

FOR VOCATIONS TO HOLY ORDERS

Entrance Antiphon

Mt 9:38

Ask the Lord of the harvest
to send out labourers for his harvest,
says Jesus to his disciples. (Easter time: Alleluia.)

Collect

O God, who willed to provide shepherds for your people,
pour out in your Church a spirit of piety and fortitude,
to raise up worthy ministers for your altars
and make them ardent yet gentle heralds of your Gospel.
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

Look kindly, we pray, O Lord,
on the prayers and offerings of your people,
that the stewards of your mysteries may grow in number
and persevere always in your love.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

1 Jn 3:16

By this we came to know the love of God:
that Christ laid down his life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. (Easter time: Alleluia.)

Prayer after Communion

Renewed with the Bread of the heavenly table,
we entreat you, O Lord,
that through this Sacrament of charity
the seeds you saw with great abundance in the field of your Church
may come to maturity,
so that many may make it their choice in life
to serve you in their brothers and sisters.
Through Christ our Lord.