ARCHBISHOP'S COMMITTEE FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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Dear Parish Coordinator of Eucharistic Adoration, (Please forward to coordinator)

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PRAY AND SACRIFICE FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS AND HOLY VOCATIONS

"The priesthood is the sublimest dignity that God can confer on a human being." (Servant of God, Fr. John A. Hardon)

"All Things New" has come about due to the shortage of priests. Because of this, parishes will close and merge. The Archdiocese will never look the same.

Did you know that as Catholics we are obliged to pray for priests and holy vocations. Did you know when Eucharistic Adoration was instituted in our Archdiocese, its main goal was to pray for Holy Vocations to the Sacred Priesthood? Have we failed? How about the future for our children and grandchildren? Many Catholics may have failed to realize how important is the Sacred Priesthood.

Please promote prayer for the Sanctification of Priests and Holy Vocations in your chapels and churches Attached is a very simple prayer for this intention. Would you please consider printing it out on lightweight cardstock and share it with the adorers. Keep it available to pick up and pray.

Here are some quotes from St. John Vianney, Patron of Parish Priests. Please consider sharing them with others, possibly in your bulletin:

"Without the Sacrament of Holy Orders, we would not have the Lord. Who put Him there in that tabernacle? The priest. Who welcomed your soul at the beginning of your life? The priest. Who feeds



your soul and gives it strength for its journey? The priest. Who will prepare it to appear before God, bathing it one last time in the blood of Jesus Christ? The priest, always the priest. And if this soul should happen to die [as a result of sin], who will raise it up, who will restore its calm and peace? Again, the priest. ... After God, the priest is everything! ... Only in heaven will he fully realize what he is. Were we to fully realize what a priest is on earth, we would die: not of fright, but of love... Without the priest, the passion and death of our Lord would be of no avail. It is the priest who continues the work of redemption on earth... What use would be a house filled with gold, were there no one to open its door? The priest holds the key to the

treasures of heaven: it is he who opens the door: he is the steward of the good Lord; the administrator of His goods ... Leave a parish for twenty years without a priest, and they will end by worshiping the beasts there ... The priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you." St. John Vianney

Thank your priests! Pray for your priests! And ask GOD TO BLESS YOUR PRIESTS!

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