

need of depending continuously on God through a constant recourse to Him.

- recognizing the essential value of adoration in the Liturgy and in the personal commitment of prayer. This is a complete journey of grace which is suggested to us and that we have to follow with humility and fidelity.

Father Annibale says: “If only we would often meditate on the truth of faith, if we would often be recollected at divine presence, if we would love meditation and be perseverant in it for hours, and moreover, if we would keep in mind during the whole day and in our every action the mysteries of faith, what supernatural changes would take place in us! Little by little, a ray of God’s infinite light would penetrate us while the darkness would be filled with divine light... and Heavenly firer would inflame our hearts and would efficaciously stir our will.” (A.R. p. 165)

*Pause for Reflection*

**Guide:** Let us kneel and present to God our petitions. The response is:

**All:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Guide:** Each one of us will now express spontaneously his/ her petitions out loud.

**Final Song**

# Liturgical Celebration for Vocations

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**Song** (kneeling)

**Guide:** The way to perfection of every sister, sometimes finds some obstacle because of a certain attitude inherent to human nature which weakens the enthusiasm to reach holiness. "...faith is the fundamental aspect of our Christian life." In this journey Father Annibale is our teacher and guide. He was "the man of vivid, supernatural, and deep faith." He lived his faith in the practice of Christian virtues, most of all charity, and all his life and his activity, were nothing else but the witness of his faith.

**Reader:** From the Gospel of Matthew 14:27-28 (standing)

**Guide:** The weakening of faith makes impossible to experience the sweetness of the love of the Lord which urges us to do the works of faith and fosters deep interior peace. Crisis of faith, crisis of life! When God is not accepted, we lack the strength to live with courage, with the availability and commitment. Faith gives authentic meaning to events, choices, decisions, it is our support during the time of darkness and difficulty.

*Pause for Reflection*

**Song** (standing)

**Reader:** From the Gospel of Luke 9:57-62 (standing)

**Guide:** To believe is to welcome Jesus, to trust his word, to follow him wherever He goes, to let oneself be carried by Him who is the faithful one who does not deceive nor disappoint.

*Pause for Reflection*

**Guide:** Let us kneel and pray together:

**All:** Lord Jesus, You commanded our apostles to throw once again the fishing nets, to go and teach all peoples and be your witnesses everywhere. Make your voice heard by many generous people who appreciate the beauty of total self-giving. Send us holy Priests who will renew, in a very special way, your life-giving Presence. Raise zealous souls who may become yeast in the Church. Send vocations for our many brothers and sisters who are waiting for your Word. Revive among the laity numerous forms of collaboration at the service of the Gospel. Grant that each one of us live our life with profundity so that we may spread your kingdom of justice, truth, love, and peace on earth. Amen.

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**Song** (standing)

**Reader:** Life of faith is life of communion with God. It is possible to live on faith only when there is a rediscovery of the meaning of God's presence in our personal and community life. God must be given the place. He deserves because He is the only, the supreme love. He should be the center of our thoughts, our choices, and our decisions. This life of faith that is centered in God develops concretely by:

- walking at his presence (Gen. 17:1) with humble respect towards Him who walks with us;
- listening to his word in an attitude of silence in order to give all the interior resonance that converts, touches, and transforms;
- putting ourselves in communion with Him in a prayer of faith that acknowledges our limitations and weaknesses in doing any good work; the