



Here is a terrific project to show gratitude for your priest during this Year of the Priest. Make him a spiritual bouquet. It is a lovely way to express your appreciation and support for his vocation. It is also a wonderful family project.

Print out the tally sheet and post it where everyone will see it and be reminded to contribute to the bouquet. Pray the family rosary for your priest and mention him by name in each Hail Mary "...pray for Fr. *n.* now and at the hour of his death, Amen." Offer up sacrifices, Holy Hours and Holy Communions. Stop by your posted sheet throughout the day and offer up a quick Our Father or Hail Mary for him. Keep track of these offerings on the tally sheet.

Print out the inside and outside of the card. It's nice to print the outside on photo paper and the inside on a lighter weight paper which can be trimmed slightly smaller with craft scissors to create a fancy edge. Sandwich the two together. Write the final numbers in the appropriate spaces on the inside of the card. Sign the card with any additional messages and present the card to your priest. He will greatly appreciate this gift. One priest said it was the greatest gift he had ever received.

Gather Flowers for Father's Spiritual Bouquet

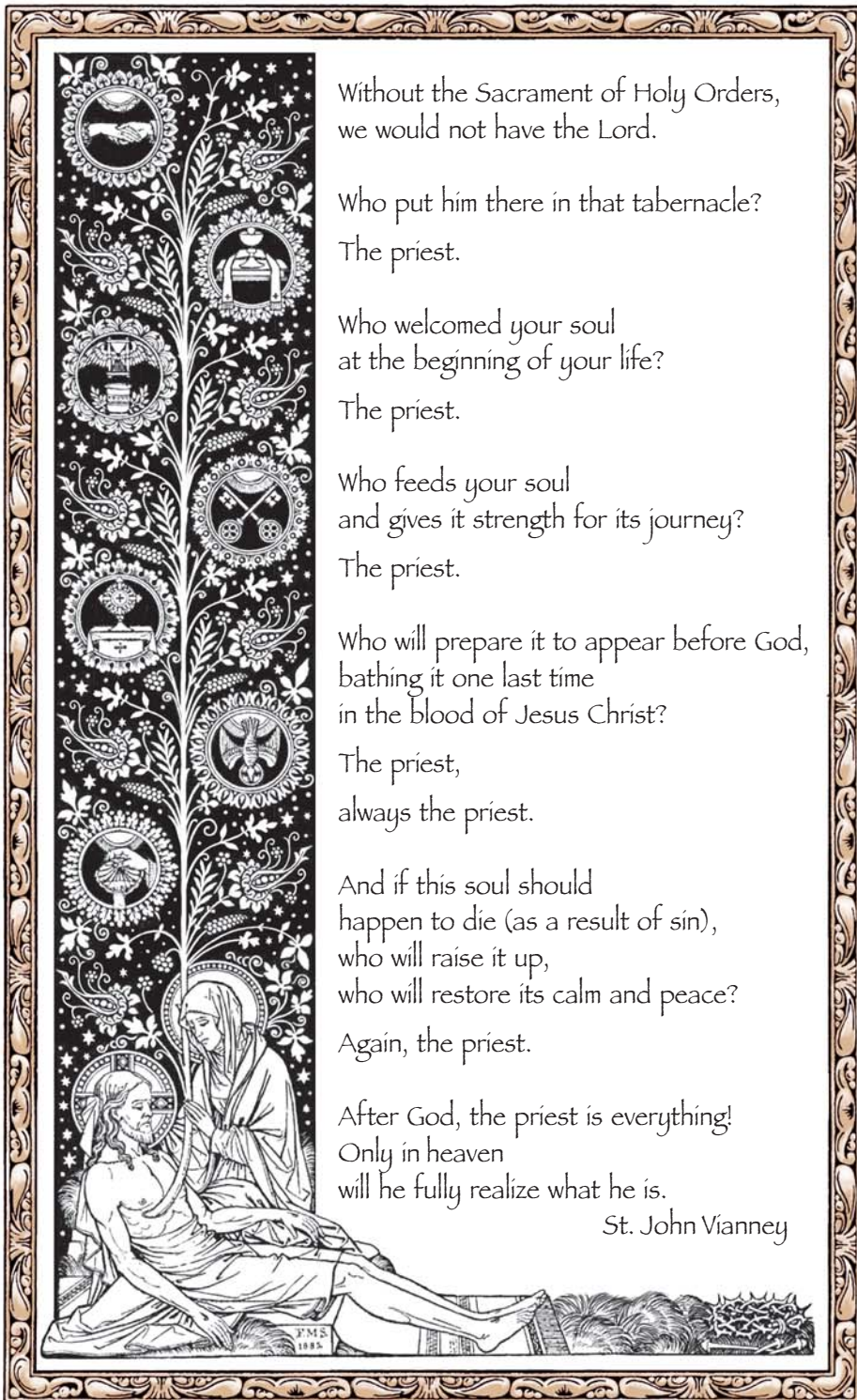


A Spiritual Bouquet



for a Beloved Priest





Without the Sacrament of Holy Orders,
we would not have the Lord.

Who put him there in that tabernacle?

The priest.

Who welcomed your soul
at the beginning of your life?

The priest.

Who feeds your soul
and gives it strength for its journey?

The priest.

Who will prepare it to appear before God,
bathing it one last time
in the blood of Jesus Christ?

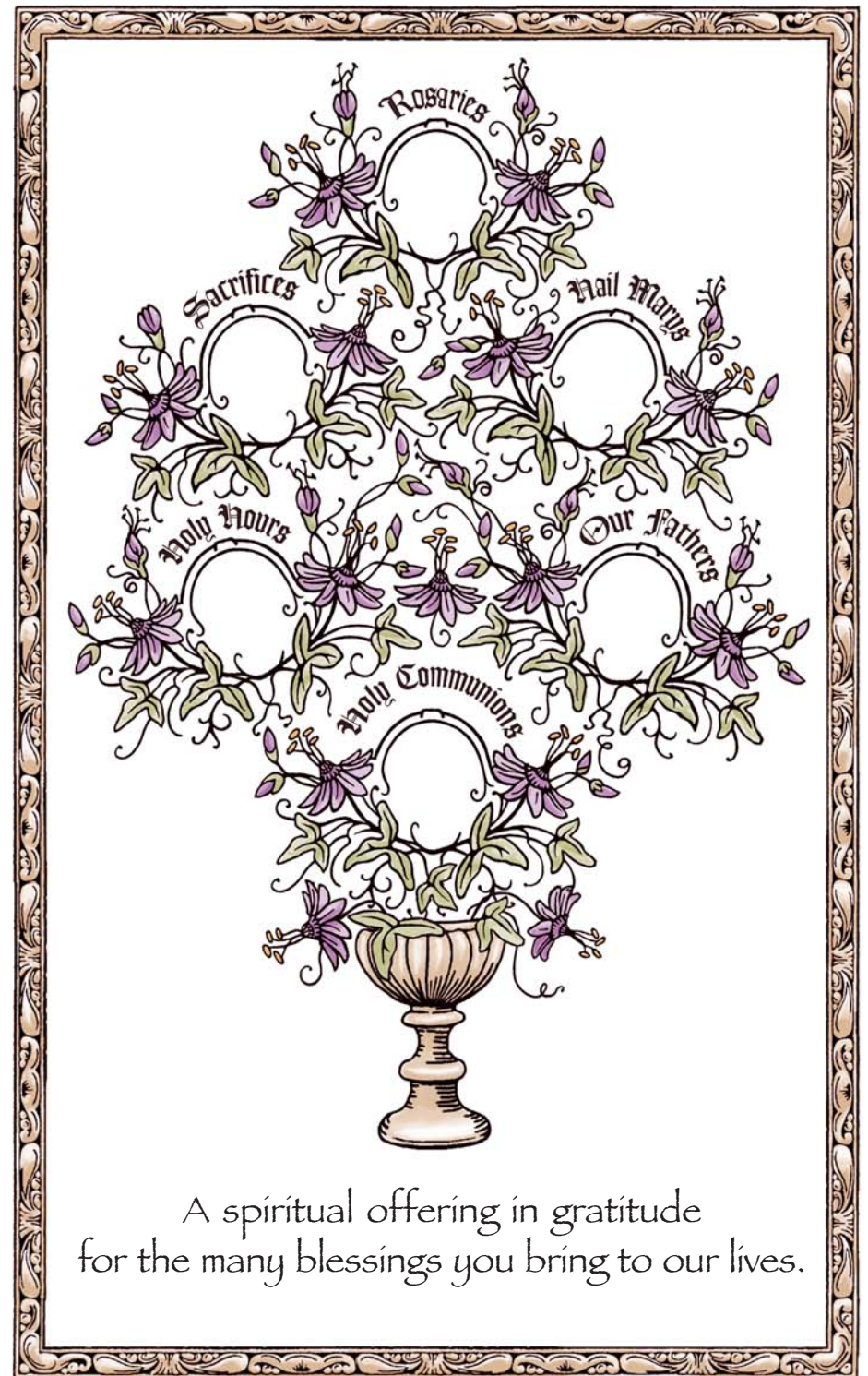
The priest,
always the priest.

And if this soul should
happen to die (as a result of sin),
who will raise it up,
who will restore its calm and peace?

Again, the priest.

After God, the priest is everything!
Only in heaven
will he fully realize what he is.

St. John Vianney



A spiritual offering in gratitude
for the many blessings you bring to our lives.