

# Corpus Christ Movement for Priests

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Dear Brother Priest,

During this time of the year, when we still rejoice in the Resurrection of Our Lord, we receive the joyful news of the many first and final profession of vows of the MC Sisters around the world. It is a great blessing to witness the sisters consecrate their lives to God, and the example that they set for us with their dedication, serving in poverty, chastity, obedience and wholehearted and free service to the poorest of the poor.

We are also grateful because they have spiritually adopted many of us and offer prayers and sacrifices for our priestly vocations. In turn, we remember them at the Altar during the Holy Eucharist. May the resurrected Jesus continue to inspire more vocations among young men and women to dedicate their lives to Him, to bring His Good News around the world as our dear Mother Teresa has taught us with her example.

This past year, we have had many blessings in our Movement for Priests. The moving vigil and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before Mother's Beatification was especially inspiring for many of the priests who participated. The highlight of the celebrations was the culmination with the Mass on Sunday morning when our Holy Father proclaimed Mother Blessed in Heaven.

I came across several testimonies during the vigil where Cardinals, Bishops and priests were present. One priest wrote to me saying how grateful and touched he was: "The Beatification of Mother Teresa was a great experience but especially the evening for priests at St. John Lateran, the Holy Father's Cathedral. The sisters were all present and a choir sang such rich hymns. They took turns reading excerpts from the writings of Mother Teresa about the need for holy priests." This prayer for holy priests moved him very much, especially to see the priests praying together and the people praying for the priests.

In February, we had a retreat pilgrimage for priests in Calcutta. It was a most beautiful experience and we are very grateful to Sr. Nirmala and all the sisters in Calcutta for their great and selfless hospitality. I am attaching an article from Calcutta's Catholic weekly, *The Herald*, to give you a glimpse of what we experienced.

In some countries, we have groups of priests who meet regularly. They have their days of recollection and other activities. We hope and pray that these groups will grow one at a time across the world.

As you know the purpose of the Movement is not only to meet, have retreats and fraternal gatherings but also that we as individual priests live the Spirituality and Charisma in our own priestly assignments day by day.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

Apart from several local events, we are planning after New Year's Day to hold a retreat in Prague, Czech Republic, under the guidance of the Infant Jesus of Prague from January 2nd to 10th. We will have a three-day study seminar on the Spiritual Exercises to learn and adapt them to our Charisma. This will be followed by five days of retreat. There will be two priests leading the retreat and several other priests making presentations at the seminar. The presentations and retreat will be available in English, Spanish and German.

Those priests interested in attending the retreat should contact either of the addresses mentioned below for more information and registration. We urge you to spread the word about the retreat to all the fellow priests you know.

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We thank you for all your help and support and we entrust all our cares to Mary, Cause of Our Joy.

God bless you,

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