

Pray for Priests

This can be a gift for any priest you may know, your parish priest, the priest who baptized or married you, our newly ordained Bishop of Allentown, or friar priests at our retreat house.

Pray the prayers of the plenary indulgence mentioned in this brochure and send your favorite priests a card reassuring them of your prayers during this special year of prayer for priests.

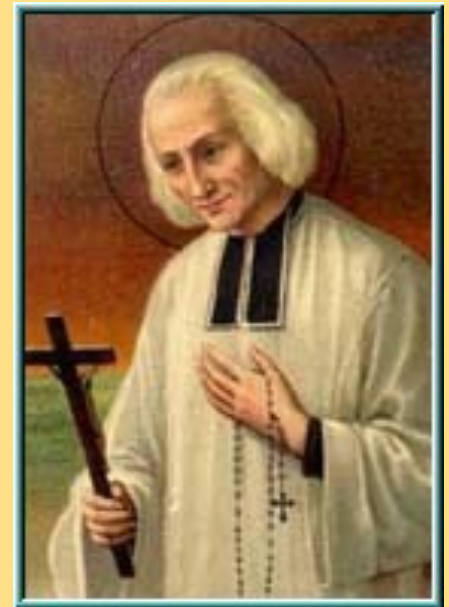
Remember, every member of the faithful who offers these prayers gains a Plenary Indulgence.

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Year of Prayer For Priesthood

June 19, 2009 till June 19, 2010



SAINT JOHN VIANNENY

"The Cure of Ars"

Patron Saint of Parish Priests

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Plenary Indulgence of Prayer for Priesthood

Pope Benedict XVI has announced that during the year for priesthood, which will run June 19, 2009 till June 19, 2010, there will be granted a plenary indulgence to all priests and the faithful.

The year will end in St Peter's Square in the presence of priests from all over the world "who will renew their faithfulness to Christ and their bonds of fraternity".

The means to obtain the Indulgence are as follows:

All truly penitent priests who, on any day, devotedly pray Lauds or Vespers before the Blessed Sacrament exposed to public adoration or in the tabernacle and ... or for themselves with a ready and generous heart for the celebration of the Sacrament exposed to public adoration or in the tabernacle, and offer themselves with a ready and generous heart for the celebration of the sacraments, especially the Sacrament

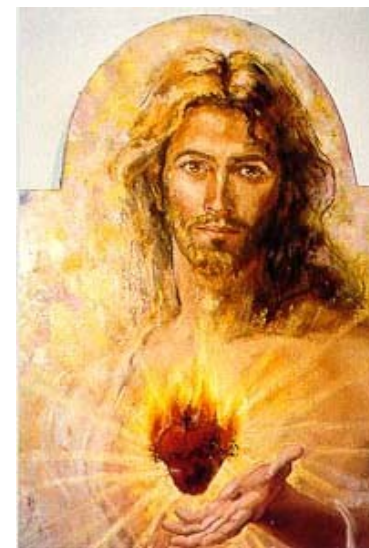
of Penance, will be granted a plenary indulgence which they can also apply to their deceased confreres, **IF** in accordance with current norms they take Sacramental Confession and the Eucharist and pray in accordance with the intentions of the Holy Father. Priests are furthermore granted a **partial indulgence**, also applicable to deceased confreres every time they devotedly recite the prayers duly approved to lead a saintly life and to carry out the duties entrusted to them.

FOR THE FAITHFUL

For all truly penitent Christian faithful who in a church or oratory devotedly attend holy mass and offer prayers to Jesus Christ, Supreme and eternal priest, for the priests of the Church, or perform any good work to sanctify and mold them to his heart are granted a plenary indulgence on the condition that they have expiated their sins through Sacramental Confession and prayed in accordance with the intentions of the Holy Father. This may be done on the opening and closing days of the year of the priest on the 150th anniversary of the death of St John Marie Vianney, on the first Thursday of the month or on any other day

established by the local bishops of particular places for the good of the faithful.

The elderly, the sick and those who for any legitimate reason are unable to leave their homes *may still* obtain a plenary indulgence if with the soul completely removed from attachment to any form of sin and with the intention of observing as soon as they can the usual three conditions (**On the days concerned they pray for the sanctification of priests and offer their sickness and suffering to God through Mary, Queen of the Apostles**).



Additionally a partial indulgence will be offered to the faithful each time they pray five Our Fathers, Hail Mary's and Glory Bes, or any other duly approved prayer in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to

ask that priests maintain purity and sanctity of life.