

Wednesday

A.) Opening Blessing: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

B.) Opening Prayer

Family Vocation Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for giving your life for us. Please help more young people to follow your example by giving their lives in service as Priests and Religious. If you are calling someone in our family to the Priesthood or the Religious Life, please help them to say, "yes". Amen.

C.) Read the following passage

John 20:19-23 The Breath of the Holy Spirit
(See Appendix III for Reading)

D.) Reflection: Take a few minutes for quiet reflection and discussion of the scriptural passage.

E.) Intercessory Prayer

Leader: For those Religious Men and Women responsible for guiding the spiritual growth of students in our Seminary's, Novitiates, Postulancies, Colleges, High Schools and Grammar Schools that they will rely on the wisdom of the Spirit in their ministry, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the Priests and Religious of the Archdiocese of Boston, that they continue to grow in holiness and zeal for the gospel, we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: For priests who have heard our confessions and given us absolution (pause and remember them by name), and for all Religious Men and Women who have taught us to live as Disciples of Christ (pause and remember them by name), we pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

F.) Closing Prayer

Prayer of Abandonment to God's Will and Direction

Master of my heart, what I yearn for most is intimacy with you. Give me that deep-down faith that believes you love me passionately. In our heart-to-heart conversations, my Eucharistic Jesus, let me dream your dreams for me. And may I dream to make a difference for the people of today. Jesus Master, calm me as I go about my sometimes frenetic-paced life. Use my creativity, my energy, my enthusiasm in the way you see best, to bring light and grace to our overworked world. When I become overwhelmed by difficulties, doubts, and disappointments, may I let go of my own opinions and desires and trust that your will should be done. I can say more, but...Whatever, Lord! May I live only for you. Amen.

- Sr. Nancy Michael, Daughters of St. Paul

Close with three recitations of The Hail Mary.