

## FOR VOCATIONS TO RELIGIOUS LIFE

### Entrance Antiphon

Mt 19:21

If you would be perfect,  
go, sell what you have, give to the poor,  
and follow me, says the Lord. (Easter time: Alleluia.)

### Collect

Holy Father, who, though urging all the faithful to perfect charity,  
never cease to prompt many to follow more closely  
in the footsteps of you Son,  
grant, we pray, that those you have chosen for this special calling  
may, by their way of life,  
show to the Church and the world a clear sign of your Kingdom.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

### Or, to be said by a religious Priest:

Look with favour on your family, O Lord,  
and increase it always with new offspring,  
so that it may lead its sons (daughters)  
towards their goal of perfect charity  
and work effectively for the salvation of all.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

### Prayer over the Offerings

Receive in compassion, holy Father,  
the offerings we bring you,  
and grant fraternal communion and spiritual freedom  
to all who set out joyfully to imitate your Son  
by following the narrow way.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

Cf. Mt 19:27-29

Amen, I say to you: that you who have left all and followed me will receive a hundredfold and possess eternal life, says the Lord.

(Easter time: Alleluia.)

### Prayer after Communion

Strengthen your servants, O Lord,  
with this spritual food and drink,  
so that, always faithful to the call of the Gospel,  
they may make present everywhere  
the living image of your Son.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

### Or, to be said by a religious Priest:

By the power of this Sacrament  
give us, Lord, we pray,  
perseverance in obeying your will,  
that we may bear witness to your love before the world  
and seek with courage those good things  
which alone will last for ever.  
Through Christ our Lord.