

## Saint Hannibal Mary, priest and founder

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. John 10, 14-15

I am the good shepherd, it says the Lord,  
I know my sheep  
and they know me,  
and I lay down my life for my sheep.

### COLLECT

O God, hope of the humble, refuge of the poor and father of orphans,  
who were pleased to choose the priest Saint Hannibal Mary  
as an outstanding apostle of prayer for vocations,  
by his intercession, send into your harvest worthy labourers for the Gospel,  
make that we, moved by the same spirit of charity,  
may grow in the love of you and of our neighbour.  
Through our Lord.

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, the gifts that we offer you  
and grant that after the example of Saint Hannibal Mary,  
who was moved by zealous love for you  
to feed the poor and the little ones with the Bread of the Life,  
we may be able to join to the gifts of the altar  
a sacrifice of the perfect charity.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Mt 9, 36

When the Lord saw the crowds, he had compassion for them,  
for they were troubled and helpless,  
like sheep without a shepherd.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the sacrament that we have received, O Lord our God,  
increase in us that longing for the salvation of souls  
which filled Saint Hannibal Mary;  
and grant that by worthily answering your call,  
we may attain with him the reward that was promised  
to those who labour well.  
Through Christ our Lord.

## PREFACE

### Minister of the compassion of the Good Shepherd

V/. The Lord be with you.

R/. And also with you.

V/. Lift up your hearts.

R/. We lift them up to the Lord.

V/. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R/. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
that we should give you thanks always and everywhere,  
O Lord, holy Father,  
almighty and eternal God,  
though Christ our Lord.

For in conforming St. Hannibal Mary to the image of the Good Shepherd  
you made him an admirable minister  
of your Son's compassion for the people.

He was a true herald of the Gospel,  
mindful of the Master's teaching,  
who unceasingly begged labourers for your harvest.

As a sure path of Providence,  
in taking care of orphans  
he showed your face as the Consoler of those who mourn.

As faithful lover of the poor,  
extending his hands to those in need,  
he opened for them the doors of heavenly joy.

And so all things in heaven and earth  
now sing to you a new song of adoration,  
and we, in union with the host of Angels,  
proclaim your glory, as forever we say:

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St. Hannibal Mary was born on 5 July 1851. Enlightened by the Word of God, he devoted himself to doing all in his power to make known Jesus' command to pray to the Lord of the harvest for the gift of good workers. After he was ordained a Priest, he carried out his apostolate by dedicating himself to the moral and spiritual redemption of orphans and of the poor in one of the most rundown areas of his city. He founded the *Antoniani orphanages* and the religious Congregation of the *Daughters of Divine Zeal* and the *Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus*. He died in Messina on 1 June 1927.

### SECOND READING

From the «Writings» of Saint Hannibal Mary, Priest and Founder  
( *Quaranta dichiarazioni e promesse*, n. 21; vol. 44, pp. 129-130 )

*Ask the Lord of the harvest  
to send forth labourers into his harvest*

I will consider that the Church of Jesus Christ is the great field covered with ripe grain, namely all the peoples of the world and the innumerable multitudes of souls of every social class and condition. I will consider nonetheless how the greater part of this grain perishes for lack of reapers.

I will feel the heart pierced through by so much ruin, especially for the harvests of the generations yet to be born. I shall identify myself with interior sufferings of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus because of such constant and ageless poverty, and remembering the most holy word of Jesus Christ: "Therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send forth labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9, 38), I will believe that there can be no more effective and absolute remedy for the salvation of peoples, of the nations, of society, of the Church, and especially of children and youth; for the evangelization of the poor and for every other spiritual and temporal good of the human family, than that which is commanded us by our Lord Jesus Christ: that is, unceasingly to implore the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, his most holy Mother, the Angels and the Saints, that the holy and divine Spirit may arouse vigorous vocations, chosen souls, holy priests, apostolic men, new apostles full of faith, zeal and charity for the salvation of all souls.

I will dedicate all of my days and all of my intentions to this unceasing prayer, with great urgency and zeal, so that this command of Jesus Christ our Lord which until now has been largely unappreciated, will be known and carried out everywhere; so that all over the world, all priests of both clergies, all Prelates of holy Church even up to the Supreme Pontiff, all virgins consecrated to Jesus, all seminarians, all pious souls, all the poor and the children, will beg God Most High to send numerous labourers and saints of both sexes for the sanctification and the salvation of all the souls, whether in the priesthood or in the lay state. I will be ready, with the help of the Lord, for any sacrifice, even to give my blood and my life, so that this "Rogation" of yours will become universal.

### RESPONSORY

Lk 10, 2; Ps 61, 9

- R/. The harvest is great, but the labourers are few; ask the Lord of the harvest, \* that he may send forth labourers into his harvest.  
V/. Trust him at all times, you people: pour out your hearts before him,  
R/. That he may send forth labourers into his harvest.

## **FOR VESPERS I**

Ant. 1: I became a minister of the Gospel, according to the gift of God's grace.

Ant. 2: I do all things for the sake of the Gospel, that I may have a share in it.

Ant. 3: I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall act according to what is in my heart and mind, says the Lord.

Ant. for the Canticle of Mary:       As the servants in Cana had done at the Virgin Mother's bidding, Hannibal did all that Jesus said.

## **INVITATORY**

**Ant.:** Come, let us adore Christ the Lord, the lover of the poor.

*Or:*

Let us praise our God as we honor St. Hannibal Mary.

## **OFFICE OF READINGS**

Ant. 1: The one who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life, says the Lord.

Ant. 2: He made known to men the name of Jesus, and proclaimed to them the words that he had received from God.

Ant. 3: Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there shall my servant be also.

## **FOR LAUDS**

Ant. 1: Through belief in the truth, God called us by the Gospel, to obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ant. 2: Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father.

Ant. 3: I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win many for Christ the Lord.

Ant. for the Canticle of Zechariah:   Mirror of priests, father of orphans, defender of the poor, you have done what you taught; pray for us to the Lord.

## **FOR VESPERS II**

Ant. 1: Those who keep to the word of God with a pure and undivided heart will bear fruit with patient endurance.

Ant. 2: Good and faithful servant, as you have been faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things : enter into the joy of the Lord your God.

Ant. 3: My sheep hear my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.

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