

ABOUT *MOTHERS FOR PRIESTS*

The apostolate of *Mothers for Priests* (MfP) summons Catholic mothers to a regular commitment to daily prayer for priests who are struggling and suffering. There is a special power of compassion in the maternal heart. The *Mothers for Priests* welcomes all and only Catholic mothers to be members. The charism of the *Mothers for Priests* is to pray for ordained Catholic priests, not as an apostolate of prayer for seminarians or for vocations. Priests need prayer support for perseverance in their vocations and protection from temptations and strengthening in the midst of struggles.

Membership in the *Mothers for Priests* starts with the First Station. Formal membership is effected by enrollment in the official registry. If you wish to register please send your name, address, email address, and phone number to MfP@priest.com

Following a train analogy, all mothers are summoned aboard at the First Station. The basic requirement is the Daily Prayer of the Mothers for Priests.

When ready, the mothers move to the next station, though arrival at the Third and Fourth Stations requires specific permission from a designated priest spiritual director. The four stations of the MfP and their essential responsibilities are described in this brochure.

A newsletter will be issued to all members providing reflections and encouragement for perseverance in this noble work of prayer. Official members will be issued a membership card.

Primarily a work of spiritual solidarity, the *Mothers for Priests* appreciates your financial support for this apostolate and its efforts for priests.



FOURTH STATION:



Responsibilities:

- First, Second, and Third Station
- Daily Prayer of the MfP– **three times daily**
- **Daily Twenty Decade Rosary**
- **Monday, Thursday, Friday fast and abstinence (meat, dessert, between meals)**
- **One Hour Daily before the Blessed Sacrament**
- **Tuesday and Friday Stations of the Cross**
- **Daily Reception of the Holy Eucharist**
- **Liturgy of the Hours and other prayers under obedience to a priest spiritual director**

If you feel called to still greater prayer and sacrifice for priests, you will need an approved priest spiritual director who would help discern your entrance into the Fourth Station.

Aiming at abnegation of the will and full docility to the Holy Spirit, at the Fourth Station, prayer for priests becomes all-consuming.

For more information, please see:
www.mothersforpriests.org



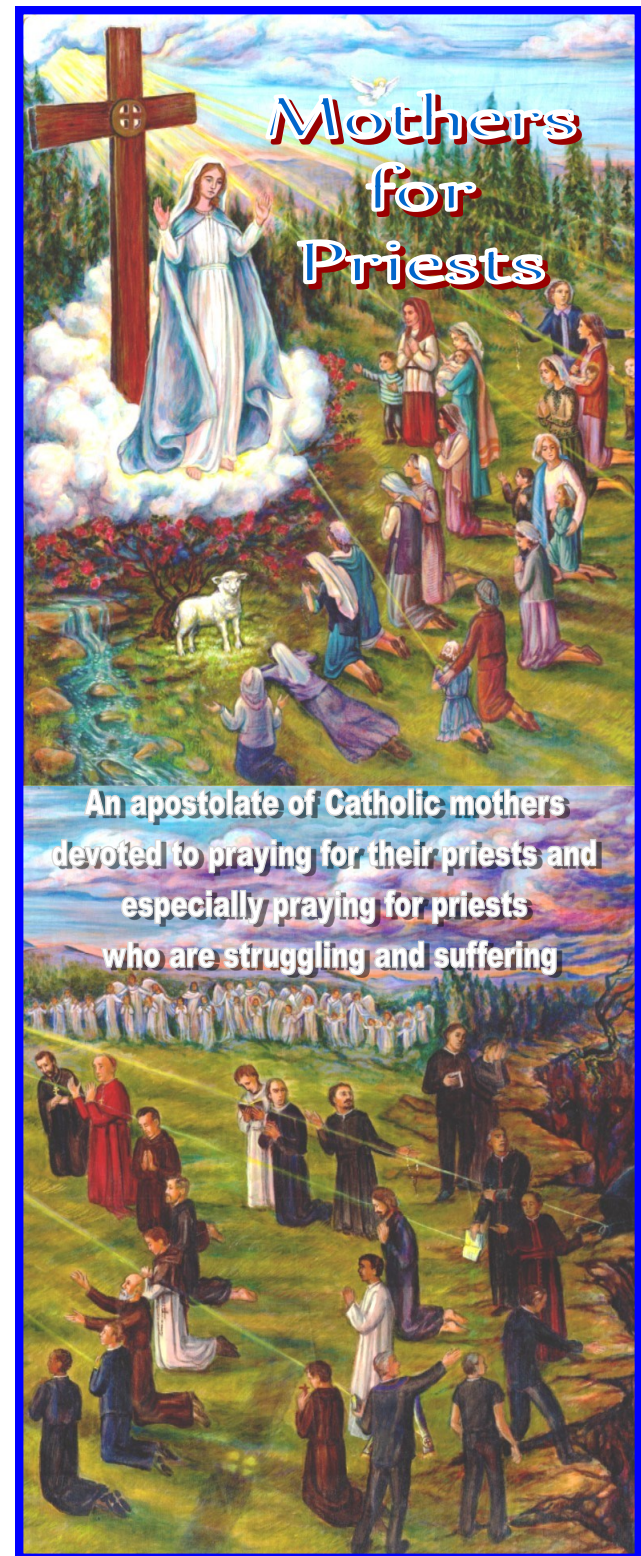
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FIRST STATION



Responsibilities:

- Pray each day:

DAILY PRAYER FOR SUFFERING AND STRUGGLING PRIESTS

O Most Gracious Virgin, we remember and pray for your holy sons through the blessings of your Son, Jesus Christ, who have dedicated and consecrated their lives to Him for our souls. Unite our maternal hearts with yours. Bring all into the embrace of your love. Cast your glance upon them, with your most charitable and most amiable heart.

Lead them to your Son,
our High Priest, Jesus Christ.
May your Son stretch out His hand,
to gather them, to shield them,
to encourage and strengthen them.
May our prayers, like yours,
Our Mother, never fail them.

Hear us, O Mother!

Save them from suffering!
Save them from struggle!

Save them from that black abyss.

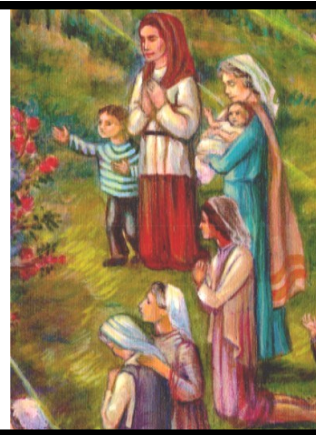
We ask that you, with the unconditional love of your maternal heart, fill us with that same love.

May our prayers for them never cease.
May your love for them join your love for your Son, our High Priest. Amen.

- The Rosary and the Litany of Humility, fasting and sacrifices are encouraged.



SECOND STATION



Responsibilities:

- All of the First Station Prayers
- **Litany of Humility**
- **Daily Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary**
- **First Friday Stations of the Cross**

After three months at the First Station, a mother may choose to get on board and move on to the next station. At the Second Station, a mother adds to her daily prayer, the praying of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. This Rosary is in addition to any other Rosary prayed for the day and is for the specific intention that priests have the grace to forgive those who persecute them. Meditating on the Passion of Jesus, our High Priest, the mother prays for heroic patience and abounding mercy in the hearts of priests.

Compassion for our Crucified Lord, in union with Mary, elicits deeper compassion for priests as they are configured to Christ, priest and victim. As a mother moves through the stations, other spiritual practices would be developed under the direction of the moderator of the station and through the quarterly newsletter. Daily attendance at Holy Mass and reception of Holy Communion along with frequenting the Sacrament of Confession are strongly encouraged as far as it is feasible in a mother's schedule.



THIRD STATION



Responsibilities:

- All of the First and Second Station Prayers.
- Daily Prayer for Suffering and Struggling Priests – **minimum two times daily**
- **Monday fast and abstinence (from meat and desserts)**
- **Friday Stations of the Cross**
- **Weekly Holy Hour at a specific time**

After further progress and dedication to prayer, a mother may choose to travel to the Third Station. At the Third Station, a mother joins in a coordinated effort of continual Holy Hours of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. The prayer of the Holy Hour shall consist of the Daily Prayer, the Litany of Humility, the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, and the Chaplet of the Maternal Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This continuous prayer will create a wall along the edge of the black abyss to protect priests from falling.

The weekly Holy Hour must be a firm commitment for which a mother would find a substitute if she were not able to be present for it. It is coordinated by phone and through the developing *Mothers for Priests* website.

Also, at this station, a mother would be encouraged to incorporate the *Liturgy of the Hours* into her daily prayers. Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Night Prayer could be fit in as far as possible.