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Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations
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Procession

After all have assembled, a song is sung as the priest/deacon enters carrying the Blessed Sacrament to the altar in a monstrance. The Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar. The priest then kneels before the altar and incenses the Blessed Sacrament.

Exposition Hymn

O Saving Victim opening wide	O Salutaris hostia,
The gate of heaven to all below.	Quae caeli pandis ostium,
Our foes press on from every side;	Bella praemunt hostilia:
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.	Da robur, fer auxilium.
To Thy great name be endless praise	Uni trinoque Domino
Immortal Godhead, One in Three;	Sit sempiterna gloria:
Oh, grant us endless length of days,	Qui vitam sine termino,
In our true native land with Thee.	Nobis donet in patria.

Opening Prayer

The priest/deacon then goes to the chair, where he prays the opening prayer.

Leader: O Jesus, Lord of the Harvest, behold us kneeling before Your Eucharistic presence. The harvest indeed is great but the laborers are few. Send therefore, laborers into Your harvest. Repeat anew to youth the loving invitation, "Come follow Me." Encourage them with the words so often spoken to the apostles: "Fear not." Place in their hearts a spark of that fire of love which You came to cast upon the earth. Grant that it may be enkindled there into a flaming torch that will enable them to enlighten and fulfill Your last command: "Go into the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature."

All: Amen

After a period of silent prayer

Gospel Reading

St. John 1:35-39

Leader: The next day, John again was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, "What are you looking for?" And they said to Him, "Rabbi, (which means Teacher), "Where are You staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." So they went and saw where He was staying; and they stayed with Him that day.

"The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease."

St. John Paul II, Dominicae cenae, 3.

REPOSITION

After the blessing the Blessed Sacrament is removed from the monstrance and brought to the place of reservation. Meanwhile, the priest leads all in the Divine Praises.

All: Blessed be God.
Blessed be His Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus.
Blessed be His most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be His most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste Spouse.
Blessed be God in His angels and in His saints.

May the heart of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored, and loved, with grateful affection, at every moment, in all the tabernacles of the world, even until the end of time.

After the Divine Praises are finished, the hymn is sung, The priest and the servers bow to the altar and leave.

Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee;
All on earth thy scepter claim;
All in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain,
Everlasting is they reign!

Hark the loud celestial hymn;
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord!

After a period of silent prayer

Litany for Vocations

Leader: Lord, have mercy. All: Lord, have mercy.
Leader: Christ, have mercy. All: Christ, have mercy.
Leader: Lord, have mercy. All: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Heavenly Father, All: **hear our prayer.**

Leader: As you called Abraham to be the father of many nations;
All: **Inspire young people to answer your call.**

Leader: As you called Moses, tending the flocks of Jethro;
All: **Provide worthy pastors to your flock in our day.**

Leader: As you spoke to Samuel with your call;
All: **Open the ears of your chosen ones.**

Leader: As Elisha was anointed by the prophet Elijah;
All: **Purify those preparing for priesthood and religious life.**

Leader: As you called Jeremiah from the womb;
All: **Send forth young people to evangelize and proclaim.**

Leader: As you gave Saint Paul the gift of courage;
All: **Fill the hearts of all consecrated men and women with the love of Christ.**

Leader: As you called the Apostles to be ambassadors for Christ;
All: **Send us fervent preachers to strengthen our spirits.**

Leader: As the Blessed Virgin Mary joyfully received the Archangel Gabriel's message;
All: **So also give to our young people the grace and strength to accept and embrace their vocation in life.**

Silent Adoration, Spiritual Reading, & Personal Prayer

Take time to reflect prayerfully upon the Gospel passage or Litany.

ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS

The **Luminous Mysteries** are prayed while reflecting on them as **"Mysteries of Vocation"**, imploring the Immaculate Heart of Mary for an increase of vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life within the Church.

Leader: (1) Reflecting on the beauty of the mission of John the Baptist being fulfilled as he ***Baptizes the Lord,*** the presence of the Father who is well pleased and the power of the Holy Spirit who compels Jesus into His mission all hold truth for meditating on vocations. This mystery reinforces the essential significance of the mission of every Christian. Hearts closed to the call of the Lord will not know their mission, nor will they reach their fulfillment as persons made in God's image, the image of Christ sent by the Father, because vocation, mission and personhood are inseparably linked.

Leader: (2) The ***Mystery of the Wedding Feast at Cana*** draws our attention to the need for obedience to the voice of God. Once God's call is heard, action is required. Our Blessed Mother clearly says to "Do whatever He tells you."

Leader: (3) Faithful obedience to the Lord's call establishes the Christian firmly in union with Jesus in the ***Proclamation of the Kingdom***. This mystery can be prayed with the desire for the knowledge of the charism through which the person is to fall in love with Christ and for the apostolate in which one is to serve God.

Leader: (4) The ***Mystery of the Transfiguration*** increases our confidence in the reality of Christ who is calling us to a vocation to serve the kingdom. Who comes and touches Peter, James and John after the glorious vision and says, "Do not be afraid"? Jesus calls, He strengthens that call, He challenges us in the call, He sustains us with love in the call.

Leader: (5) Jesus promises to be with us always and remains divinely present in the soul of every baptized person. He calls us as persons, body and soul, to be given as gift to another. That is love, to be totally given to another. In the ***Mystery of the Eucharist*** Jesus is both Giver and Gift. He gives the example of humble service and selfless gift.

After the hymn is finished, the priest rises and sings:

Leader: You have given them Bread from heaven.
All: **Having all sweetness within it.**

After a brief period of silence, the priest continues:

Leader: O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament
have left us a memorial of your Passion,
grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries
of your Body and Blood
that we may always experience in ourselves
the fruits of your redemption.
Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

After the prayer, the priest or deacon puts on the humeral veil, genuflects, and takes the monstrance.

He makes the sign of the cross with the monstrance over those gathered, in silence.

Saint RICHARD, **pray for us.**
Saint RITA, **pray for us.**
Saint ROSE of LIMA, **pray for us.**
Saint THERESA of the INFANT JESUS, **pray for us.**
Saint THERESA of CALCUTTA, **pray for us.**
Saint VINCENT de PAUL, **pray for us.**
Saints CYRIL and METHODIUS, **pray for us.**
Saint PAULINE VISINTAINER **pray for us.**
HOLY ANGELS of GOD, **pray for us.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: Heavenly Father, bless our diocese with many vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, and our patron saints, grant to those You have called the willingness and generosity of spirit to give of themselves in devoting their lives and their talents to the service of our Lord and to the Church. Increase the faith of all within our diocese. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R./ **Amen.**

The Order of Solemn Benediction

As the celebrant kneels, the hymn is sung and he incenses the Blessed Sacrament.

Benediction Hymn

Down in adoration falling,
Lo! The Sacred Host we hail.
Lo! O'er ancient forms departing,
Newer rites of Grace prevail:
Faith for all defects supplying,
Where the feeble senses fail.

To The Everlasting Father
And The Son Who reigns on high,
With The Spirit blessed proceeding
Forth, from Each eternally,
Be salvation, honor, blessing,
Might and endless majesty.

Amen.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui:
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui:
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio:
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio.

Amen.

Intercessory Prayer

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, you not only unceasingly urge souls to strive toward this lofty goal, but also move them by the mighty power of Your grace to follow You. Grant that many may hear and embrace their vocation to ordained ministry or consecrated life, where they will enjoy Your solicitude and tender care. We pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Leader: Grant there may never be lacking devoted men, to take Your place at the altar proclaiming Your Gospel and offering Your Body and Blood for the salvation of the world. We pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Leader: Grant there may never be lacking devoted servants of Your own charity to take Your place day and night at the side of the orphan, at the bed of the sick, near the elderly and infirm who otherwise might not find a helping hand stretched out to them. We pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Leader: Grant that in classrooms and universities the voice of those who teach may be the echo of Your own, pointing out the way to heaven and the duties incumbent on each and all. We pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Leader: Grant that no land, however distant or inhospitable, may be deprived of the gospel message that invites all to enter your kingdom. We pray to the Lord.

All: **Lord, hear our prayer**

Leader: O Lord, enlighten many generous hearts with the ardent rays of Your Holy Spirit, eternal and substantial love; and by the powerful intercession of Your most loving mother, Mary, enkindle and sustain the fervor of Your love in these hearts so they may offer themselves in service to You as a priest, deacon or consecrated religious for the glory of the Father and of the same Holy Spirit, who lives and reigns with You, One God for ever and ever.

All: **Amen**

Saint Patrick
Heavenly Patron
of the
Diocese of Harrisburg

Litany of the Parish Patrons of the Diocese of Harrisburg

Lord, have mercy on us.	**Lord, have mercy on us.**
Christ, have mercy on us.	**Christ, have mercy on us.**
Lord, have mercy on us.	**Lord, have mercy on us.**
Christ, hear us.	**Christ, graciously hear us.**

God the Father of Heaven,	**have mercy on us.**
God the Son, DIVINE REDEEMER of the World,	**have mercy on us.**
God the HOLY SPIRIT,	**have mercy on us.**
HOLY TRINITY, One God,	**have mercy on us.**
HOLY INFANT,	**have mercy on us.**
O Christ, GOOD SHEPHERD,	**have mercy on us.**
CORPUS CHRISTI, our Heavenly Nourishment,	**have mercy on us.**
CHRIST THE KING,	**have mercy on us.**
O PRINCE OF PEACE,	**have mercy on us.**
Jesus, by Your HOLY FAMILY,	**have mercy on us.**
Jesus, by Your HOLY NAME,	**have mercy on us.**
Jesus, by Your SACRED HEART,	**have mercy on us.**

Holy Mary, Mother of God	**pray for us.**
Our LADY of MERCY,	**pray for us.**
Our LADY of GOOD COUNSEL,	**pray for us.**
Our LADY of HOPE,	**pray for us.**
Our LADY of LOURDES,	**pray for us.**
Our LADY of MOUNT CARMEL,	**pray for us.**
Our LADY of REFUGE,	**pray for us.**
Our LADY of THE BLESSED SACRAMENT,	**pray for us.**
Our LADY of FATIMA,	**pray for us.**
Our LADY, HELP of CHRISTIANS,	**pray for us.**
Our Lady of the SEVEN SORROWS,	**pray for us.**
Our MOTHER of PERPETUAL HELP,	**pray for us.**
Our MOTHER of HOLY PURITY,	**pray for us.**
O MARY of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,	**pray for us.**
O BLESSED MARY of the ANNUNCIATION,	**pray for us.**
Our LADY of THE VISITATION,	**pray for us.**
O BLESSED MARY of the ASSUMPTION,	**pray for us.**
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY,	**pray for us.**
QUEEN of PEACE,	**pray for us.**
QUEEN of the MOST HOLY ROSARY,	**pray for us.**
Holy MARY, GATE of HEAVEN,	**pray for us.**
Our Lady of Guadalupe,	**pray for us.**
Holy MARY, MOTHER of the CHURCH,	**pray for us.**
Saint JOSEPH,	**pray for us.**
Saint JOHN the BAPTIST,	**pray for us.**
Saint PETER,	**pray for us.**
Saint PAUL,	**pray for us.**
Saint ANDREW,	**pray for us.**
Saint JAMES,	**pray for us.**
Saint MATTHEW the EVANGELIST	**pray for us.**
Saint MARK the EVANGELIST,	**pray for us.**
Saint LUKE the EVANGELIST,	**pray for us.**
Saint PHILIP,	**pray for us.**
Saint JUDE THADDEUS,	**pray for us.**
Saint CECILIA,	**pray for us.**
Saint LEO the GREAT,	**pray for us.**
Saint ALOYSIUS,	**pray for us.**
Saint ANNE,	**pray for us.**
Saint ANTHONY of PADUA,	**pray for us.**
Saint BENEDICT the ABBOT,	**pray for us.**
Saint BERNADETTE,	**pray for us.**
Saint BERNARD,	**pray for us.**
Saint FRANCES CABRINI,	**pray for us.**
Saint CATHERINE of SIENA,	**pray for us.**
Saint CATHERINE LABOURE,	**pray for us.**
Saint COLUMBA,	**pray for us.**
Saint ELEANOR REGINA,	**pray for us.**
Saint ELIZABETH ANN SETON,	**pray for us.**
Saint FRANCIS XAVIER,	**pray for us.**
Saint FRANCIS of ASSISI,	**pray for us.**
Saint GEORGE,	**pray for us.**
Saint IGNATIUS LOYOLA,	**pray for us.**
Saint JOAN of ARC,	**pray for us.**
Saint JOHN NEUMANN,	**pray for us.**
Saint KATHARINE DREXEL,	**pray for us.**
Saint MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE,	**pray for us.**
Saint MONICA,	**pray for us.**
Saint PATRICK,	**pray for us.**
Saint PIUS X,	**pray for us.**