

Prayer for Priests

You came from among us
to be, for us, one who serves.

We thank you for ministering Christ to us
and helping us minister Christ to each other.

We are grateful

for the many gifts you bring to our community;
for being with us in all the joys and sorrows of
our life's journey;

for helping us to grow in faith and take the
initiative when necessary

and for helping the whole community realise
God's presence among us.

We pray that we may always be attentive to
your needs -

offering you friendship, love and support.

God our Father,

we ask you to bless our priests
and confirm them in their calling.

Give them the gifts they need

to respond with generosity and a joyful heart.

We offer this prayer for our priests,

who are our brothers and friends,

Amen .



YEAR OF THE PRIEST



JUNE 2009—JUNE 2010





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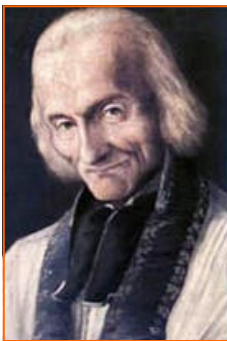
***Pope Benedict XVI
declared
June 2009 – June 2010
as the Year of The Priest***

The Theme for the priestly year is

***“Faithfulness of Christ,
Faithfulness of Priests”***

Why? The Year of the Priest coincides with the 150th anniversary of the death of St John Vianney, a 19th century parish priest, who transformed the lives of villagers in France through his example of holiness and his celebration of the Mass.

During the course of the Year of the Priest, Pope Benedict will proclaim St John Vianney as patron saint of all priests of the world.



St John Mary Vianney



***“The priest is not a
priest for himself,
he is a priest for you.”***

—St John Vianney



How we can support our priests

- Volunteer to assist and serve our priests and community by offering our gifts and talents.
- Always thank a Priest for a homily he shared that greatly inspired us.
- Reaffirm priests' calling by expressing our appreciation and encouragement.
- Invite our local priests to our homes for a family meal or celebration.
- Pray for vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious life.
- Pray for our priests.
- Participate fully in parish life.
- Keep our expectations real.
- Celebrate The Year of The Priest in our communities in a special way, for example, Parish BBQ, Parish Picnic, morning tea after Mass.