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Christmas 1992

My dear Sisters and Brothers:

In the mystery of God's plan, the Creator wished to become one with the people created. The Christmas feast celebrates the incarnation of Jesus: God becoming one with us.

As we enter our churches to commemorate the ancient feast of Christmas, we do so with grateful hearts. Taking on the mantle of humanness, Jesus gave humanity a renewed dignity. As believers we are inspired by this gracious act of our God. Our respect and commitment to the dignity of all human life is strengthened by the Nativity.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Mary gave the world its Savior. Accepting Mary as our model, we give the "fiat" of our fidelity to God and welcome Christ to take up residence with us. We evidence Christ's presence by the service we offer and the gifts we share.

This year has presented a particular opportunity for service as our American men and women labor in Somalia to bring relief to those who hunger and thirst. That tragic situation challenges us to live our Christianity, just as care for the poor, the hungry, the vulnerable in our locality also calls us to action. I am grateful to all those who daily are striving to make good things happen through their service and commitment to human life.

Please know I am very grateful to you for your prayers and friendship, your loyalty and support, your generosity and investment in our Synod. May you all who are dear to you have a blessed Christmas and a rich and healthy new year.

With every good wish, I remain



Your brother in Christ,

Matthew H. Clark

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Bishop of Rochester

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a
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filled with
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THE MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

The following prayer was dictated by Our Lord to Sister Josefa Menendez at Poitiers, France, on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 3, 1921, with the instruction: "Josefa! Repeat these words every

JESUS PRAYER FOR HIS PRIESTS

O Jesus, by Thy most loving Heart, I implore Thee to inflame with zeal for Thy love and glory all the priests of the world, all missionaries and those whose office it is to preach Thy word, that on fire with holy zeal, they may snatch souls from the devil and lead them into the shelter of Thy Heart, where for ever they may glorify Thee.

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Mass
Rosary
Fasting
Day Offering
Eucharistic Adoration
Divine Mercy Chaplet

Or whatever the Lord inspires you to offer Him

JANUARY, 1993

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Reverend Fathers:	Vincent P. Panepinto	Robert C. MacNamara
3 Timothy E. Horan	4 Daniel P. Torney	5 Melvin H. Walczak	6 Charles E. Curran	7 Edwin B. Metzger	8 Joseph W. Dailey	9 John A. Karp
10 Francis H. Vogt	11 William D. Tobin	12 Patrick W. Steelman TOR	13 Austin Budnick OFM	14 Edward R. Heidt, CSB	15 Ronald A. Antinarelli	16 Most Rev. Joseph L. Hogan
17 John H. Hayes	18 John A. Firpo	19 Patrick L. Conhor	20 Louis J. Hohman	21 Edward L. Palumbos	22 Lewis E. Brown	23 Thomas Lostus, CSSR
24 T.F. McManus, SJ R.T. Farrell 31	25 John O'Hare, OFMC	26 Brian Murphy OCarm	27 Francis Marino, SM	28 Gerald J. Appleby	29 Bernard L. Carges	30 Michael C. Hogan

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