

HE IS A PRIEST FOREVER!

Celebrating the institution of the priesthood on Holy Thursday.

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- the gift of priesthood is eternal. (Heb. 7:17)
- the gift of priesthood is honourable.(Heb. 5:4)
- the gift of priesthood is irreversible.
- the gift of priesthood is incomparable.
- the gift of priesthood is not his own (Fulton Sheen)
- the gift of priesthood requires no holiness, qualifications, wisdom, knowledge and strength. (1 Cor 15:10; 2Cor 3:4-5; 1 Cor 1:27-30)
- the gift of priesthood is awesome and awe-inspiring.
- the gift of priesthood is priceless.
- But the role of the priest is demanding, enormous and challenging.
- his priestly life requires holiness and sanctity.
- his character should be relational. He is not the priest for himself.
- his role demands sacrifice, commitment, and love in the ministry entrusted to him.
- his ministry requires him to be a role model (Matt 18:16; Luke 17:2)
- he is called to live a life of prayer.
- his arms should be open for every person.
- his life should be inspiring.
- his life should represent and express truthfulness, straightforwardness, sincerity of heart, humility, accountability, trust, justice and peace.

But wait o! Are you aware?

- that the priest is still human.
- that he is not an angel, though his ministry supersedes that of an angel.
- that he can be emotional.
- that he can be annoyed.
- that he can be sentimental.
- that he can commit sins.
- that he can be troublesome.
- that he can fail and fall.

Hence, the priest:

- needs our prayers.
- he needs our support.
- he needs our fraternal guidance, direction and corrections.

I therefore, urge you:

- to pray for your priests today and always.
- appreciate your priests today and always.
- you are his brothers, sisters, sons and daughters.
- Love and assist your priests.

HAPPY FEAST DAY TO ALL THE PRIESTS.