

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER III
for use in the Ritual Mass for Confirmation

The principal celebrant, with hands extended, says:

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise, for through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by the power and working of the Holy Spirit, you give life to all things and make them holy, and you never cease to gather a people to yourself, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting a pure sacrifice may be offered to your name.

The principal concelebrant and all concelebrants, holding their hands extended toward the offerings, say:

Therefore, O Lord, we humbly implore you: by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to you for consecration,

The principal concelebrant joins his hands and makes the Sign of the Cross over the bread and chalice together, saying:

that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,

They join their hands.

at whose command we celebrate these mysteries.

For on the night he was betrayed, he himself took bread, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Each concelebrant extends his right hand toward the bread, if this seems appropriate.

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

The concelebrants join their hands, look toward the consecrated host as it is shown, and after this bow profoundly.

After this, the principal celebrant and all concelebrants continue:

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

Each concelebrant extends his right hand toward the chalice, if this seems appropriate.

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL
COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR
MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS
IN MEMORY OF ME.**

The concelebrants join their hands, look toward the chalice as it is shown, and after this bow profoundly.

Then the principal celebrant says:

The mystery of faith.

And the concelebrants with the people continue, acclaiming:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Or:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Or:

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Then the principal celebrant and the concelebrants, with hands extended, say:

Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the saving Passion of your Son, his wondrous Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, and as we look forward to his second coming, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice.

Look, we pray, upon the oblation of your Church and, recognizing the sacrificial Victim by whose death you willed to reconcile us to yourself, grant that we, who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with his Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

They join their hands.

◆ Concelebrant 1, with hands extended, says:

May he make of us
an eternal offering to you,
so that we may obtain an inheritance with your elect,
especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God,
with Blessed Joseph her spouse,
with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs
(with Saint N.: **the Saint of the day or Patron Saint**)
and with all the Saints,
on whose constant intercession in your presence
we rely for unfailing help.

He joins his hands.

◆◆ Concelebrant 2, with hands extended, says:

May this Sacrifice of our reconciliation,
we pray, O Lord,
advance the peace and salvation of all the world.
Be pleased to confirm in faith and charity

your pilgrim Church on earth,
with your servant **Francis** our Pope and **Ronald**
our Bishop,
the Order of Bishops, all the clergy, and the
entire people you have gained for your own.

Remember also, Lord,
your servants reborn in Baptism
whom you have been pleased to confirm
by bestowing the Holy Spirit,
and in your mercy, keep safe in them your grace.

Listen graciously to the prayers of this family,
whom you have summoned before you: in your
compassion, O merciful Father, gather to
yourself all your children scattered throughout
the world.

He joins his hands.

◆◆◆ Concelebrant 3, with hands extended, says:

To our departed brothers and sisters
and to all who were pleasing to you
at their passing from this life,
give kind admittance to your kingdom.
There we hope to enjoy for ever the fullness of
your glory

He joins his hands.

through Christ our Lord, through whom you
bestow on the world all that is good.

The principal celebrant with the concelebrants, say:

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

The people acclaim:

Amen.