

As the final song is sung and if the first class relic of Saint John Vianney is present, all are invited forward to venerate the sacred relic.

(Stand)

Closing Song: *Hymn for the Year of Priestly Jubilee*

(To melody of ODE TO JOY, BEACH SPRING - Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service, and HYFRYDOL - Alleluia! Sing to Jesus.)

(1)  
Friends of Christ, O royal priesthood,  
Sing of God's praise for every priest -  
Strong and faithful, weak or lonely -  
From the greatest to the least.  
Brother priests of the Good Shepherd  
Called to live the Lamb's high feast,  
Witness to your love of Jesus,  
Lord and Master, Great High Priest.

(2)  
Take the Cross upon your shoulder.  
Place your mind within your heart.  
Make of Christ your perfect model.  
Walk His steps and learn His art.  
Beat down Satan with each footstep.  
Fight to free each captive soul  
Till the world's deceits and pleasures  
Are no longer mankind's goal.

(3)  
Learn from Mary Blessed Mother;  
Ponder in your hearts God's grace:  
How Christ makes His living presence  
Real to feed the human race -  
The Atonement raised to heaven  
Through the holy hands of priests  
For the life of all creation  
Christ's own life, His Heart, His Peace.

(4)  
Forward go the royal banners  
Of our Eucharistic King.  
The Wise Virgins follow closely  
Lamps of seven in offering.  
Priests of God guide Christ's lay faithful  
To bring forth their gifts and lights  
And to call both friend and stranger  
To the Way of Jesus Christ.

(5)  
Now behold the Cross illumined  
By the Uncreated Light.  
See your Lord alive and risen  
Calling you to share His life.  
And around Him all assembled  
Martyred priests and Saints of God  
Calling all of us together  
To the Wedding Feast of God.



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## YEAR OF THE PRIEST HOLY HOUR 2009 - 2010

(Kneel)

Opening Song: *O Saving Victim* or  
*Gift of Finest Wheat*  
(or any other Eucharistic hymn)

During Opening Song: Exposition and Incensation of Blessed Sacrament

Opening Prayer: (Stand)

Prsider: Father, you have appointed your Son, Jesus Christ eternal High Priest. Guide those he has chosen to be ministers of word and sacrament and help them to be faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

### Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: I Corinthians 11:23-26 (Sit)  
(*Lectioary*, Vol. IV, pg. 634, No. 844:1)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84 Refrain: *Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.*

Donna B. Kasbohm, *Psalms and Ritual Music*, WLP, 2000

or

Psalm 110 Refrain: *You are a priest of Melchizedek. You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.*

Owen Alstott, *Respond and Acclaim*, OCP, 2009

Gospel Acclamation: (Stand)

Gospel: John 10:11-16  
(*Lectioary*, Vol. IV, pg. 644, No. 847:5)

Homily: (Sit)

(Sit or Kneel)

Period of Silence: Quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

(Stand)

Prayer for Priests and Priestly Vocations:

**All: Heavenly Father, please grant to your faithful servants, the grace and strength to carry your mission for the church each day. Keep our priests close to you and continue to inspire them to serve others in your holy name. Please help to inspire men who are called to a priestly vocation to answer your call and participate in the fullness that you have planned for them. Amen.**

Song: *Hymn for the Year of the Priest:*

(To melody of *The Church's One Foundation*)

1. O Christ, all priest-hood's mod-er-ate, Guide those who walk Your way,  
 2. Make all their ser-vice fer-vent, As they ab-solve, bap-tize,  
 3. Give fo-cus to their teach-ing That, feast-ing on Your Word  
 4. Teach them to gov-ern wise-ly, To guide Your flock with care,

That in their words and ac-tions Your grace lead them each day.  
 And feed us from Your Alt-ar, With Food that life sup-plies!  
 And formed by Gos-pel tid-ings, Your truth be preached and heard!  
 That they show forth Your King-dom, Tell Good News ev-'ry-where.

Lord Christ, en-dow with cour-age Your Church-'s priests, we sing,

That all their lives be pat-terned On You, their heav-n'ly King.

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TUNE: AURELIA 7 6 7 6 D: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

(Sit)

Reading: From the Catechetical Instructions by Saint John Mary Vianney  
Saint John Vianney is the patron of diocesan priests.  
His feast is observed in the annual calendar on August 4.

(Stand)

Litany: **Response: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon/Commentator:

Watch over the priests of your Church, so that after they have preached to others, they themselves may remain faithful in your service, we pray...

Inspire our priests to give homilies that touch the human heart and inspire God's people to serve others, we pray...

As ministers of your holy sacraments, guide our priests to celebrate each sacrament with joy, reverence, and love, we pray...

May our priests model Christ's call to build up the kingdom of God, we pray...

For all religious, for married couples, for those living the single state of life, and for our children, we pray...

For an increase in diocesan priesthood vocations, and all religious vocations, we pray...

The Lord's Prayer: (all)

(Kneel)

Benediction: *Humbly Let Us Voice Our Homage or Taste and See*  
(or any Eucharistic hymn)

Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament