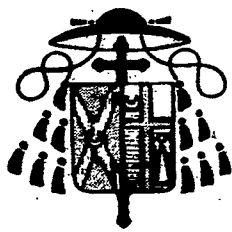


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Christmas, 1993

My dear People:

For almost four weeks we have been commemorating the Advent season. We now stand at the beginning of the Christmas season. It seems that time becomes more precious to us at this beautiful but hectic time of year. Christmas time, however, does invite us to deep, personal reflection.

When we reflect on our lives, a host of persons process through our memories. We recall those who have left this earthly life for the enlightened life of heaven. We recall those who have moved away — many of whom we greet only through Christmas cards. We bring to mind those who work alongside us and support us in our chosen professions. We think of those who love us and live with us. Our memories are alive as Advent, Christmas and Epiphany blend one into the other.

A common bond unites us at this happy time of year. It is the person of Jesus, our Savior and Messiah. This Infant Jesus whose birth we commemorate on De-

cember 25th, is the same Jesus who dwells in our church, in our hearts and in our lives. It is Jesus who adds depth to life's meaning. It is Jesus who enlivens the memories of these days.

As you and your loved ones gather for these holidays, I send my blessing and fond wish that you will celebrate the deep love that God has for you as manifested in our Savior's birth. Further, I pray that as we continue through the seasons of life, we will daily grow in awareness of the mystery of "God-With-Us."

Please remember me and the ongoing work of our diocesan Synod in your Christmas prayers. May the gentle love of a newborn Child fill you with peace, hope and joy. I remain,

Your brother in Christ,

† Matthew H. Clark
Bishop of Rochester

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Different prayers begin with this month's calendar

A new series of prayers is featured beginning with this week's Monthly Prayer Request for Priests (below). The prayers were gathered from literature at St. Alphonsus Church in Toronto.

According to Mary M. Reilich, one of the calendar's coordinators, the prayers are expected to change every four months throughout the year.

A new monthly calendar will appear in the Catholic Courier on the last Thursday of each month.

THE MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS

WOULD YOU PRAYER FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

ROSARY OF INTERCESSION FOR PRIESTS

Joyful Mysteries:

1. Annunciation: For obedience and loyalty.
2. Visitation: That they make Christ present.
3. Nativity: For the Pope and Bishops.
4. Presentation: For our Bishop and his priests.
5. Finding: For priestly holiness.

Sorrowful Mysteries:

1. Agony: For priests who suffer.
2. Scourging: For those persecuted for their priesthood.
3. Crowning: For Victory over all temptation.

4. The Cross: For priests on the missions
5. Crucifixion: For perseverance.

Glorious Mysteries:

1. Resurrection: For our own parish clergy.
 2. Ascension: For priests in religious life.
 3. Pentecost: For the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
 4. Assumption: For deceased priests.
 5. Coronation: For priestly vocations.
- Or whatever the Lord inspires you to offer Him on behalf of His Priests

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