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## PRAYER FOR IRELAND

Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church, today we entrust to you our hearts, our consciences, and our works, that they may be in keeping with the faith we profess. We entrust to you the community of the Irish people and the community of the People of God living in this land.

We entrust to you the bishops of Ireland, the clergy, the religious men and women, the contemplative monks and sisters, the seminarians, the novices. We entrust to you the mothers and fathers, the youth, the children. We entrust to you the teachers, the catechists, the students, the writers, the poets, the actors, the artists, the workers and their leaders, the employers and managers, the professional people, the farmers; those engaged in

political and public life, those who form public opinion. We entrust to you the married and those preparing for marriage; those called to serve you and their fellowmen in single life; the sick, the aged, the mentally ill, the handicapped and all who nurse and care for them. We entrust to you the prisoners and all who feel rejected; the exiled, the homesick and the lonely.

We entrust to your motherly care the land of Ireland, where you are so much loved. Help this land to stay true to you and your Son always. May prosperity never cause Irish men and women to forget God or abandon their faith. Keep them faithful in prosperity to the faith they would not surrender in poverty and persecution. Save them from greed, from envy, from

seeking selfish or sectional interest. Help them to work together with a sense of Christian purpose and a common Christian goal, to build a just and peaceful and loving society where the poor are never neglected and the rights of all, especially the weak, are respected.

Queen of Ireland, Mary Mother of the heavenly and earthly Church, Mathair De, keep Ireland true to her spiritual tradition and her Christian heritage. Help her to respond to her historic mission of bringing the light of Christ to the nations, and so making the glory of God be the honour of Ireland.

FROM THE BENEDICIONALE,  
ADAPTED FROM POPE JOHN PAUL II'S  
HOMILY AT KNOCK, 30 SEPTEMBER, 1979.

### *Prayer to Saint Joseph*

*Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary,  
be with us this day.*

*You protected and cherished the Virgin;*

*Loving the Child Jesus as your Son,*

*You rescued him from danger of death.*

*Defend the Church, the household of God,*

*Purchased by the blood of Christ.*

*Guardian of the holy family,*

*Be with us in our trials.*

*May your prayers obtain for us*

*The strength to flee from error*

*And wrestle with the powers of corruption*

*So that in life we may grow in holiness*

*And in death rejoice in the crown of victory.*

*Amen.*

### PROVINCIAL CONGRESSES 2017

*Theme: "Our Lady's role in fostering vocations to priesthood and religious life"*

#### **CASHEL PROVINCE: Saturday 25 March 2017 10.30am**

**Venue:** Anner Hotel, Thurles, Co Tipperary

**Speaker:** Fr Vincent Stapleton, Thurles

#### **DUBLIN PROVINCE: Saturday 8 April 2017 10.00am**

**Venue:** Ashling Hotel, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8

**Speakers:** Fr John Hogan, Multifarnham  
Fr Ruairi O Domhnaill, Carlow

#### **TUAM PROVINCE: Saturday 22 April 2017 11.00am**

**Venue:** St John's Care Centre, Knock Shrine, Co Mayo

**Speaker:** Fr Eamonn Bourke UCD

#### **ARMAGH PROVINCE: Saturday 22 April 2017 10.45am**

**Venue:** St. Mary's Church, Castleblaney, Co Monaghan

**Speaker:** Fr Michael Cusack CSsR

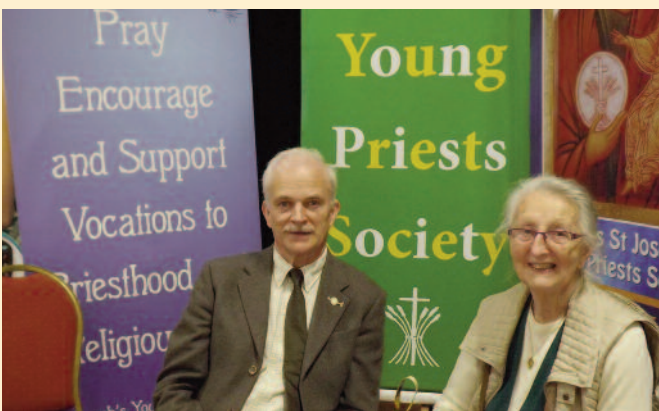
*Blessed be Saint Joseph her most chaste spouse*



*Congratulations to Maureen Conmee, president of Ballina Branch, first recipient of the Archdeacon Durkan silver cup, to be awarded annually by the Knights of St Columbanus for work of exceptional zeal in the Church. With Maureen are Eva McKeigue and Frances Kirwan. Standing are Laurence Cassells, Vincent Frawley, Sister Canice Durkan, Bishop John Fleming, Barry MacMahon, Gerard Harbison, Fr. Joe Gavigan, and Senan Murphy.*



*The new Neo Catechumenate Mater Dei Seminary in Dundalk was officially blessed by the Archbishop of Armagh, Most Rev Eamon Martin. Among those present at the ceremony on Wednesday 23rd December (Feast of St Columbanus) were Cardinal Sean Brady, Mr John Murphy (President of St Joseph's Young Priests Society), Tony Melia (Trustee SJYPS), Fr Seamus McEntee (Chief Chaplain SJYPS), Fr Giuseppe (Rector of the seminary) and Fr Neil (vice Rector).*



*Among the many members of the Society who attended the 26th Divine Mercy Conference at the RDS Ballsbridge Dublin on 24/25/26 February were the President of the Society John Murphy and the retired General Secretary Maureen Keogh. Both are seen here in the exhibition hall where they had a welcome for members and supporters of St Josephs who had travelled from outside Dublin to partake in the Congress activities.*



*Traditionally the first meeting of the members of the Executive Committee following the Elections at the October Central Council assembly, commences with a celebration of the Eucharist. Seen here with the celebrant Fr Seamus McEntee, Chief Chaplain to the Society, are (L to R) Joan O'Brien, Kathy Dee, Marie Dempsey, Marian Fennelly, Rita Russell, Josie O'Hare (Standing) Kieran Hickey, George Dee and John Murphy. Dominic Dowling took the photo.*



*The Oratory at the Society's House in Merrion Square where visitors, especially those attending meetings, are invited on arrival to spend a while in private prayer.*

## **FORM OF BEQUEST**

*Please remember St. Joseph's Young Priests  
Society in your Will*

*I give and bequeath to*

*St. Joseph's Young Priests Society,*

*23 Merrion Square, Dublin 2 the sum of*

*€.....for the charitable purposes of the*

*Society and I declare that the receipt of the*

*General Secretary of the Society*

*shall be sufficient discharge*

*to my Executor*

### **2017 PILGRIMAGE DATES**

*Saturday 24th June Knock Shrine*

*Sunday 23rd July Our Lady's Island*

# Letters of Appreciation



*Ever since Autumn letters of thanksgiving for Ordination have been received at the Society's House with the good news from our adopted students of their ordination to priesthood. The parts of the world from which these letters were posted are an indication of almost world-wide outreach of the Society's apostolate.*

*A sample of these letters is chosen from Nigeria and from Kerala in India. These letters indicate the joy and commitment of these new priests in their posts. They indicate too, their thanks and appreciation of the prayers and financial assistance to their educational costs, provided by our members and benefactors through the Society.*

*The Catholic Diocese of Alleppey incidentally, is a diocese centred on the city of Alleppey in the Ecclesiastical province of Trivandrum in Kerala. Alleppey diocese lies along the Arabian Sea between the dioceses of Cochin and Quilon, covering an area of 333 square kilometres.*

Dear Brethren,  
My formation throughout my theological studies up to Priestly Ordination under the Apostolic Vicariate of Kontagora has been a thing of concern to you and for this my joy knows no bounds. Therefore, I want to use this opportunity to extend my profound gratitude for all you have done throughout the period of my formation at the Seminary and during my Priestly Ordination.

The love you have shown me is really appreciated and shall be reciprocated in diligent service for the growth of the Mystical Body of Christ and for evangelization of the people. I assure you of my prayers for your unity, God's blessings, strong faith and health of mind and body.

May God bless you, Amen!

Thanks,

Yours in Christ, Rev. Fr. Luka Joseph Jatau, Nigeria

nuns and the lay people of my diocese and the places where I studied and rendered service as part of formation. I am all the more grateful to my mother and family members for their constant support. I believe that it is my mother's prayers that made me a priest. At present I am working as assistant parish priest at Cathedral Church. Keep me in your prayers for my faithful ministry. I sincerely pray that my Jesus reward you for all that you have done for me. At the same time I request you to continue this mission of helping students aspiring for priesthood. I assure you my prayers.

Once again thanking you and wishing that you may shine as an agent of His mercy, I remain

Yours lovingly in Jesus

Fr. Jobin P. Joseph

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Alleppey  
May 2016

Dear Benefactors,  
Greetings of love,  
Joy and peace. I am very happy to write this letter, and there is a good news to share with you. I pray to God that you and your families may keep well always. It's also an occasion to thank you for your support both spiritual and financial. Thank you so much. May the Almighty God bless you to help more and more seminarians who are in need of support and care. That the Church of Christ may grow and spread in all nations.

The good news is: my ordination was on 30th March 2016 at Mount Carmel Cathedral, Alleppey. Those were the more gracious moments in my life. Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Athipozhiyil, bishop of Alleppey conferred my ordination. My Thanksgiving Mass was on 5th April 2016 in my own parish at Kattoon. I specially remembered and prayed for you all during the Mass and thanked you at the time of vote of thanks. Now I am appointed at Vattayal, a parish of the diocese of Alleppey. Pray that I may continue God's mission with great enthusiasm and zeal.

Convey my loving regards to your dear ones. With a grateful heart I remain,  
Yours lovingly, Fr. Albert Arthassesri.

Alleppey  
May 2016

Dear Benefactors,  
Greetings of love,  
joy and peace from Fr. Joseph GlennFaber. I am really happy to drop a few words at this moment. I pray to God that you and your family members may keep well always. It's also an occasion to thank you for your support both spiritual and financial. Thank you very much. May the Almighty God bless you to help more and more seminarians who are in need of support and care. At this juncture, I would like to share a good news with you. My ordination was on 30th March 2016 at Mount Carmel Cathedral, Alleppey. Those were the most gracious moments in my life. Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Athipozhiyil, bishop of



Alleppey conferred my ordination. My Thanksgiving Mass was on 3rd April 2016 in my own Parish, Yellappally. In a special way, I thank you for being my benefactors and for your deep support. I specially remembered and prayed for you during the Mass and thanked you at the time of vote of thanks. Now I am appointed as Assistant Vicar at Kandakadara, a parish of the diocese of Alleppey. Pray that I may continue God's mission with great enthusiasm and zeal. Convey my loving regards to your near and dear ones. With a grateful heart I remain,  
Yours lovingly,  
Fr. Joseph GlennFaber.

Alleppey  
May 2016

Dear Benefactors,  
Greetings from Fr. George Kadarunkal! It is with great joy that I am writing this letter to you. By the grace of the Almighty and merciful God, I was ordained a priest on 30th March 2016. To me it has been a dream come true! Long years of studies and formation have finally realized. Our bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Athipozhil ordained me to priesthood through the imposition of hands. It was a day of blessings and grace.

Eternal Priest and Our Lord Jesus Christ has called me to share in this priesthood to minister to the people of God. Therefore I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for all that you have been to me. Your prayers and blessings have guided me in my journey to the altar of God. I am grateful to you for your financial help. Thank you so much.

As a priest I would try very earnestly to be faithful to each and every responsibility that is entrusted to me. At present, I am appointed as secretary to the bishop. Therefore may I request you to continue to keep me in your prayers so that I may be strengthened in the Holy Spirit to fulfil my duties sincerely. Finally, I wish you all good health and God's blessing in abundance. Assuring you of my prayers.  
Yours lovingly in Jesus  
Fr. George Kadarunkal



May 2016  
Alleppey, Kerala

Dear loving benefactors,  
It is with great joy that I, Fr. Jobin P Joseph write this letter to express my gratitude to you and your dear ones for helping me generously by prayers and financial assistance in my journey towards the altar of God. As the whole Church celebrates the mercy of God the Father, I pray that God may envelop you with His mercy and encourage you to be His presence by spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

I am very happy to inform you that I was ordained priest on 8th April 2015. The ceremony was held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral, Alappuzha. Our bishop HE Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Athipozhiyil presided over the Holy Mass. V. Rev. Msgr. James Anaparambil gave a beautiful homily on priesthood. Around 70 priests from my diocese attended the celebration. Many people from my own parish and Cathedral were present for the function.

Let me use this occasion to thank my bishop for his prayers and encouragement. I am indebted to priests,

2016,  
Alleppey,

Dear Benefactors,  
Greetings of peace and love!  
May the good Lord keep you always in His bosom.

I am delighted to say that by the grace of God I was ordained on 30th March, by our bishop Stephen Athipozhiyil, in the Cathedral Church. I celebrated first Mass in my parish on 4th of April. I got appointed as the prefect of minor seminary and I started my ministry in the seminary from 25th of April. Our seminarians have not yet come, they've gone for holidays and will be back only in June. There will be around 40-50 brothers here in the minor seminary. We've 6 priests here for their formation and guidance.

I thank you for all the spiritual and material support that you've given me and do keep me in your prayers. I assure you of my prayers. May the Good Lord shower His abundance of blessings upon your Society and its benefactors.

Thanking you  
Yours lovingly in Christ Jesus  
Darwin M.E.



# PRAYER TO MY GUARDIAN ANGEL

please colour  
me in and hang  
me on your wall

O Angel of God,  
my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love  
commits me here,  
ever this day,  
be at my side  
to light and guard,  
to rule and guide.



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Thank you for your support of the Society's work in the past. The need for more priests to carry out Christ's work is as real now as it has ever been.

# Thank You

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We believe at this critical time our Society is called to a renewal of faith; to proclaim boldly the Gospel of Jesus Christ; to work in partnership towards creating a greater understanding of Christ's call: **"Come follow Me"**

## Recently Deceased

### VOCATIONAL BRANCHES

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