THE ORDINATION OF PRIESTS

Prayer of Ordination of Priests (Chapter II, no. 131)

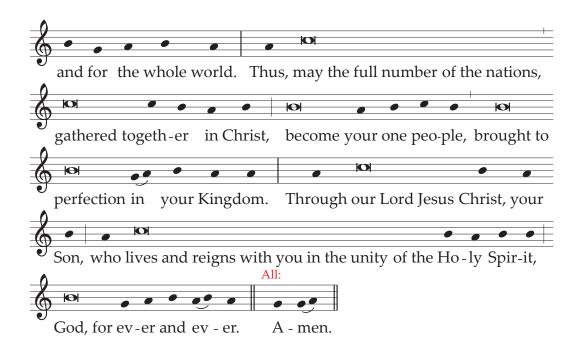
O O 0 0 Draw near, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eter - nal God, au -O O thor of human dignity and bestower of all grac-es, through whom O O all things progress, through whom everything is made firm, who, O --0 O by the power of the Holy Spirit, in order to form a priestly people, Ø establish among them ministers of Christ your Son in var - i - ous O O or-ders. Al-ready in the earlier covenant there arose offices insti-O O that when you had set Moses and tuted by mys - ti - cal rites: SO O 0 Ø Aaron over your people to govern and sanc - ti - fy them, you chose Ø O men next in or - der and dig - ni - ty to join them and assist them O in their work. Thus in the desert, you instilled the spirit of Moses O Ø with them as helpers he more in the minds of seventy wise men; O easily gov-erned your peo-ple. So too, over the sons of Aaron

O O you poured an abundant share of their fa-ther's fullness, that the num-O Ø ber of priests prescribed by the Law might be sufficient for the sacri-O O fices of the tab - er - nac - le, which were a shadow of the good things O But in these last days, holy Father, you sent your Son into come. O O to the world, Jesus, the A-pos-tle and High Priest of our con -O O Through the Holy Spirit, he offered himself unblemished fes-sion. O to you and made his Apostles, who were consecrated in the truth, O Ø sharers in his mission; to them you add-ed com-pan-ions to pro-O claim and carry out the work of sal - va-tion through all the world. O O O Now, we pray, O Lord, provide also for our weakness these helpers O

whom we need for the exercise of the Apos-tol - ic Priesthood.

O Grant, we pray, almighty Father, to these your servants the dignity O the Priesthood; re - new deep within them the Spir - it of of O O ho - li-ness; may they hold the office second in order, received from O Ø you, O God, and by the example of their manner of life may they inspire right conduct. O O • May they be trustworthy co-workers with our Order, so that by their O O preaching and through the grace of the Ho-ly Spir-it, the words of the Ø Ø Gospel may bear fruit in human hearts and reach even to the ends of O the earth. To-gether with us, may they be faithful stewards of your O O myster-ies, so that your people may be renewed through the cleans-O O ing waters of rebirth and refreshed from your al-tar, so that sinners O may be rec-on-ciled and the sick raised up. May they be joined to \mathbf{O} O

us, Lord, in imploring your mercy for the peo-ple entrusted to them



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