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# YEAR FOR PRIESTS

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## Year for Priests

*"I have decided to establish a special "Year for Priests" that will begin on 19 June and last until 19 June 2010. In fact, it is the 150th anniversary of the death of the Holy Curé d'Ars, Saint John Vianney, the patron of parish priests, who is a true example of a pastor at the service of Christ's flock ... As Church and as priests, we proclaim Jesus of Nazareth Lord and Christ, Crucified and Risen, Sovereign of time and of history, in the glad certainty that this truth coincides with the deepest expectations of the human heart."*

~Pope Benedict XVI; March 16, 2009

### **Please Pray 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"

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.