



# The Holy See

---

APOSTOLIC JOURNEY OF POPE BENEDICT XVI  
TO PORTUGAL ON THE OCCASION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE BEATIFICATION OF JACINTA AND FRANCISCO,  
YOUNG SHEPHERDS OF FÁTIMA

**ACT OF ENTRUSTMENT AND CONSECRATION  
OF PRIESTS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

***PRAYER OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI***

*Church of the Most Holy Trinity - Fátima*  
*Wednesday, 12 May 2010*

Immaculate Mother,  
in this place of grace,  
called together by the love of your Son Jesus  
the Eternal High Priest, we,  
sons in the Son and his priests,  
consecrate ourselves to your maternal Heart,  
in order to carry out faithfully the Father's Will.

We are mindful that, without Jesus,  
we can do nothing good (cf. *Jn 15:5*)  
and that only through him, with him and in him,  
will we be instruments of salvation  
for the world.

Bride of the Holy Spirit,  
obtain for us the inestimable gift  
of transformation in Christ.

Through the same power of the Spirit that  
overshadowed you,  
making you the Mother of the Saviour,  
help us to bring Christ your Son  
to birth in ourselves too.

May the Church  
be thus renewed by priests who are holy,  
priests transfigured by the grace of him  
who makes all things new.

Mother of Mercy,  
it was your Son Jesus who called us  
to become like him:  
light of the world and salt of the earth  
(cf. *Mt* 5:13-14).

Help us,  
through your powerful intercession,  
never to fall short of this sublime vocation,  
nor to give way to our selfishness,  
to the allurements of the world  
and to the wiles of the Evil One.

Preserve us with your purity,  
guard us with your humility  
and enfold us with your maternal love  
that is reflected in so many souls  
consecrated to you,  
who have become for us  
true spiritual mothers.

Mother of the Church,  
we priests want to be pastors  
who do not feed themselves  
but rather give themselves to God for their brethren,  
finding their happiness in this.  
Not only with words, but with our lives,  
we want to repeat humbly,  
day after day,  
Our "here I am".

Guided by you,  
we want to be Apostles  
of Divine Mercy,  
glad to celebrate every day  
the Holy Sacrifice of the Altar  
and to offer to those who request it  
the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Advocate and Mediatrix of grace,  
you who are fully immersed  
in the one universal mediation of Christ,  
invoke upon us, from God,  
a heart completely renewed  
that loves God with all its strength  
and serves mankind as you did.

Repeat to the Lord  
your efficacious word:  
“They have no wine” (*Jn 2:3*),  
so that the Father and the Son will send upon us  
a new outpouring of  
the Holy Spirit.  
Full of wonder and gratitude  
at your continuing presence in our midst,  
in the name of all priests  
I too want to cry out:  
“Why is this granted me,  
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (*Lk 1:43*).

Our Mother for all time,  
do not tire of “visiting us”,  
consoling us, sustaining us.  
Come to our aid  
and deliver us from every danger  
that threatens us.  
With this act of entrustment and consecration,  
we wish to welcome you  
more deeply, more radically,  
for ever and totally  
into our human and priestly lives.

Let your presence cause new blooms to burst forth  
in the desert of our loneliness,  
let it cause the sun to shine on our darkness,  
let it restore calm after the tempest,  
so that all mankind shall see the salvation  
of the Lord,  
who has the name and the face of Jesus,  
who is reflected in our hearts,  
for ever united to yours!

Amen!