

**PETITIONS FOR THE *YEAR OF THE PRIEST***  
**FOR OCCASIONAL USE ON SUNDAYS AND WEEKDAYS**  
**FROM JUNE 19, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 19, 2010**

*Those who prepare the Prayer of the Faithful are asked to add one of the following occasionally on Sundays and Weekdays. This petition can satisfy the fourth category, for the local community, or be an additional petition for this same category.*

*Deacon/cantor/reader:*

For all our priests during this *Year of the Priest*,  
who announce God's Holy Word  
and celebrate the Sacraments of Christ,  
that they may be joyful witnesses of the mysteries they celebrate for us.

Let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Or,*

For priests all throughout the Archdiocese,  
as we observe this *Year of the Priest*,  
that they may know the prayerful support of God's Holy People  
as they teach, guide and sanctify us in Christ Jesus the Priest.

Let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Or,*

For priests in special need of prayer and support  
during this *Year of the Priest*  
that they may be strengthened with God's grace in their divine vocation  
as they endeavor to serve us more faithfully as signs of Christ the Priest.

Let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Or,*

For all priests who act in the person of Christ,  
Head of His Body, the Church,  
that, as we observe this *Year of the Priest*,  
they may be recognized as icons of Jesus  
in our communities and in society.

Let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Or,*

May this *Year of the Priest*

bring new strength and grace to all our priests  
to be configured more robustly to the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
with a profound love for all they serve.

Let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Or,*

May all our priests during this *Year of the Priest*,

through the heavenly intercession of Saint John Vianney,  
regard highly the daily duty of reaching out to the neediest of souls,  
especially with the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

Let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Or,*

May all our priests and all the faithful

during this *Year of the Priest*  
reclaim the centrality of the celebration of the Eucharist  
as the source and summit of all the works of the Church.

Let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* Lord, hear our prayer.

*Or,*

May all our priests during this *Year of the Priest*

seek deeper holiness of life  
so to serve with joy and happiness the holy people  
entrusted to their priestly care.

Let us pray to the Lord.

*All:* Lord, hear our prayer.