

Why spiritual motherhood for priests?



In the booklet *Adoration, Reparation, Spiritual Motherhood for Priests*, one of the stories was of a group of Catholic mothers living in a rural village in Italy - the mothers of Lu. The small acts of faithfulness and devotion were rewarded many times over in an abundance of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This should be of no surprise, for Holy Scripture tells us:

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Matthew 7: 7-8.

Also parents have a special spiritual authority over their children; it is God given and an awesome responsibility and privilege. These mothers called upon Heaven for their children and they were mighty prayers indeed.

The mothers banded together in faith and mutual love for God and their children. This was spiritual motherhood in action, it was simple; it was constant. How important it is to ask God to bless our own families with religious vocations if it be God's Holy Will and secondly that this is doable!

Today we do not live in the small, isolated confines of a village or town. This world has opened up in a universal way and we see this particularly in the online world where mothers from one end of the globe to the other can communicate with each other.

While this world has grown large, Catholic mothers all over the globe can still band together as the mothers of Lu once did - together we can pray and be inspired with stories of faith, we can support each other in our shared mission of praying and offering for priests and vocations.

Please join with us every Sunday in offering the prayer below, the same prayer offered by the mothers of Lu, asking God daily for the gift of priests and religious, especially from our own families.

***“O God, grant that one of my sons may become a priest!
I myself want to live as a good Christian
and want to guide my children always to do what is right,
so that I may receive the grace, O God, to be allowed to give you a holy priest!
Amen.”***

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