

Archbishop: Priesthood Is a Gift, Not a Right **Says Dignity Should Be Manifest in Clerical Life**

VATICAN CITY, MARCH 3, 2010 ([Zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org)).- The priesthood is a gift from God, and thus it cannot be claimed as a right, says the secretary of the Congregation for Clergy. Archbishop Mauro Piacenza stated this in a letter addressed to all priests of the world in this year dedicated to the clergy.

He offered a reflection on a prayer from the ordination rite that reads: "Almighty Father, grant to these servants of yours the dignity of the priesthood. Renew within them the Spirit of holiness.

"As co-workers with the order of bishops may they be faithful to the ministry that they receive from you, Lord God, and be to others a model of right conduct."

The archbishop stated that a "central part of the prayer of ordination recalls how the priest is essentially a gift."

In view of this "supernatural gift," he continued, the presbyter "carries himself with a dignity which everyone, clergy and lay faithful, are called to recognize."

"One has in mind a dignity that is not the work of man, but which is the pure gift of grace, to which one is called and which no one can demand as a right," the prelate affirmed.

He stated that the dignity of the priesthood "must be evident in the life of priests: in their sanctity, in their welcoming humanity full of humility and pastoral charity, in the clarity of their faithfulness to the Gospel and the doctrine of the Church, in the sobriety and solemnity of their celebration of the divine mysteries, in their ecclesiastical garb."

"Everything in the priest must lead him to recall, to himself and to the world, that he is the object of an unmerited gift beyond any merit of his, which makes him an efficacious presence of the Absolute in the world for the salvation of men," Archbishop Piacenza affirmed.

He added that the priest, "clothed with the Spirit of the Almighty Father, is called to guide the journey of sanctification of the people entrusted to him by teaching and the celebration of the sacraments."

He does this "above all with his own life," the prelate stated, "with the certainty that this is the only end for which the priest himself exists: Paradise!"

He concluded his letter by expressing the hope that "the memory of the gift received, always renewed by the Spirit and the protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary" will "allow each priest to faithfully fulfill his mission in the world, in joyful expectation of the heavenly reward kept safe for the chosen sons, who are also heirs."



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『如果你們不悔改，你們都要同樣喪亡。』

Cornerstone of Faith Campaign 「信仰的基石」運動

最近總教區為正在興建的新聖若瑟修院及 Newman 神學院向轄下所有的教友發動了一個名為 Cornerstone of Faith Campaign 「信仰的基石」運動。這個運動的目的是為籌募新聖若瑟修院及 Newman 神學院的建築及日後營運費。

總教區特別為這個運動製作了一個 DVD，由總主教親自向我們解釋「信仰的基石」運動的義意，及為何需要建造新聖若瑟修院及 Newman 神學院。他呼籲所有教友為這個運動熱心誦唸「信仰的基石」禱文及慷慨捐助，使這兩座院舍可以順利落成。

本堂區為了響應及支持總主教的呼籲，定於 3 月 6 日及 3 月 7 日的彌撒後播放 Cornerstone of Faith Campaign DVD (教友亦可溜覽以下的網址：www.caedm.ca/cornerstone 觀看)，並在 3 月 20 日及 21 日主日彌撒中為「信仰的基石」運動收集第二次奉獻。教友若想進一步捐助，可以在詢問處索取教區提供的認捐表，依照表上的指示，填妥後交回堂區辦事處，由堂區轉呈教區。

Sunday Collection 主日彌撒捐獻

二零一零二月廿七、廿八日
February 27 & 28, 2010

主日捐獻 Sunday Collection	\$2,633.10
維修捐獻 for Renovation	\$ 155.00
特別捐獻 Special Offering	\$ 427.04
聖物部 Liturgy	\$ 24.00

初領聖體預備班

本年度兒童初領聖體的日子定於
5月23日。

堂區將於四月初為已領洗並就讀
Grade 2 或以上的兒童開設初領聖體預
備班。開課日期將由導師親自個別通
知。請各位有適齡子女的父母盡快為你
們的子女報名。報名表可在詢問處領
取。填妥後請於3月21日前交回堂區辦
事處。

國語班招生

教授老師：張潔及郭新生夫婦

開課日期：三月十七日(星期三)

上課地點：聖堂大會議室

上課時間：晚上七時至八時三十分

教授內容：以輕鬆的手法學習拼音、

閱讀、會話、唱歌及小組討論

學費：三十元 / 十二堂

報名：請新舊同學到詢問處登記或

聯絡 Francis Chan 780-478-0894

堂區四旬期退省主日 彌撒時間更改事項

由於堂區四旬期退省於3月13
及14日舉行，該主日的彌撒時間將會
更改如下：

3月13日：

4時半中文彌撒照常舉行。

5時半英語彌撒，特別為英語組退省
結束舉行。

3月14日：

9時半英語彌撒取消。習慣出席主日
9時半英語彌撒的教友，可以參加13
日5時半特別為英語組退省結束舉行的
英語彌撒。

11時中文彌撒移至下午4時半舉行。

為粵語組退省結束彌撒。

請各位教友留意！

主日學消息

三月十四日因堂區週年退省，主日
學休假一課，敬請各位家長留意。

2009年度報稅收據

2009年度的報稅收據已全部預備妥
當，教友可在本主日彌撒前後到詢問處
領取。

Mass Schedule Changes on March 13 & 14

For those parishioners who usu-
ally attend the 9:30 English
mass, please pay attention to the
following mass schedule
changes: Due to the Parish
Lenten Retreat next Sunday, the
usual 9:30 English mass will be
moved to Saturday, March 13 at
5:30 in the afternoon. The 11:00
Chinese mass will be moved to
the afternoon at 4:30. Thank you
for your attention!

四旬期第三週讀經、福音章節 3rd Week of Lent Daily Reading

主日 S 出 Ex 3:1-8,13-15;

格前 I Cor 10:1-6,10-12;

路 Lk 13:1-9

一 M 列下 II Kgs 5:1-15; 路 Lk 4:24-30

二 T 達 Dn 3:25,34-43; 瑪 Mt 18:21-35

三 W 申 Dt 4:1,5-9; 瑪 Mt 5:17-19

四 T 耶 Jer 7:23-28; 路 Lk 11:14-23

五 F 歐 Hos 14:2-10; 谷 Mk 12:28-34

六 S 歐 Hos 6:1-6; 路 Lk 18:9-14

四旬期公拜苦路

四旬期內，本堂每週五舉行公拜苦路下次
公拜苦路日期及時間如下：

3月12日（星期五）下午七時半

請各位教友熱心參加，一起追憶和默想主
耶穌為救贖人類所受的苦難。

The Way of the Cross

Devotion to The Way of the Cross will
take place every Friday during Lent at 7:30
pm starting from February 19th till March 26th
in the church. On Good Friday, April 2nd,
The Way of the Cross will start after the
Celebration of the Lord's Passion.

Please take this opportunity to meditate
on the suffering and death of Jesus for the
salvation of all mankind.

First Holy Communion Preparation Class

This year the First Holy Communion Cele-
bration is going to be on May 23. The parish
is inviting any children attending grade 2 or
higher to participate in the First Holy Com-
munion Preparation class. Classes will begin
at the beginning of April. The instructor will
contact you personally with the exact dates
for these classes. Registration forms are
available at the information desk. Please
complete the form and return it to the Parish
office on or before March 21. Thank you.