

their own identity, and living the joy of the gift they have received.

We pray that Your Holy Mother, Mary, present throughout Your life, may be ever present in the life of Your Priests. Amen

❖ **Prayer for Father Tom & His Recruitment for Capuchin Vocations**

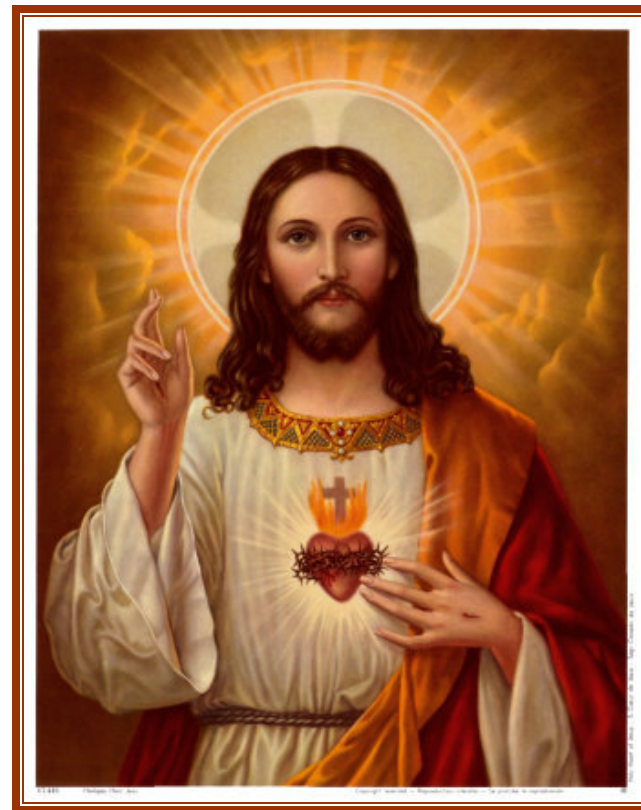
O Jesus, eternal Priest, keep him within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart, where none may touch him. Keep unstained his anointed hands, which daily touch Your Sacred Body. Keep unsullied his lips, daily purpled with your Precious Blood. Keep pure and unearthly his heart, sealed with the sublime mark of the priesthood.

Let Your holy love surround him and shield him from the world's contagion.

Bless his labors with abundant fruit and open the hearts of young men to hear your call to the Capuchin brotherhood so that the gospel dream of Francis of Assisi will come alive for a new generation and that your people will know Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

(Adapted From **Prayer for Priests** by St. Therese of Lisieux and “A prayer for vocations to the Capuchin brotherhood”)

Efficacious Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
(To be said from May 21 to May 29)
May 30, 2008
Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus



St. Padre Pio recited this novena every day for all those who requested his prayers.

I. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and you will receive, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." Behold I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of..... (*here name your request*)
Our Father....Hail Mary....Glory Be to the Father....**Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.**

II. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you." Behold, in your name, I ask the Father for the grace of.....(*here name your request*) Our Father...Hail Mary....Glory Be To the Father....**Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.**

III. O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away." Encouraged by your infallible words I now ask for the grace of.....(*here name your request*) Our Father....Hail Mary....Glory Be to the Father...**Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.**

O **Sacred Heart of Jesus**, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us miserable sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender Mother and ours.
Say the Hail, Holy Queen and add: St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.
-- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

The Congregation for the Clergy has declared May 30th, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to be the **World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests**. Surely a proper observance of this day should have the highest possible priority for every Catholic.

How will our parish observe the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests? Here is the suggestion. Let us say the prayers for our priests along with the novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The followings are two prayers for you to refer to. The first one is from the Congregation for the Clergy for lay people to say for priests. The second one is what we said as the parishioners of Holy Redeemer church for our beloved and respected Father Tom before the Holy Eucharist during the monthly Adoration on the first Sunday of the month.

❖ **Prayer for Priests**

Lord Jesus, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, and living perpetually among us through Your Priests, grant that the words of Your Priests may be only Your words, that their gestures be only Your gestures, and that their lives be a true reflection of Your life.

Grant that they may be men who speak to God on behalf of His people, and speak to His people of God. Grant that they be courageous in service, serving the Church as she asks to be served.

Grant that they may be men who witness to eternity in our time, traveling on the paths of history in Your steps, and doing good for all.

Grant that they may be faithful to their commitments, zealous in their vocation and mission, clear mirrors of