

INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

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O Lord, Send Us Many Holy Priests!



The past week was **Ordination Week 2019** for the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest, during which seminarians received their respective orders. On 4th July seven men were ordained to the Sacred Priesthood by His Eminence, Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke. Many came from abroad to Florence to witness the beautiful rites of ordination and the First Masses offered by the new priests.



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Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest in Shrewsbury

Weekly Schedule *

	Ordo	Cathedral	St Winefride's	Mass Intention
Sun	7 th July IV Sunday after Pentecost, II class.		11.45 Confession & Rosary 12.15 Mass *No Vespers/Benediction	AnneMarie Finn
Mon	8 th July St. Elizabeth Queen, Widow, III class.	7.30am Mass	*No Vespers	Private Intention
Tue	9 th July Ss. John Fisher, Bishop and Thomas More, Martyrs, I class (Shrewsbury)	7.30am Mass	*7pm Mass	Private Intention
Wed	10 th July The Seven Holy Brothers Martyrs, and Ss. Rufina and Secunda Virgins and Martyrs, III class.	7.30am Mass	*No Vespers	Private Intention
Thu	11 th July Commemoration of St. Pius I Pope and Martyr, Comm.	7.30am Mass 11am Holy Hour	*No Vespers or Compline	Private Intention
Fri	12 th July St. John Gualbert Abbot, III class, Com. of Ss. Nabor and Felix Martyrs.	7.30am Mass	*7pm Mass	Private Intention
Sat	13 th July Saturday of Our Lady, IV class.		11am Confession 1.30 am Mass *No Vespers & Compline	Private Intention
Sun	14 th July V Sunday after Pentecost, II class.		11.45 Confession 12.15 Mass *No Vespers/Benediction	Private Intention

* Changes from the usual schedule

All are called to holiness, to become like Christ, but priests in a unique way. Christ established the Catholic priesthood and the Church for the salvation of souls. Saint John Eudes (1601-1680), in his work *The Priest: His Dignity and Obligations*, reminds us that a holy priest is "a man called to the sacerdotal dignity not by men, nor by the will of flesh and blood, nor by his parents or by the spirit of ambition, not by avarice or human motives, but by vocation from God." He calls the priesthood "the fountain of all holiness" and reminds priests that they have been given a position and powers that exceed even those of the angels (a point much emphasised also by Saint Francis of Assisi and the patron saint of priests, Saint John Vianney). "Above all else, how wonderful is the power of the priest over the very Body and Blood of the Saviour!...



for each soul is a kingdom more precious than all the empires of the world...

The priest is an evangelist and an apostle whose chief work is to preach publicly and privately, by word and example, the Gospel of Jesus Christ; to continue and perpetuate the functions that the apostles were commissioned to perform, and to practise the virtues that they practised...

A holy priest is a saviour and another Christ, taking the Master's place on earth, representing Him, clothed with His authority, acting in His name, adorned with His qualifications, exercising His judgment on earth in the tribunal of penance. He is consecrated to exercise the highest functions Christ ever performed on earth, to continue the work of salvation. In imitation of His Redeemer he gives himself, mind, heart, affections, strength, time, all for God. He is ever ready to sacrifice his very blood and even life itself to procure the salvation of souls, particularly those of his own flock.



own heart, seeking only His glory and the salvation of souls. The greatest blessing that God bestows upon a church, the most signal manifestation of divine grace, is to have a saintly shepherd, be he bishop or priest. This is indeed the grace of graces and the most priceless of all gifts for it includes within itself every other blessing and grace. What is a priest after God's heart? He is an inestimable treasure containing an immensity of good things.

The holy priest is one of the treasures of the Great King, having in his keeping the infinite abundance of God's mercy to enrich worthy souls. He is an inexhaustible fountain of living water, open and accessible to all those who long to come to drink the waters of salvation.

He is a tree of life planted by God in the paradise of the Church, bearing on its branches at all times fruits of everlasting life, freeing from sin and hell, giving grace and eternal bliss to those who will but eat. Those fruits are the words, instructions, exhortations, prayers, intercession and example of the life and work of the holy priest.

He is an ever burning and shining light set in the candelabra of Mother Church, burning before God and shining before men: burning in his own love for God, shining by his charity for his fellow man; burning with the perfection of his inner life, shining by the perfection of his exterior deportment; burning in fervent prayer for his people, shining by his preaching of the word of God.

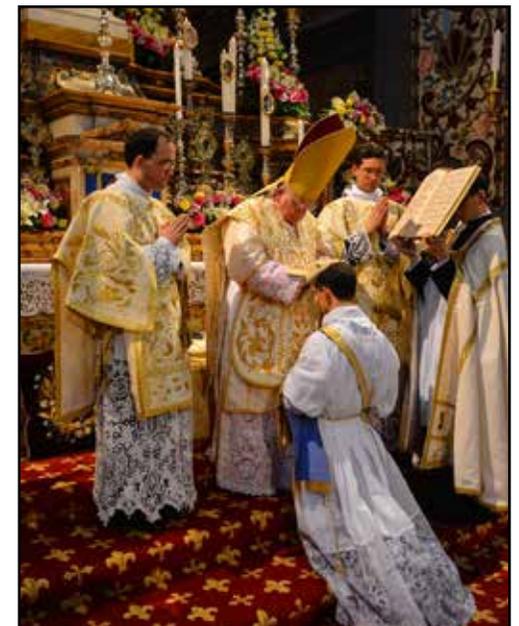
The priest is a sun cheering the world by his presence and bearing. He brings heavenly blessings into every heart. He dispels the ignorance and darkness of error and radiates on every side bright beams of celestial light. He extinguishes sin and gives life and grace to the multitudes. He imparts new life to the weak, inflames the lukewarm, fires more ardently those who are aglow with the sacred flame of divine love.

He is an angel purifying, illuminating and perfecting the souls that God has entrusted to him. He is a seraph sent by God to teach men the science of salvation which is concerned only with knowing and loving Almighty God and His Divine Son, Jesus Christ.

The priest is an archangel and a prince of the heavenly militia, waging constant war against the devil who strives to drag countless souls into the depths of hell.

He is the real father of the children of God, with a heart filled with love which is truly paternal. That love urges him to work unceasingly to nourish his flock with the bread of the sacred word and of the sacraments, to clothe the faithful with Christ and the Holy Ghost, to enrich them with celestial blessings and to secure for them every possible assistance in the salvation of their souls...

He is a captain in the mighty army of God, always ready to battle for the glory of God and the defense of Holy Mother Church. He is ever prepared to lay siege to the world, the flesh and the devil. For him the conquest of kingdoms means only the salvation of souls



You are His heart. Through you He imparts true life, the life of grace on earth and the life of glory in heaven to all members of His mystical Body. What marvels, what favors, what greatness in the sacerdotal dignity!" The following is taken from Part I, Chapter 2:

QUALITIES OF A HOLY PRIEST

THE MOST EVIDENT MARK of God's anger and the most terrible castigation He can inflict upon the world are manifested when He permits His people to fall into the hands of clerics who are priests more in name than in deed, ... On the other hand, the greatest effect of God's mercy, the most precious grace He bestows upon mankind, is to send worthy priests, men after His

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