

Prayer for the Year for Priests
June 19, 2009-June 19, 2010

The Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has posted many resources for commemorating and celebrating the Year for Priests at www.usccb.org/yearforpriests/index.shtml.

Among the resources is the following prayer, which councils may want to use as they observe the Year for Priests.

Dear Lord,
we pray that the Blessed Mother
wrap her mantle around your priests
and through her intercession
strengthen them for their ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide your priests
to follow her own words,
“Do whatever He tells you” (Jn 2:5).

May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph,
Mary’s most chaste spouse.

May the Blessed Mother’s own pierced heart
inspire them to embrace
all who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priests be holy,
filled with the fire of your love
seeking nothing but your greater glory
and the salvation of souls.

Amen

Saint John Vianney, pray for us.