

KofC Holy Hour for Vocations

Procession

After all have assembled, a priest or deacon, wearing cope and humeral veil, brings the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar in a monstrance, a song may be sung. He may be accompanied by altar servers with candles.

The Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar. The presiding minister then kneels before the altar and incenses the Blessed Sacrament. As the presider incenses the Blessed Sacrament, the "O Salutaris Hostia" is sung by all.

Opening Prayer

The presiding minister then goes to the chair, where he prays

Lord, you are the Master of the Harvest. We ask you to hear the prayers of your people. Raise up from among us, men willing to serve at your altars as priests. Give them the courage to accept your calling and grant our families boldness to encourage vocations to priestly life among our sons. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

After a period of silent prayer (10-15 minutes), the Liturgy of the Word begins.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the first Book of Samuel

3:1-10

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Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

During the time young Samuel was minister to the Lord under Eli, a revelation of the Lord was uncommon and vision infrequent.

One day Eli was asleep in his usual place.

His eyes had lately grown so weak that he could not see.

The lamp of God was not yet extinguished, and Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the Lord where the ark of God was.

The Lord called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am."

Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me."

"I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep."

So he went back to sleep.

Again the Lord called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli.

"Here I am," he said. "You called me."

But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the Lord,
because the Lord had not revealed anything to him as yet.
The Lord called to Samuel again, for the third time.
Getting up and going to Eli, he said, Here I am. You called me.
Then Eli understood that the Lord was calling the youth.
So he said to Samuel, ,Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply,
,Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
When Samuel went to sleep in his place,
the Lord came and revealed his presence,
calling out as before, ,Samuel, Samuel!
Samuel answered, ,Speak, for your servant is listening.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 16

1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11

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R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge;
I say to the Lord, My Lord are you.
O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup.
you it is who hold fast to my lot.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

I bless the Lord who counsels me;
even in the night my heart extorts me.
I set the Lord ever before me;
with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

You will show me the path of life,
fullness of joys in your presence,
the delights at your right hand forever.

R. Guide me Lord, along the everlasting way.

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I chose you from the world, go and bear fruit that will last, says the Lord.

Jn 15:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. (Luke 5:1-11)

The Call of Simon the Fisherman.

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets.

Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore.

Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon,

“Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.” Simon said in reply,

“Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.”

When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing.

They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them.

They came and filled both boats so that they were in danger of sinking.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said,

“Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.”

For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon.

Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.”

When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

At the conclusion of the last reading a priest or a deacon preaches the homily focusing on answering God’s call in our lives and how we can encourage priestly vocations in our families or something suitable. This is followed by a period of silent prayer (10-15 minutes).

Intercessions

Standing at the chair, the presiding minister invites the people to pray:

Presiding Minister: God chooses those whom He wills, let us pray the Lord to send forth workers into his vineyard:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon or other Minister: As you called Abram to be the father of many nations, inspire young people to answer your call.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon or other Minister: As you called Moses from the burning bush, call men to be your people's pastors in this present day.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon or other Minister: As you called Aaron to serve your temple, call men to serve as priests in the Church, your new temple.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon or other Minister: As you spoke to awake Samuel with your call, open the ears of your people.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon or other Minister: As every High Priest was taken from among men, so call men to offer the holy and living sacrifice of your Son.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon or other Minister: As you called Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, to your holy priesthood, inspire other men to answer the call to priesthood.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon or other Minister: Venerable Fr. McGivney, pastor of souls, priest of God, and founder of our Order, intercede that young men may choose to become priests of God most high.

All: Pray for us.

Presiding Minister: (In these or similar words): Lord our God, we ask that you hear our prayers through the intercession of Venerable Fr. McGivney in the name of Christ.

All: Amen.

Benediction

The Holy Hour concludes with Solemn Benediction as normal. The presider and servers recess out as they processed in.