – Evening Prayer

L Lord, we come to thank you.

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introduction

L Heavenly Father, evening has come and the day has passed. We have labored to do your will.

R We thank you that we have been able to carry the burden. We thank you for all the good we have been able to do today.

L Lord, give our spirit the consolation and strength of your grace. Lift us up in your gentle kindness.

R Give us the forgiveness of all our sins.

L God our Father, in this evening hour we stop to look back over the day and to reflect upon our love for you. Give us your light so that we may see. Give us your strength to help us bring to a successful end the good we have begun. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

Examen

Reflection

- A. St. Vincent Pallotti comments on commitment in the apostolate:
“In working in the apostolate, it is not sufficient that one has preached, prayed, helped and practiced the ministry, or used one’s talents, job or influence. What is more important is that everyone works with zeal and fervor according to one’s state and limits. Anyone who acts with this attitude has the same right to the reward and merit of the apostolate as those who accomplished great apostolic deeds and achieved great success.” *(OCC IV 137)*
- B. St. Vincent Pallotti comments on the need for untiring effort in the apostolate:
“When the good thief asked Our Lord to remember him after coming into his Kingdom, Jesus promised him Paradise. Out of love for Our Lord Jesus Christ and with confidence in his infinite mercy, we must work for the conversion of poor sinners, although they may have been obstinate during their whole life and even when in danger of death. In such cases, according to the spirit of the Union, we must multiply our prayers, and increase our humility, our confidence and all our spiritual efforts.” *(OCC III 57)*

- How has an apostolic spirit been expressed in our work today? *(Pause)*
- Let us remember that our lives are a sharing in the apostolate of Jesus Christ. *(Pause)*
- Let us reflect that we are called to be quiet and humble, obliging and helpful in our service to others. *(Pause)*

Prayer

- L** Lord Jesus Christ, you alone know the value of this day. We have not done all that we could have done. Many things have been left unfinished. All too often selfishness has motivated our efforts. Many times we were lacking in love.
- R** Forgive us for not completing our tasks. Let us rid ourselves of lukewarmness, envy and contempt. Give us strength to show our love for people in all that we do.
- L** Lord, we thank you for our talents, your gift to us. We have tried to use them. You were with us. It was you who blessed our efforts.
- R** Lord in this evening hour, we thank you for your continuing presence with us. We ask you to be near to all who offer their sickness and sorrow as their apostolate. Give them and us your protection this night.

L Lord, it is your will that we accept success and failure. We stand before you as useless servants (*Cfr: Luke 17:10*) who, with open arms, forever receive your divine gifts.

R Amen.

(Angelus or Regina Coeli)

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R Amen.

Intercessions

L Keep us this night, Lord.

R free from all evil.

L Lord, show your mercy,

R for we put our trust in you.

L Have mercy on us, O Lord,

R have mercy on us.

L In you, O Lord, is our hope,

R and we shall never hope in vain.

L Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in the Union.

R Lord, watch over all our members and co-operators, especially the sick, the suffering, the elderly and those in particular distress.

L Let us pray for our benefactors:

R O Lord, reward those who have done good to us for your Name's sake with the gift of eternal life.

L Let us pray for our deceased brothers and sisters in the Union and for all the faithful departed. (*)

R Give them eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on them.

L May they rest in peace.

R Amen.

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Vigil Prayer (when this occurs: see pp. 175-184)

Blessing

L Lord, we beg you to visit this house and banish from it all the deadly power of the enemy. May your holy angels dwell here to keep us in peace, and may your blessing be upon us always. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

S. God is love and those who abide in love, abide in God, and God abides in them. *(1 John 4:16)*

May Almighty God, the Father + and the Son and the Holy Spirit bless and protect us and all the members of the Union.

R Amen.

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L God is love and those who abide in love, abide in God, and God abides in them. *(1 John 4:16)*

The Lord bless us and keep us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

R Amen.

Te Deum

You are God; we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father;
All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise;
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you,
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you,
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
And the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory,
The eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free,
You did not spurn the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death,
And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people
Bought with the price of your own blood,
And bring us with your saints
To glory everlasting.

SATURDAY



MARY, QUEEN OF
APOSTLES

Saturday – Morning Prayer

L Lord, teach us to pray.

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Praise of the Lord

L God, heavenly Father, we praise you for all that you have created. We praise you especially for Mary whom you chose to be the mother of your Son.

R She intercedes for us when we make our requests to you. With her we come to you confidently.

L God the Son, Redeemer of the world, we thank you for coming to us through Mary.

R She stored up your Father's Word in deep faith and obeyed his commands. She is your mother and our model.

L God the Holy Spirit, by your power Jesus was conceived in Mary.

R We, too, are filled with your power so that Jesus Christ our Savior may be made visible to the world.

L With Mary we Pray:

R My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Reflection

- A. Saint Vincent Pallotti says about Mary our patroness: “Entrust yourselves to the Blessed Mother. She wishes to remain with you always. She is the great missionary: our Union was instituted under her protection. Our community is very dear to her and has experienced her powerful intercession many times.” *(Oral tradition. Cf. also OOCC IV 129)*
- B. Saint Vincent Pallotti writes about Mary: “In his infinite love God places Mary, the Blessed Virgin, the mother of his only-begotten Son, before our eyes as our model. She followed our Lord Jesus Christ on the road to redemption so closely that she surpasses all angels and saints in holiness, in grace and in justice. At the same time, through his only-begotten Son, God gives her to us as our mother. Through her intercession and the sublime example of her whole life we are urged to follow our Lord Jesus Christ and to imitate him in faith, with a deep and trusting love.” *(Epistolae Lattinae 26f)*

Pause

Apostolic Prayer of St. Vincent Pallotti:

- L Eternal Father, it is your will that all should be saved.
- R Great is your mercy.
Your Son, Jesus Christ, died for all.
Teach all people to recognize you and love you.

- L** With deep faith in Christ's death and resurrection, we pray:
- R** send forth, O Lord, laborers into your vineyard, and spare your people.
- L** Eternal Word, Redeemer of all creation,
Lead all people to yourself;
- R** you have been obedient for all, even to death on the cross.
- L** Look upon the merits of your Mother and of all the angels and saints.
They intercede for us.
- R** Send forth, O Lord, laborers into your vineyard, and spare your people.
- L** Holy Divine Spirit,
Through the infinite merits of our Lord Jesus Christ,
- R** enkindle in all hearts your ardent love that can do all things, that all may be one fold and one shepherd, and that all may arrive in heaven to sing your divine mercy.
- L** Queen of Apostles and all the angels and saints, pray the Lord of the harvest.
- R** to send laborers into his vineyard and spare his people, that, united with him and the Father and the Holy Spirit, we may all rejoice forever and ever. Amen.

(Angelus or Regina Coeli)

The Angelus

Introduction (optional)

L “This is how God loved the world: he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life”
(John 3:16)

Adoring, we remember the mystery of the incarnation of the Word and we greet Mary, Mother of the Redeemer.

L The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

R and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary.

L Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R Be it done unto me according to your word.
Hail Mary.

L And the Word was made flesh,

R and dwelt among us.
Hail Mary.

L Pray for us, holy Mother of God,

R that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

L Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

During the Easter Season:

Regina Coeli

Introduction (optional):

L *The angel said to the women: “There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would.”*
(Mt 28:5-6)

In the joy of the resurrection, let us address our prayer to Mary, Mother of the Redeemer.

L Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.

L has risen as he said, alleluia.

R Pray for us to God, alleluia.

L Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia,

R for the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

L O God, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

R Amen.

L Glory be...

R As...

R Angel of God, whom God has appointed my guardian, enlighten, protect, direct and govern me this day. Amen.

*If meditation takes place in community at this time, the following prayers may be said. Otherwise the **Conclusion** follows immediately.*

Prayers for Meditation:

Before Meditation:

L Vincent Pallotti encourages us:
To breathe God in and out.
To find God in everything.
To reveal God to all.
To radiate the presence of God.

R Father in heaven, let our hearts be totally consecrated to you.
Fill us with great love for you and for our neighbor.
Let this time of meditation be a light that will enlighten our way.
Let it strengthen us so that we can serve you. Amen.

After Meditation:

- L** We thank you, Lord, for all the lights and favors which you have given us. Give us the grace to profit by them.
- R** By ourselves we can do nothing, with you we can do everything. Because we love you, our Lord, we will do all for you.

Conclusion

- L** May the Lord bless us and preserve us from all evil. May he keep us faithful in his service.
- R** To him be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Saturday – Prayer during the Day

L Lord, we come to adore you.

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Adoration

L Lord Jesus Christ, we greet you in the Blessed Sacrament. You are here with us in your divine presence and in your human nature which you took upon yourself through the Virgin Mary.

R Praise and thanks be to you in the Blessed Sacrament.

L God of glory and power, you did not keep the power or the splendor of your divinity to yourself.

R You took the form of a servant, to be one of us.

L You did not come to be served, but to serve and to give your life for all.

R We thank you for humbling yourself for our sakes.

L Lord Jesus Christ, your presence in the Blessed Sacrament fills us with joy and gratitude. Let us grasp ever more profoundly this incomprehensible mystery of faith and profess it through active love before all. You live and reign forever and ever.

R Amen.

Reflection

- A. Saint Vincent Pallotti writes about Mary, Queen of Apostles:

“Both the Union and the community of the priests and brothers were founded under the special protection of Blessed Mary, Queen of Apostles. Through her most powerful intercession, Mary asks for the graces, gifts and mercies that each one needs in order to achieve, in a successful and lasting manner, the aims of the Union. More than this, we have in Mary an effective example of the very works of charity and zeal which characterize the Union. Although Mary was neither a priest nor one of the twelve Apostles, she dedicated herself with such perfection to the work of charity and zeal that the Church accords her the august title of Queen of Apostles not merely as a honor, but because she fully merits this title.” *(OCCC III 6)*

- B. Saint Vincent Pallotti writes in his spiritual diary:

“Wherever I shall be, I intend to imagine myself to be together with all creatures in the Cenacle in Jerusalem where the Apostles received the Holy Spirit. I shall remind myself to renew this desire often. As the Apostles were there with Mary, so will I be in spirit with my most beloved Mother and Jesus. As they are my special intercessors. I am confident that they will help me and all other creatures to receive the abundance of the Holy Spirit.” *(Cfr: OCCC X 86)*

Pause

Prayer of St. Vincent Pallotti to Mary, Queen of Apostles

- L** Immaculate Mother of God, Queen of Apostles,
- R** we know that God's commandment of love and our vocation to follow Jesus Christ in the Union of Catholic Apostolate impels us to cooperate in the saving mission of the Church.
- L** Realizing our weakness, we entrust the renewal of our personal lives and our apostolate to your intercession.
- R** We are confident that through God's mercy and the infinite merits of Jesus Christ, you who are our Mother will obtain for us the strength of the Holy Spirit as you obtained it for the community of the apostles gathered in the Cenacle.
- L** Therefore, relying on your powerful intercession, we are resolved from this moment on, to devote our talents, learning, material resources, health, sickness and trials, and every gift of nature and grace, to the greater glory of God and the salvation of all.
- R** We wish to do all that lies within our power to promote the Catholic Apostolate for the revival of faith and love in the people of God and so bring all to faith in Jesus Christ.

L And if a time should come when we shall no longer be able to work physically for this end, we will never cease to pray that there may be one fold and one shepherd, Jesus Christ.

R In this way, we hope to enjoy the fruits of the apostolate of Jesus Christ for all eternity. Amen.

(Angelus or Regina Coeli)

The Angelus

L The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

R and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary.

L Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R Be it done unto me according to your word.
Hail Mary.

L And the Word was made flesh,

R and dwelt among us.
Hail Mary.

L Pray for us, holy Mother of God,

R that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

L Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

During the Easter Season:

Regina Coeli

L Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.

L has risen as he said, alleluia.

R Pray for us to God, alleluia.

L Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia,

R for the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

L O God, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

R Amen.

Prayer for the Dead

L For deceased members, relatives, friends and benefactors.

Psalm 130 (129)

A prayer of repentance and trust

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

2 If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

1 My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than those who watch for daybreak. (Let the watchers count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord).

2 Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

L Give them eternal rest, O Lord,

R and may your light shine on them.

L May they rest in peace.

R Amen.

Closing Petitions

L To the banquet of eternal glory,

R lead us, Christ, our risen Lord.

L Mary, Queen of Apostles,

R pray for us.

L Saint Vincent Pallotti,

R pray for us.

L Blessed Pallottine Martyrs,

R pray for us.

Saturday – Evening Prayer

L Lord, we come to thank you.

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introduction

L Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Mary,

R the day is coming to an end. We have gathered here before you in the Blessed Sacrament.

L We look upon you as our model, and upon Mary, so highly favored by you.

R She is the spotless mirror of your holiness and greatness.

L You bestowed on your Mother Mary, the grace of a living faith. She accepted your word humbly and obediently.

R As we look towards her, we ask you: help us to attain a deeper knowledge of ourselves. Help us to purify ourselves and to stand in your present cleansed of all sin. Amen.

Examen

Reflection

- A. The Preamble states about Mary, Queen of Apostles: “Mary, Queen of Apostles, is the patroness of the Union. In a unique way she cooperated with her Son in His saving mission. She is an outstanding example of apostolic zeal for all the members of the Union.” *(Preamble k)*
- B. The Virgin Mary, without preaching the Gospel, became the Queen of Apostles through the efficacy of her prayers by which she sustained the courage of the apostles and caused them to prosper in their work. *(OCC, IV, p. 378)*
- How does Mary affect us in our spiritual life and apostolic activities? *(Pause)*
 - Let us reflect that Mary is our model of total surrender to God. *(Pause)*
 - Let us be aware of Mary’s protection when our Society encounters difficulties. *(Pause)*

Prayer

L Heavenly Father, when in the darkness of our days we are in doubt about the right path, and your word seems obscure to us, strengthen us as we look to Mary of whom Elizabeth said: “Blessed are you who believed.” (*Luke 1:45*).

R Lord, hear our prayer.

L When we are faced by so many tasks and become confused and discouraged, let us find in the life of the Mother of God, the sign of a lively hope.

R Lord, hear our prayer.

L When today through selfishness and false ambition love is dying in many hearts, give us, like Mary, a heart willing to honor you, our God, and to serve our fellow human beings.

R Lord, hear our prayer.

L Almighty Father, you sent the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles who were gathered around Mary in prayer. By her intercession send us your Spirit so that we may be your faithful witnesses. Help us to work courageously for the spreading and deepening of faith and love.

R Amen.

(Angelus or Regina Coeli)

The Angelus

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R and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary.

L Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R Be it done unto me according to your word.
Hail Mary.

L And the Word was made flesh,

R and dwelt among us.
Hail Mary.

L Pray for us, holy Mother of God,

R that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

L Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

During the Easter Season:

Regina Coeli

L Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia.

L has risen as he said, alleluia.

R Pray for us to God, alleluia.

L Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia,

R for the Lord is truly risen, alleluia.

L O God, you give joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

R Amen.

Intercessions

- L** Let us pray for vocations and for an apostolic spirit among all the baptized: Through the most holy mysteries of our redemption:
- R** Send forth, O Lord, laborers into your vineyard and spare your people.
- L** through the merits and intercession of your holy Mother and of all the angels and saints;
- R** Send forth, O Lord, laborers into your vineyard and spare your people.
- L** Queen of Apostles and all the angels and saints, pray the Lord of the harvest:
- R** to send laborers into his vineyard and spare his people, that united with him and the Father and the Holy Spirit, we may all rejoice forever and ever. Amen.
- L** Let us pray for our brothers and sisters in the Union.
- R** O God, help your servants who trust in you.
- L** Let us pray for our benefactors:
- R** Lord, give eternal life to all who have done good to us for your Name's sake.
- L** Let us pray for all the deceased, especially for our members, relatives and friends:
- R** give them eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on them.

At the death of a member, the last intercession is replaced by the intercession on page 185.

On All Souls Day and for a week after it the prayer on page 186 is added.

Vigil Prayer (when this occurs: see pp. 175-184)

Blessing

L O God, bless all people this night. Protect this house and preserve us from all evil. Let us rise tomorrow with joyful hearts to celebrate the resurrection of your Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

S May Almighty God, the Father + and the Son and the Holy Spirit, bless and protect us and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

R Amen.

If no priest or deacon is present, this formula of blessing is replaced by the Leader as follows:

L The Lord bless us and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

R Amen.

Te Deum

You are God; we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father;
All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise;
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you,
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you,
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
And the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory,
The eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free,
You did not spurn the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death,
And opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come, and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people
Bought with the price of your own blood,
And bring us with your saints
To glory everlasting.

L Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance.

R Govern and uphold them now and always.

L Day by day we bless you.

R We praise your name forever.

L Keep us today, Lord, from all sin.

R Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

L Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R for we put our trust in you.

L In you, Lord, is our hope;

R and we shall never hope in vain.

Vigil Prayers

(Said at Evening Prayer on the eve of the following feasts, before the blessing)

Epiphany

Lord, our God, we praise you for sending us your Son as Savior of the world. We adore you because you manifested his glory to all peoples and nations. Fill your Church here on earth with the spirit of faith and adoration. Strengthen our conviction that even today you are close to your people in your Son, and reign as Lord over all.

L All the kings of the earth will adore him. Alleluia.

R All the peoples will serve him. Alleluia.

Father of light, unchanging God, today you revealed your Word made Flesh to the nations by the guidance of a star. Your light is strong, your love is near; draw us beyond the limits which this world imposes, to the life where your Spirit makes all life complete.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

St. Vincent Pallotti

January 22

St. Vincent Pallotti, from your place in glory look upon us, your sons and daughters. We behold you, the tireless apostle, and thank the most Holy Trinity for calling you to be the founder of the Union of Catholic Apostolate. You gave us the

life of our Lord Jesus Christ as our Fundamental Rule. Intercede for us with God, that we, like Mary, Queen of Apostles, will be filled with love and zeal, that we will be true apostles who spread faith and love throughout the world, so that soon all nations will be united in the one Church under the one shepherd, Jesus Christ.

L Pray for us, St. Vincent Pallotti.

R That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

God, our Father, you called St. Vincent Pallotti to be a priest in your Church, He dedicated his life to the revival of the faith of your Christian people and worked unceasingly to make their love strong. As we follow his example, help us to make your Truth shine brightly in people's lives and to embrace them all with true love as our brothers and sisters.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

The Presentation of the Lord

February 2

Holy Virgin Mary, you humbly accepted the will of God to become the Mother of our Lord. Faithfully observing the Law, forty days after the birth of your Son you brought him to the temple to be consecrated to God. Help us to imitate your humility and the obedience of your Son.

L Our eyes have seen the salvation

R which the Lord has prepared for all the nations to see.

Almighty God, your only begotten Son took our human nature and was presented in the temple today. Purify our hearts cleansed from sin.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Joseph

March 19

Saint Joseph, we come to you and ask with confidence for your protection. You were united in love with the Immaculate Mother of God and cared as a good father for Jesus. Look upon your people whom Jesus redeemed through his passion and death. Help us to work zealously in the kingdom of God and to serve our neighbor in all we do.

L The Lord made him master of his house.

R and ruler of all his possessions.

God, you placed us in your world to work and be creative. By the work of his hands, St. Joseph sustained the Holy Family.

Through his intercession give us the power and endurance to fulfill your mandate here on earth and one day to receive the reward you have promised.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

R Amen.

The Annunciation of the Lord

March 25

Virgin Mary, we greet you. God called you to be the Mother of his Son. You were totally open to God's will and placed yourself at his service. Ask God to help us also always to be

ready to receive the Good News of your Son and to welcome the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

L Hail Mary, full of grace,

R the Lord is with you.

God, you are great and incomprehensible. According to your will the Eternal Word became a man through the Virgin Mary. Believing, we confess that our Redeemer is true God and true man. Make us worthy to receive a share in his divine life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

Queen of Apostles

Saturday before Pentecost

Hail Mother Mary, Queen and Teacher of Apostles. Look upon our Society that has consecrated itself to the work of the Catholic Apostolate and has chosen you as its patroness. Help us to love God and our neighbor. Implore your Son to bless our work so that soon all will know and love and adore the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

L Queen of Apostles, pray the Lord of the harvest, alleluia.

R to send laborers into his vineyard, alleluia.

Almighty God, you bestowed the Holy Spirit on the apostles while they persevered in prayer together with Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Grant us the grace to serve you faithfully and to spread abroad your glory by word and example.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pentecost

Holy Spirit, you live and reign in your Church. Fill us more and more with your power. Give us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and strength, of knowledge and piety and fear of the Lord. Make us one in you and grant that your Church may live united in your love.

L Send forth your Spirit and they will be created, alleluia.

R And you will renew the face of the earth, alleluia.

Father of light, from whom every good gift comes, send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind, and by the flame of your wisdom open the horizons of our minds. Loosen our tongues to sing your praise in words beyond the power of speech, for without your Spirit we could never raise our voices in words of peace or announce the truth that Jesus is Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

R Amen.

Trinity Sunday

Most Holy Trinity, the whole Church praises and worships you. Heaven and earth glorify you. As one God in three Persons we adore you. We thank you in the name of all creatures, for you are our Maker, our Redeemer and our final end. To you be honor and glory forever.

L Let us bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

R Let us praise and exalt God forever.

Lord, Heavenly Father, you sent your Word and your Spirit into the world to reveal the mystery of your divine life. Grant

that in true faith we may profess the greatness of the Holy Trinity and adore the unity of the three Persons in the almighty power of their working.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

Sacred Heart Friday of the third week after Pentecost

We praise you, Lord Jesus Christ: in your opened Heart your Love has become visible to us. We thank you for loving your own even to the end. Help us to accept one another in love and never tire of doing good.

L Jesus, full of kindness and love,

R make our hearts like yours.

Father, we rejoice in the gifts of love we have received from the Heart of Jesus your Son. Open our hearts to share his life and continue to bless us with his Love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

Saint Peter and Saint Paul

June 29

Glorious Apostles, Peter and Paul, in your lives you fulfilled the mission of Jesus Christ. From the day of Pentecost you proclaimed the message of salvation, founded communities and appointed presbyters. You gave your lives for Christ. Obtain for us a living faith and a burning love for Christ, for we wish to follow your example always.

- L** Their message goes out all over the world,
R their word to the ends of the earth.

Lord, our God, through the apostles Peter and Paul, you laid the foundations of faith in your Church. By their intercession sustain and complete that faith which leads us to eternal salvation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

- R** Amen.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary **August 15**

Mary, Mother of God, we profess our faith that God has taken you up into the glory of heaven. The final consummation of the world and all of its people has already come to perfection in you. Intercede for us with God for the grace that we will be free from all evil. Help us to live in such a way that we too may gain our heavenly home.

- L** The Lord has chosen you.
R He has taken you to dwell in his tent.

Almighty God, you chose the Virgin Mary to be the Mother of your eternal Son. You looked upon your humble servant and crowned her with glory. Listen to her prayers for us and receive us too into your glory, since you have redeemed us through the death and resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

- R** Amen.

Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary**September 8**

Holy Virgin Mary, you are the joy of the whole world. Through you the Sun of Justice, Christ our Lord, has risen over the world. You are the new Eve, the Mother of Life. You are blessed among women!

L Your birth, O Virgin Mother of God

R brought joy to the whole world.

Merciful God, open the treasures of heavenly grace to all your faithful people. The birth of the Redeemer through Mary was for us the beginning of salvation. May this birthday celebration of the Virgin Mother strengthen and increase peace on earth.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

Mission Sunday**Penultimate Sunday of October**

Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world, the nations await you. You have redeemed all the peoples of the world by your blood. Grant that all may know you, believe in you and serve you. Inspire people in your church to carry this Good News to those who as yet do not know you. Strengthen all missionaries with your power.

L Lord, send laborers into your harvest

R and have mercy on your people.

God, you desire that your Church be a sign of salvation among people and that it pursue the work of Christ til the end of time.

Foster in all who believe a deep concern for the salvation of the world, that all the nations may become one holy people.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

Christ the King

Last Sunday of Ordinary Time

Lord Jesus Christ, you are priest and king of all creation. Through your death on the cross and your victorious resurrection you completed the work of redemption. When one day the whole creation has been submitted to your dominion, you will deliver to your heavenly Father, an eternal, all-embracing kingdom; a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

L Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe

R your rule lasts from age to age.

Eternal God, you gave your Son all power in heaven and on earth. You made him head of the new creation. Free your creatures from the power of the enemy, so that they will serve you alone and will praise you for all eternity. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

The Immaculate Conception

December 8

Holy Mary, because of your Son, God preserved you from sin from the first moment of your conception. As the dawn receives its light from the sun and goes before it, so you go

before Christ, the Sun of Justice, and shine with his light.

L Hail Mary, full of grace,

R the Lord is with you.

Almighty God, we celebrate the memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary whom you chose from among all creatures and made holy. Listen to her intercession and grant us your salvation. Bless us with the fullness of your grace. Free us from sin so that we may come to you with pure hearts. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R Amen.

Christmas

December 25

Lord Jesus Christ, Divine Word, you became a man and lived among us. You took our nature that we might share in your divinity. You became our brother and we became children of God.

L the Lord has made known, alleluia

R His salvation, alleluia

Almighty God, in a wonderful manner you created us in our human dignity, and in an even more wonderful manner you redeemed us. Give us a share in the Divine Life of your Son who took upon himself our human nature.

He lives and reigns forever and ever.

R Amen.

At the death of a member, the last intercession is replaced by the following:

- L** Let us pray for all the deceased, especially for our brother (sister) **N.:**
- R** Give them eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on them.
- L** God, we earnestly ask for your mercy. Your servant, **N.**, has left this world. Give him (her) your light and your peace and receive him (her) into the company of your saints. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
- R** Amen.

On All Souls Day and for a week after it the following prayer is added.

- L** God, you are rich in your forgiveness; consider lovingly the salvation of all your people. We beseech you that the members, relatives and benefactors of the Union who have passed from this life may live with you forever.
- R** Listen graciously to the intercession of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and all your saints and give a share in your eternal life to all those who have died. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction

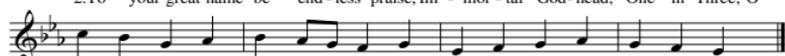
“Exposition of the holy eucharist . . . is intended to acknowledge Christ’s marvelous presence in the sacrament. Exposition invites us to the spiritual union with him that culminates in sacramental communion. Thus it fosters very well the worship which is due to Christ in spirit and in truth.

This kind of exposition must clearly express the cult of the blessed sacrament in its relationship to the Mass. The plan of the exposition should carefully avoid anything which might somehow obscure the principal desire of Christ in instituting the eucharist, namely, to be with us as food, medicine, and comfort” (Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist outside of Mass, #82).

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



1. O Sav - ing Vic - tim, o - p'ning wide The gate of heav'n to us be - low! Our
2. To your great name be end - less praise, Im - mor - tal God - head, One in Three; O



foes press on from ev - 'ry side: Your aid sup - ply, your strength be - stow.
grant us end - less length of days When our true na - tive land we see.

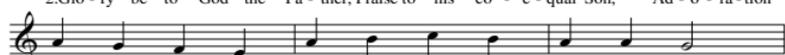
ADORATION

During the adoration there are prayers, songs, scripture readings, and possibly a homily to develop a better understanding of the Eucharistic mystery. Silent prayer is also encouraged. If time allows, the Liturgy of the Hours may be celebrated here.

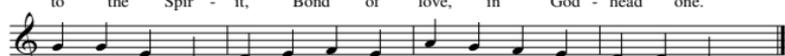
BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



1. Come a - dore this won - drous pres - ence; Bow to Christ, the source of grace! Here is kept the
2. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Praise to his co - e - qual Son, Ad - o - ra - tion



an - cient prom - ise Of God's earth - ly dwell - ing - place.
to the Spir - it, Bond of love, in God - head one.



Sight is blind be - fore God's glo - ry. Faith a - lone may see his face.
Blest be God by all cre - a - tion Joy - ous - ly while a - ges run!

- L You have given us bread from heaven, (Alleluia).
R having in it the fruits of all goodness. (Alleluia).
L Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us the Eucharist as the memorial of your suffering, death, and resurrection.

May our worship of this sacrament of your body and blood help us to experience the salvation you won for us and the peace of the kingdom where you live and reign forever and ever.

- R Amen.

REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Blessed be God.
Blessed be his holy name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be his most sacred heart.
Blessed be his most precious blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the most holy sacrament of the altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and immaculate conception.
Blessed be her glorious assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, virgin and mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

May the heart of Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time. Amen.

Prayer for the Society

- L** Most loving Virgin Mary, Queen of Apostles, our support and our hope,
- R** look with mercy on our little Society which you have cherished from its beginning.
- L** Guard it now and in the future and bless it with plentiful vocations.
- R** May poverty, chastity, obedience, perseverance, the sharing of resources, in a spirit of serving with the love of Christ, remain alive in our hearts.
- L** Preserve our Community from all harm, especially from any danger of lukewarmness.
- R** Mary, our support and our hope, obtain these blessings for us from your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.

For the growth of our society

Let your mercy fall upon us abundantly, O Lord our God, and through the merits and intercession of the immaculate Virgin Mary, of St. Joseph and of our holy Father Vincent, preserve our community and help its growth. Grant that it may grow in spirit and in number and thus may be able to glorify your Name on earth as it already is glorified in heaven. Amen.

Prayer for the renewal of consecration

- L** Those who place themselves in the service of the Lord bring peace and happiness to the world.
- R** We come to dedicate ourselves to the service of the Lord. We come joyfully and without hesitation. We come into the holy presence of God, to consecrate our lives anew and we are ready and willing to follow God faithfully.
- L** Now, let the whole world praise the Lord,
- R** Let us sing our praise to God, forever and ever.
Amen.

Form of Consecration

For the greater glory of God, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Apostles of all the Angels and Saints, and for the more complete sanctification of myself and my neighbor, with the help of God, and through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of our Blessed Father Vincent, and of all the saints, I **N** surrender, give and offer my whole self to the same omnipotent God, and I resolve to follow our Lord Jesus Christ in the Union of Catholic Apostolate. Therefore, for life, I promise to the Society of the Catholic Apostolate and to its Superiors: chastity, poverty, obedience, perseverence, a life in the sharing of resources, and in a spirit of serving with the love of Christ, according to the laws of the same Society.



*Image of Mary, Mother of Divine Love,
carried by St. Vincent Pallotti*



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