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Note: The Formation Team was charged with the task of preparing a guide for prayer and meditation connected with the three houses in the history of formation in the Philippines. You and your community are invited to adapt the suggested celebrations to fit the needs of your situation. Though we may not go physically to those sacred places, we are still united with one another and with the Church in our faith in Jesus Christ whenever and wherever we pray. We hope that this guide for prayer will help us feel that we are living parts of the Church and our Congregation and develop in us a grateful heart for all the blessings received for the past one hundred years of our SPC Formation.

You are encouraged to invite the Friends of St. Paul and the young ladies to participate in this meaningful celebration.

* Or any Feast of Our Lady in December

THE NOVITIATE

Every Sister of St. Paul of Chartres looks back with a grateful heart and fond memories to the years she spent in the Novitiate for it is her cradle. It is there where she began nurturing the call she received from God and where she grew in her love for Christ. It is every Sister's humble beginning from which she draws strength and courage.

As we celebrate the centenary of the Novitiate, we give thanks to God who constantly calls us to follow him and who loves and sustains us in our journey.

MALATE (St. Paul's Institution)

now

ST. PAUL UNIVERSITY MANILA



HISTORICAL NOTES

MALATE

A decade after the arrival of our first sisters in Dumaguete on October 28, 1904, vocations grew in number. In 1911, Mother Theresa Verdier found in Malate an appropriate site for the SPC Novitiate — a market place that was swampy and surrounded by trees. The indomitable Mother started working to convert the swamp into solid earth. The Novitiate was canonically erected on the 21st of June 1911 and blessed on the 25th by the Apostolic Delegate Monsignor Ambrose Agius, who also presided the first clothing ceremony held on the same day. Later, a school was also constructed on the same site.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS

Gathering Song:

SONG OF THANKSGIVING (*CLM 329*) or any suitable song

Greeting

Leader: Let us open our hearts, our minds and all of our life to God who is present in our midst. He is waiting to meet us and to stay with us...

All: This is what I want, this is what I desire and want to do, to stay with the Lord with all my heart.

Leader: “Come and see.” “Come and rest awhile.” Sit quietly before the Blessed Sacrament and lovingly fix your gaze on Him who looks at you with much love. Center your loving attention on the Lord at the core of your being. Just be there and relax in His peace-bringing presence.

All: “Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks; your presence, O Lord, I seek.”

I. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (All Kneel)

Hymn: One Bread, One Body or any suitable song

II. Celebrating God’s Word (All Sit)

Leader: Let us listen now to St. Paul’s account of the Last Supper.

Reader: A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians (1Cor 11:23-30)

Response: (All Kneel)

Leader: Let us pray, giving thanks to the Lord who has bestowed on us the great mystery of his love in the Eucharistic Meal.

(Pause for personal prayer)

Because the bread is one, we though many, are one body, all of us who partake of the one bread.

(1Cor 10:7)

All: We are one in his body and one in his love.

Leader: This is my body which shall be given up for you; do this in remembrance of me. (1Cor 11: 24)

All: We are one in his body and one in his love.

Leader: A new commandment I give you, that you love one another; that as I have loved you, you also love one another. (Jn 13:34)

All: We are one in his body and one in his love.

Leader: As the Father has loved me, I also have loved you. Abide in my love. (Jn 15:9)

All: We are one in his body and one in his love.

Leader: Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for that which endures unto life everlasting, which the Son of Man will give you. (Jn 6:27)

All: We are one in his body and one in his love.

Leader: I am the bread of life. He who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst. (Jn 6:35)

All: We are one in his body and one in his love.

Leader: Now you are the body of Christ, member for member. (1Cor 12:27)

All: We are one in his body and one in his love.

Leader: Let us listen now to the Gospel of St. John in which we are given Christ's explanation of the mystery of the Eucharistic Meal.

(All Stand)

Reader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (Jn 6:48-59)

(All Kneel)

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord for his loving mercy.

(Pause for personal Prayer)

Come holy people of God, receive Christ's Body and drink his holy Blood by which we have been redeemed.

All: We have feasted on the Lord; let us give thanks, for his Body and Blood have won our redemption.

Leader: Christ the Son of God has brought us salvation; by his Cross and Blood he has rescued the world.

All: We have feasted on the Lord; let us give thanks, for his Body and Blood have won our redemption.

Leader: He gives the bread of heaven to the hungry and refreshing drink to those who thirst.

All: We have feasted on the Lord; let us give thanks, for his Body and Blood have won our redemption.

Leader: Through the mystery of his love, we are one with Christ in his flesh and blood. Let us pray that he will deepen that life in us.

Silent Reflection

O Lord our God, you fed our fathers in the desert and gave up your Son to be sacrificed for our salvation. Grant, we pray you, that by our sharing in the Eucharistic Meal we may draw close to one another in your holy Church through the same Christ our Lord.

All: Amen! Taste and see how good the Lord is; happy the man who takes refuge in him.

All: We have feasted on the Lord; let us give thanks, for his Body and Blood have won our redemption.

III. The Lord's Prayer for Vocation

by Blessed Hannibal DiFrancia

Reader: Our Father, who art in heaven,

All: You have promised not to leave us orphans. Send your holy ministers of salvation to give us the Spirit through the food of faith and charity.

Reader: Hallowed be thy name,

All: Through your chosen ministers filled with your Holy Spirit, may you be made known and loved by all people on earth.

Reader: Thy Kingdom come,

All: And may it be built by your faithful ministers through the sanctity of their lives, their burning zeal for your glory and the salvation of all.

Reader: Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven,

All: Eternal Father, do not cease to provide your Church with your holy ministers who teach all people your holy law.

Reader: Give us this day our daily bread,

All: The bread of grace which nourishes us through your sacraments. Enrich your Church with chosen ministers who bring your sanctifying grace to all men and women.

Reader: And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

All: Send your people, Lord, chosen and faithful priests who by the sacrament of reconciliation bring back to you numerous hearts in need of your forgiveness.

Reader: And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

All: Lord, if our sins have deprived us of your friendship we ask you: send your ministers of mercy among us. With personal zeal and sacrifice may they keep our souls from sin and lead us to sanctification and eternal salvation.

Amen.

(Silent Reflection)

IV. The Divine Praises

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 Sacrifice 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.

Closing Song: Stay With Us (CLM 335) or any suitable Song

**ST. PAUL COLLEGE OF MANILA, QUEZON CITY
BRANCH**

now

ST. PAUL UNIVERSITY QUEZON CITY



HISTORICAL NOTES

QUEZON CITY

Several years passed and with the increase in enrolment as well as in the number of Sisters under formation, the lot in Malate became overcrowded, and it was necessary to search for a more spacious site for the Novitiate. An ideal one was found in the suburbs of Manila. Construction was started in 1930 and the following year the Novitiate packed up and undertook another journey this time to the concrete building in New Manila, now Quezon City.

“An atmosphere of silence, retirement and holiness pervaded the place, giving the lay people a feeling of restfulness and momentary relief from life’s struggles. The presence of the Sisters dressed in their simple white habits was suggestive of warmth, cheer and friendliness. The Novitiate was a real home where love—pure and unselfish—was the motive for every act, every sacrifice.” (Ten Decades of Passover p. 160)

SCRIPTURE SERVICE - VESPERS

Theme: VOCATION – In the Footsteps of St. Paul

GATHERING SONG: YOU ARE MY GOD, I GIVE YOU THANKS (CLM 424) or any suitable song

INTRODUCTION

Vocation comes from the Latin word “*vocare*” which literally means “to call”. It is a “call” that comes from God as a gift and one in which the person who is given the gift is invited to discover it by probing his or her inner desires, to say his or her “amen” to the invitation and then to commit oneself to a way of being for others.

The Damascus experience which turned St. Paul from persecutor to apostle is considered both as a prophetic call and a direct encounter with Jesus. It happened, according to Galatians 1:15-16, “when he who had set me apart before I was born, and had called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles” And in 1Corinthians 9:1, Paul characteristically associates his experience of the Risen Lord with his call to be an apostle: “Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen the Lord Jesus?”

It is obvious from the letters of Paul how his call and his experience of the Risen Jesus at Damascus, had an impact on his life, so that he came to “count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.” (Phil 3:8) The experience reordered his priorities, redirected his life’s energy, and reaffirmed his faith in God’s purposes for the world. Paul’s dynamism and zeal for his vocation offer us fitting examples on how to live our SPC vocation in fidelity, even in the midst of sufferings and the lures of our materialistic and highly technological age and milieu.

In this bible service, let us beg the Lord for the grace to appreciate more deeply our vocation as Christians and as Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres, so that we may be truly God’s instruments of compassion, mercy and forgiveness in our world.

(Please rise for the processional)

ENTRANCE HYMN: Service of Hope (CLM 304) or any suitable song.

PROCESSIONAL: Incense bearer
Cross/ Candle bearers
Bible bearer

ANTIPHONS AND PSALMS OF THE DAY

FIRST READING: Gal 1:14-24

GOSPEL READING: Jn 1:35-39

SHORT REFLECTION

(one or two Sisters may share their vocation stories)

CANTICLE OF MARY

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS:

Leader: Lord, through your divine grace, you set apart your Apostle Paul and called him to be the herald of the Good News to the Gentiles. We pray, therefore, to the God of vocations that he may give us the grace to respond generously and zealously to our call, like our Patron St. Paul:

LORD, GRACIOUSLY HEAR US.

1. Jesus, loving Shepherd, you have always guided and nourished your flock. Give all bishops, priests, religious brothers and sisters whom you have called to follow you, the grace to remain faithful to you to the end, we pray...

2. Lord God, you have built your Church on a solid foundation. Grant many more young people the grace to offer themselves totally to you in joyful sacrifice of praise for the good of the Church and service to all peoples, we pray...

3. Lord Jesus, Mary and Joseph gave you as a living sacrifice to all men and women. Bless our parents with full trust in your holy will. May each family continue to be a seedbed of vocation by creating a culture of peace, compassion and forgiveness in their homes, we pray...

4. Christ, most obedient Son of the Father, give us the grace of steadfast faith and humility to persevere with joyful determination in the midst of life's changing circumstances. Give us the gift of a discerning heart to recognize your presence in our world, we pray...

5. Christ, our compassionate and forgiving Lord, you have showed us what it means to be "all things to all men." In the footsteps of our Patron St. Paul, may we always give our preferential love for the poor, so that we may be for them a sign of your hope, compassion and forgiveness, we pray...

6. Jesus, Savior and Redeemer, our life is in your hands. You called us to a new life with you when you died and rose for us. May the joys and pains of our Founder and all

SPC Sisters who have gone ahead of us bear fruit in a harvest of love in the lives of our young Sisters today, we pray...

OUR FATHER

Leader: Let us pray...

O Lord may the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Vocations, intercede before your throne to give us many holy priests, religious, missionaries and lay apostles. Give them the strength to proclaim your Word with all confidence, so that your teaching may be received with eagerness and joy throughout the world and all nations may acknowledge you as their Savior and God, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING SONG:

Christ Is My Life (CLM 63) or any suitable song

Our Lady of Chartres Convent



HISTORICAL NOTES

OUR LADY OF CHARTRES CONVENT

As in Malate, the problem of space for both expanding school and Novitiate had to be met and solved. A woody hilltop in Antipolo was found. The transfer of the Novitiate from Quezon City to Antipolo took place on December 26, 1963 and the blessing was held on January 19, 1964. From 1964 to the present, the SPC Novitiate at Our Lady of Chartres Convent continues to journey with each aspirant, postulant, novice and junior sister and with the whole Province, the Congregation and the Church — particularly the Church in the Philippines!

Votive Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Chartres

Introduction

Early Christians of Chartres found in the place a grotto enclosing the statue of a seated woman with her child on her knees. She was venerated by the Druids (pre-Christianity local sages) who paid honor to the Virgini Pariturae, the Virgin who would give birth to a Divine Child.

The Cathedral of Notre Dame de Chartres was built at the start of the first century and was dedicated in the year 1260. It is the oldest shrine to Our Lady. A medieval Cathedral like Chartres was an impressive work of devotion and unity. Chartres is truly impressive as an achievement of Gothic art and architecture. But more importantly, Chartres is a manifestation of a people's devotion to the Mother of God.

Centuries later and in the course of history, Our Lady has been gracious to flow this bond of love especially to the Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres. In 1708, Bishop Paul Godet de Marais of Chartres accepted Father Louis Chauvet's request to take the community of the Daughters of the School of Levesville under his protection, as well as under the protection of Our Lady of Chartres. Eventually, the Bishop gave us the name Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres. Thus, from the beginning, the Congregation has been placed under the protection of the Virgin Mary (Book of Life #5), our Mother, our Model and our principal intercessor with God.

Over the centuries, the Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres spread throughout the world and in 1904 responded to a mission in the Philippines. In honor of our Lady, Our Lady of Chartres Convent in Antipolo City reflects Chartres in our modern times and stands as a symbol in concrete of the spiritual ideals of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres. God transplanted here the two most vital roots of the

Community of the Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres in the Philippines, its Provincial House and its Formation House, on December 26, 1963.

Mary is the perfect example of what we strive to become as consecrated religious and as Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres. Everything in Mary, absolutely everything, was ordered to Christ and His mission. If anyone has been consecrated to Him exclusively and completely, it is Mary. If anyone has followed Him without fail, in love and giving of self, in detachment and obedience, it is she. If anyone has lived the Beatitudes and been imbued heart and soul with their spirit, it is she. Beyond all doubt, that to which we aspire as Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres, Mary, Perfect Disciple of Christ, attained better than anyone. It is our mission and our desire too as Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres. With Mary as our Mother and Model, we shall embark on a renewed integral evangelization and liberation through words, deed and lives (Plenary Council of the Philippines II).

In every single SPC mission in the Philippines, Mary watches over her children as she has watched them for centuries from the Cathedral of Chartres.

Mary, our Lady of Chartres, Pray for us!

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE SONG

AWITAN SI MARIA (CLM 47) or any Marian Song

GREETING

PRIEST: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PENITENTIAL RITE

PRIEST: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

ALL:

I confess to Almighty God,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned through my own fault
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done,
and in what I have failed to do;
and I ask the Blessed Mary,
ever virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

PRIEST: May the Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY: Mass to Celebrate a Life of service
[Tricentennial Booklet (TC) p. 6]

GLORY TO GOD: Mass to Celebrate a Life of service (TC
p. 6)

OPENING PRAYER

PRIEST: Let us pray.

God of mercies, your only Son, while hanging on the cross, appointed the Blessed Virgin Mary, his mother, to be our mother also.

Like her, and under her loving care, may your Church grow day by day, rejoice in the holiness of its children, and so attract to itself all the peoples of the earth.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Is 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Lord sent me to comfort the brokenhearted.

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly,
to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the Lord
and a day of vindication by our God,
to comfort all who mourn;
to place on those who mourn in Zion
a diadem instead of ashes,
to give them oil of gladness in place of mourning,
a glorious mantle instead of a listless spirit.
They will be called oaks of justice,
planted by the Lord to show his glory.
I rejoice heartily in the Lord,

in my God is the joy of my soul;
for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation,
and wrapped me in a mantle of justice,
like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem,
like a bride bedecked with her jewels.
As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord God make justice and praise
spring up before all nations.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R) The Almighty has done great things for me.

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

For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; **(R)**

Behold from now on will all ages call me blessed. The
Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his
name. **(R)**

The Lord's mercy is from age to age to those who fear
him. He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the
arrogant of mind and heart. **(R)**

He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted
up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things;
the rich he has sent away empty. **(R)**

The Lord has helped Israel his servant, remembering his
mercy, according to his promise to our ancestors, to

Abraham and to his descendants for ever. **(R)**

SECOND READING: 1Cor 1:3 – 7

God comforts us that we might comfort others in their sorrows.

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all encouragement, who encourages us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction with the encouragement with which we ourselves are encouraged by God.

For as Christ's sufferings overflow to us, so through Christ does our encouragement also overflow.

If we are afflicted, it is for your encouragement and salvation; if we are encouraged, it is for your encouragement, which enables you to endure the same sufferings that we suffer.

Our hope for you is firm, for we know that as you share in the sufferings, you also share in the encouragement.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, for firmly believing that the promises of the Lord would be fulfilled.

GOSPEL: Lk 1:26 – 38

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PRIEST: A reading from the Holy Gospel according Luke

ALL: Glory to you, Lord.

You will conceive and bear a son.

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to Mary, the angel said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But Mary was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month of her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

PRIEST: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST: We bring to our loving Father the needs of the Church and the world. With Mary our Most Blessed Mother, with all the angels and saints, we lift our hearts to You, in confidence we pray:

(R) Lord, hear our prayer.

Intentions

1. Mary welcomed God's word: we pray that God's word may take deeper root in the hearts of Christians. **(R)**
2. Mary heard the word of God: we pray that civil authorities and those at war may hear God's word of peace and justice. **(R)**
3. Mary pondered the word of God in her heart: we pray for theologians and preachers that they may bring the message of God alive today. **(R)**
4. Mary did the word of God and was happy to be his slave: we pray that we may put into practice the saving word that we hear. **(R)**

PRIEST: Father in heaven, we thank you for your plan of love for us: may the mother of Jesus through the Holy Spirit reveal her Son to us; may Jesus lead us to know Mary's motherly care for us all. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus, our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY SONG

O Father Bless the Offering (CLM 209) or any Suitable song

PRIEST: Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

ALL: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

PRIEST: Lord, accept our gifts and make them the sacrament of salvation. By its power warm our hearts with the love of the Virgin Mary, mother of the Church, and join us more closely with her in sharing the redeeming work of her Son. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PRIEST: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PRIEST: Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks, and to praise you for your gifts as we contemplate your saints in glory. In celebrating the memory of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it is our special joy to echo her songs of

thanksgiving. What wonders you have worked throughout the world. All generations have shared the greatness of your love.

When you looked on Mary your lowly servant, you raised her to be the mother of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, the savior of all humankind.

Through him the angels of heaven offer their prayer of adoration as they rejoice in your presence for ever. May our voices be one with theirs in their triumphant hymn of praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRIEST: Father, you are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives you praise. All life, all holiness comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit. From age to age you gather a people to yourself, so that from east to west a perfect offering may be made to the glory of you name.

And so, Father, we bring you these gifts. We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may become the body and blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate this Eucharist.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciple, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting

covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Eucharistic Acclamation

PRIEST: Father, calling to mind the death your Son endured for our salvation, his glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven, and ready to greet him when he comes again, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look with favor on you Church's offering, and see the Victim whose death has reconciled us to yourself. Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ.

May he make us an everlasting gift to you and enable us to share in the inheritance of your saints, with Mary, Our Lady of Chartres; with the apostles, the martyrs, and all your saints, on whose constant intercession we rely for help.

Lord, may this sacrifice, which has made our peace with you, advance the peace and salvation of all the world. Strengthen in faith and love your pilgrim Church on earth; your servant, Pope N., our bishop N., and all the bishops, with the clergy and the entire people your Son has gained for you. Father, hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you. In mercy and love unite all your children wherever they may be.

Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship. We hope to enjoy forever the vision of your glory, through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

GREAT AMEN

PRIEST: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words of our Savior gave us.

ALL: The Lord's Prayer

OUR FATHER

PRIEST: Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

ALL: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.

SIGN OF PEACE

PRIEST: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. 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 forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

PRIEST: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

PRIEST: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION

PRIEST: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

ALL: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

PRIEST: May the body of Christ bring me
 to everlasting life.

 May the blood of Christ bring me
 to everlasting life.

COMMUNION SONG

**THE SONG OF THE SERVANT (CLM 380) or any
suitable song**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRIEST: Let us pray.

 Lord God, we have received the foretaste and
promise of the fullness of redemption.

 We pray that your Church, through the intercession
of the Virgin Mother, may proclaim the Gospel to all
nations and by the power of the Spirit reach to the ends of
the earth. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

CONCLUDING RITE

PRIEST: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Solemn Blessings

PRIEST: Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

PRIEST: May the Father of mercies bless you through the intercession of blessed Mary, ever virgin, through whom he chose to remedy the fall of our first parents.

ALL: Amen.

PRIEST: May Jesus Christ, who in the womb of the Blessed Virgin became our brother and our Savior, free your hearts from every trace of sin.

ALL: Amen.

PRIEST: May the Holy Spirit increase in you in the grace of true faith and of hope for heaven, that you may walk in the ways of the Gospel and so reach your eternal home.

ALL: Amen.

PRIEST: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

PRIEST: Our celebration is ended. Go in peace and welcome the Lord's coming into your lives.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

AVE MARIA (CLM 33) or any suitable Song