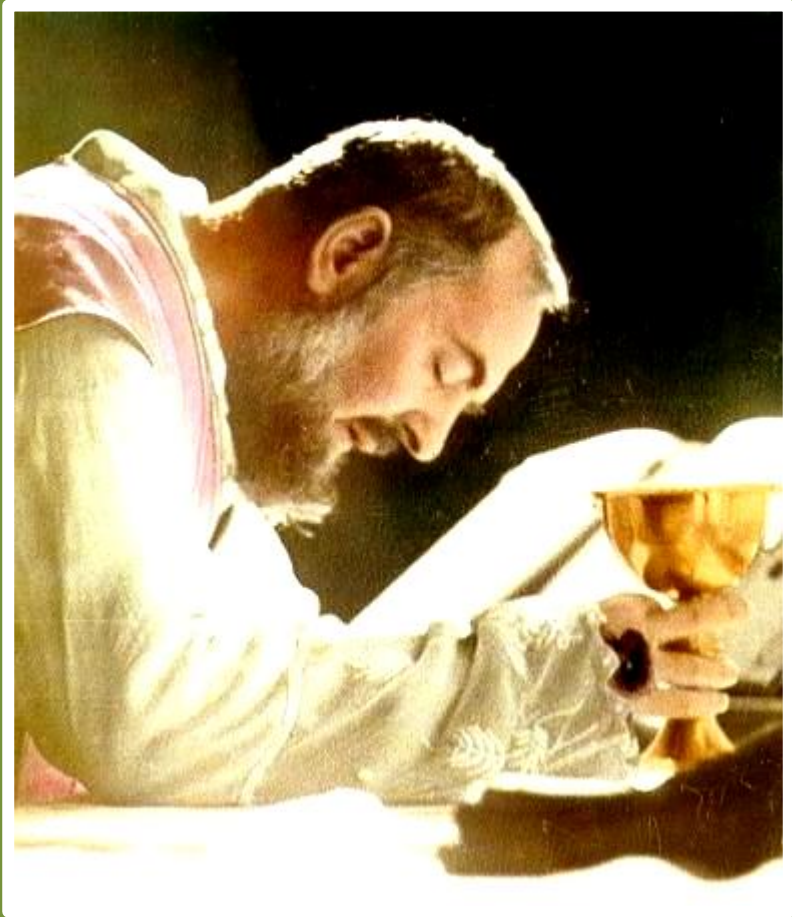


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# *Ardours of the Divine Will*

## TO ESTABLISH HIS PRIESTHOOD AND DIVINE PATERNITY IN THE CHURCH

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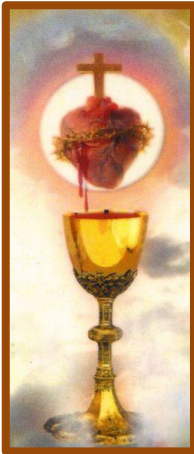


*“Descend into the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Here yes, you will find our most intimate, hidden sorrows, the tears most bitter, the moans most agonizing ... Holy Orders elevates Man to a supreme height, a divine character, the repeater of My Life, the administrator of the Sacraments, the revealer of My Secrets, of My Gospel, of My most sacred science, the peacemaker between Heaven*

*and earth and the carrier of Jesus to souls. But, oh Me, how many times do We see that the ordained will be a Judas to Us, a usurper of the character that is impressed on him! Oh, how the Holy Spirit moans in seeing the ordained strip themselves of the things most sacred, the character most sovereign that exists between Heaven and earth! How many profanations! Each act of an ordained one, not done according to the impressed character, will be a scream of sorrow, a bitter weeping, an agonizing moan.*

*Therefore, if the ordained will learn how to conserve in himself, integral, the character received, he will place the other Sacraments almost in safety. He will be the defender and the saviour of Jesus Himself. Therefore, when We do not see this in the ordained, Our Sorrows are accentuated more; Our moans become more continuous and doleful. Therefore, let your exchange of love flow in each priestly act, in order to keep the moaning Love of the Holy Spirit company.”*

I immerse myself in You Holy Spirit, as You fill Jesus with Your Ardour to call His first apostles and to anoint them with the Spirit of Holy Orders, that they may carry on the Gift of His Priesthood to sanctify souls through the perpetual Sacrifice of the Mass, administering the Holy Sacraments of Your Love and Mercy and through the many blessings they give the faithful. (The Priest's Blessing is the Highest Sacramental in the Church.)



I immerse myself in You Holy Spirit, Who are the Essence of all Virginal Nuptial Love of the Cross, which exists in Jesus. In Him restore a virginal priesthood that will sow the Seed of Your Divine Holiness in the Church. The Gift beyond price and far above human nuptial love is this Virginal Espousal with Your Divine Will of which Holy Mother Mary is the exemplar. In each one of Your moans and sorrows I want to create a priestly “divine life” who will fulfill all Your desires for Your priests and mirror Your Divine Humanity on earth. Fusing myself into Your Holy Will I take all the virtues and blessings you poured into Saint Joseph making him the head of the first ‘seminary’ of Your Life on earth, father to our High Priest, Jesus, and minister of all the sacred rituals of that Holy House of God on earth. May the humility with which he carried out his Sacred Office fill all priests of our Catholic Church and spread the effects of his holiness on earth. I ask the help of all the apostles, Your saintly priests in this Mission especially Saints (Padre) Pio, Annibale Maria di Francia, Anthony, Anthony of Egypt, Athanasius, Benedict, John Vianney, Charbel, John Paul II, Joseph of Cupertino and all other holy priests especially the priests of Your Divine Will.

O Blood and Water which flowed from Your Sacred Heart Oh Jesus, as a Fount of Love and Mercy for Your priests, I fuse myself into You to pour over every priest the Unction of Your Love in word and deed, to purify and sanctify souls. Fiat!

*“If anyone is thirsty let him come to Me and that one who believes in Me come and drink, for as scripture says, ‘From His Breast shall flow fountains of Living Water.’ He was speaking of the Spirit which those who believed in Him were to receive; for there was as yet no Spirit because Jesus had not yet been glorified.” John 7.37*



**SAINT ALPHONSUS de LIGUOURI:** *The priest holds the place of the Saviour Himself when, by saying, “Ego te absolvo”, he absolves from sin.*

**SAINT JOHN VIANNEY:** *Oh how great is the priest! The priest will only be understood in heaven. Were he understood on earth people would die, not of fear, but of love.*

**SAINT CYPRIAN:** *A priest at the altar performs the Office of Christ*

**ANON:** *The priesthood is a golden link between heaven and earth. One priest anywhere in the world is more powerful than all the nuclear power and evil joined together.*



## TARCISIO of CERVINARA interviews PADRE PIO

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The priest lends his voice, his hands but above all his heart to Christ, the Supreme Priest. Making the sacrificial dispositions of the Lord his own, longing to climb on the Cross and to die in torment, the priest becomes at the altar a visible and expressive sign of the Passion of Christ, while for him Jesus makes present sacramentally the Sacrifice of Calvary. Padre Pio, carrying continuously in his body the sufferings of the dying Jesus, lived in his flesh a life that was a visible sign of the life he lives in the faith. It was no longer he who lived, but the Lord who lived in him so fully as to be actually nailed physically with Christ on the Cross ... The life of the Crucified of Gargano could not be lived if not in a complete, total and absolute state of victim.

Q: "Padre, when do you suffer?"

***Padre Pio: "Always, my son"***

Q: "Padre, have you always suffered?"

***Padre Pio: "From my mother's womb!"***

Q: How much do you suffer, Padre?"

***Padre Pio: "As much as one who takes on all humanity!"***

Q: "Padre, what is your Mass?"

***Padre Pio: "A sacred blending with the Passion of Jesus, My responsibility is unique in the world." He says crying.***

Q: "What must I read in your Mass?"

***Padre Pio: "All of Calvary."***

Q: "Padre, tell me everything you suffer during Mass."

***Padre Pio: "Everything that Jesus suffered in His Passion. I suffer also, inadequately, as much as it is possible for a human being. And, this through no merit of mine but just out of His goodness."***

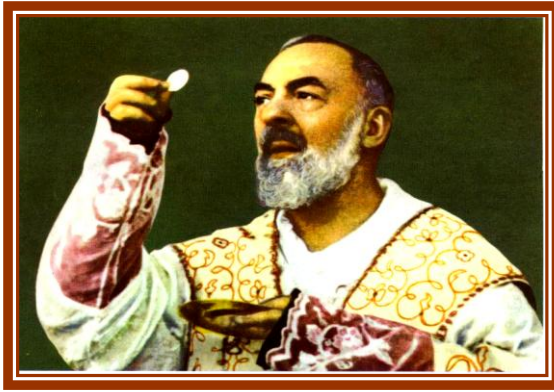
## Prayer for Priests



Keep them I pray Thee, dearest Lord  
Keep them for they are Thine  
They priests whose lives burn out before  
Thy consecrated shrine  
Keep them, for they are in the world  
Though from the world apart  
When earthly pleasures tempt, allure  
Shelter them in Thy Heart  
Keep them and comfort them  
In loneliness and pain  
When all their life of sacrifice  
For souls seems but in vain  
Keep them and oh remember Lord  
They have no one but Thee  
Yet they have only human hearts  
With human frailty  
Keep them as spotless as the Host  
That daily they caress  
Their every thought and word and deed  
Deign dearest Lord to bless



Imprimatur: ID. Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia  
One Our Father, Hail Mary and invocation,  
Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for them!



## Prayer for Priests



Dear Lord, fusing myself into Your Will,  
I take all the beauty and fecundity  
of Your Holiness and pour it into your priests,  
Shepherds after Your own Heart  
To adorn Your Church with Holiness  
To guide Your people with  
Wisdom and Charity  
To offer with Your reverence  
The Sacrifice of the Mass  
To strengthen the Faith of believers  
To live and speak Your Truth  
To preach with humility the Gospel of Christ  
To absolve sinners with Your Blessing  
To feed your children the Bread of Life  
To comfort the sorrowing  
To relieve the suffering  
To strengthen the dying  
To pray for the dead  
To shed Light in the darkness  
And in all things mirror Thee  
O Jesus Christ, Son of God  
And Son of Mary. Amen. Fiat!



# PADRE PIO TELLS HOW HE EXPERIENCES THE DIVINE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

## Interviewed by Tarcisio of Cervinara

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Padre Pio affirms: At Mass ask an angel what a Mass is and he will reply truthfully: I understand what it is and why it is performed, but I do not understand its value. And angel, a thousand angels, the whole of Heaven knows this and thinks like this. And you, you to whom this benefit is given, do you not want to reflect on it? While assisting at Mass, concentrate your whole being on the tremendous mystery which is taking place before your eyes: the Redemption of your soul and reconciliation with God.

Q. "Padre, do you take on our sins during the Divine Sacrifice?"

**Padre Pio:** *"It is not possible to do otherwise, because it is part of the Divine Sacrifice."*

Q: "The Lord then considers you a sinner?"

**Padre Pio:** *"I do not know, but I am afraid so."*

Q: "I saw you trembling when you climbed the steps to the altar. Why - for what you had to suffer?"

**Padre Pio:** *"Not for what I had to suffer, but for what I had to offer."*

Q: "In what hour of the day Padre, do you suffer most?"

**Padre Pio:** *"During the celebration of the Mass."*

Q: "Do you also suffer during the day what Jesus makes you suffer during Mass?"

**Padre Pio:** *"Not on your life! How could I work? How could I exercise ministry?"*

Q: "At what moment of the Divine Sacrifice do you suffer most?"

**Padre Pio:** *"Always and increasingly!"*

Q: “During the celebration of Mass, at what moment do you suffer most?”

**Padre Pio: “From the Consecration to Communion.”**

Q: “At what part of the Mass are you scourges?”

**Padre Pio: “From beginning to end, but more intensely after the Consecration.”**

Q: “During Mass are the pricks of the crown of thorns and the wounds of the scourging real?”

**Padre Pio: “What do you mean? The results are certainly the same.”**

Q: “This morning at Mass, reading the story of Esau, who sold his birthright, your eyes filled with tears.”

**Padre Pio: Are God’s gifts of no value to you?”**

Q: “Why did you cry when you read these words of the Gospel: “Who eats My Flesh and drinks My Blood?”

**Padre Pio: “I cry from compassion.”**

Q: “Why do you nearly always cry, Padre, when you read the Gospel during mass?”

**Padre Pio: “And it’s of little account to you that God converses with His creatures, and is contradicted by them? And is continually hurt by their ingratitude and incredulity?”**

Q: “Why do you cry at the Offertory?”

**Padre Pio: “You want to snatch the secret from me? Very well. It is the moment when the soul is separated from the profane.”**

Q: “Padre, are all the souls assisting at your Mass present to your spirit?”

**Padre Pio: “I see all my children at the altar, as in a looking glass.”**

Q: “Padre, why do you suffer so much at the Consecration?”

**Padre Pio: “You are too wicked!”**

With these words Padre Pio at first avoids the question. A return to the attack was to be expected.

Q: “Tell me why you suffer so much at the Consecration.”

**Padre Pio:** *“Because that is when a new and admirable destruction and creation takes place.”* (The Padre dispels his intimate secret by hiding it. One waited for a suitable occasion to ask further questions to extract a more detailed reply.)

Q: “Why do you suffer so much at the Consecration?”

**Padre Pio:** *“The secrets of the Supreme King are not revealed without profaning them. You ask me why I suffer. I would like to weep torrents of tears and not just a few tears? Don’t you reflect on the tremendous Mystery? A God, Victim for our sins! And we are His butchers.”*

Q: Padre, do you taste the bitterness of gall?”

**Padre Pio:** *“Yes and very often.”*

Q: “Padre, how do you stand on your feet at the altar?”

**Padre Pio:** *“In the same way as Jesus was held on the Cross.”*

Q: “At the altar you are suspended on the Cross like Jesus at Calvary ... the executioners overturned the Cross to hammer in the nails?”

**Padre Pio:** *“Of course.”*

Q: “And, they also overturn you?”

**Padre Pio:** *“Yes, but don’t be afraid.”*

Q: “Padre, during Mass, do you also say the seven last words Jesus said on the Cross?”

**Padre Pio:** *“Yes, unworthily I too say them.”*

Q: “And to whom do you say: ‘Woman, behold thy son?’”

**Padre Pio:** *“I say to Her, ‘Behold the sons of thy Son!’”*

Q: “Do you suffer from thirst and the abandonment of Jesus?”

**Padre Pio:** *“Yes!”*

Q: “At what moment do you suffer from thirst and abandonment?”

**Padre Pio:** *“After the Consecration.”*

Q: “Up to when do you suffer the abandonment and thirst?”

**Padre Pio:** *“Usually up to Communion.”*

Q: “Did Jesus Christ have His inmost being consumed?”

***Padre Pio: “It would be more accurate to say burned.”***

Q: “What did Jesus Christ thirst for?”

***Padre Pio: “The Kingdom of God!”***

Q: “You told me you were ashamed to say, ‘I sought for one to console me.’ Why?”

***Padre Pio: “Because, compared to what Jesus suffered, our own suffering, as the real culprits grows dim.”***

Q: “Before whom are you ashamed?”

***Padre Pio: “Before God and my own conscience.”***

Q: “Do not the angels of the Lord comfort you at the altar where you sacrifice yourself?”

***Padre Pio: “Well, I don’t hear them.”***

Q: “If your spirit has no comfort during the Divine Sacrifice, and like Jesus, you experience complete abandonment, our presence is useless.”

***Padre Pio: “The usefulness is for you. Should we then say useless the presence of the Sorrowful Virgin, of John and the holy women at the feet of the dying Jesus?”***

Q: “Padre, why don’t you give us a little of your passion?”

***Padre Pio: “The jewels of the Spouse are not given away to anyone.”***

Q: “Tell me what I can do to alleviate your Calvary?”

***Padre Pio: “Alleviate? You would do better to say overload, It is necessary to suffer.”***

Q: “It is painful to assist at your martyrdom without being able to help you!”

***Padre Pio: “The Sorrowful Virgin too had to assist. Certainly for Jesus it was more of a comfort to have a Sorrowful Mother rather than an indifferent one.”***

Q: “What did the Virgin do at the feet of Jesus crucified?”

***Padre Pio: “She suffered to see her Son suffer. She offered the sufferings and pains of Jesus to the heavenly Father for our salvation.”***

Q: "I ask you not out of curiosity - which is the wound that makes you suffer most?"

**Padre Pio: *The head and the heart.***"

Q: "What is Holy Communion?"

**Padre Pio: *"It is all an internal and external mercy - an embrace! Ask Jesus to make Himself felt sensibly."***

Q: "Where does Jesus kiss you?"

**Padre Pio: *"All over!"***

Q: "When Jesus comes does He visit only the soul?"

**Padre Pio: *"The whole being."***

Q: "What does Jesus do at Communion?"

**Padre Pio: *"He finds delight in His creature."***

Q: "Is Communion an incorporation?"

**Padre Pio: *"It is a fusion. Like two candles that melt together and are no longer distinguishable."***

Q: "When you are joined to Jesus at Communion what must we ask for you of the Lord?"

**Padre Pio: *"That I may be another Jesus, all Jesus, always Jesus."***

Q: "You have made me understand that the Sacred Species are not consumed in you; that the Blood of Jesus flows in your veins! Therefore, you are a living monstrosity?"

**Padre Pio: *"You have said it."***

Q: "Why do you cry, Padre, when you receive Communion?"

**Padre Pio: *"If the Church exclaims: 'You did not disdain the womb of the virgin,' speaking of the Incarnation, what is to be said of us wretches?"***

Q: "Do you also suffer at Communion?"

**Padre Pio: *"It is the culminating point."***

Q: "Do you continue to suffer after Communion?"

**Padre Pio: *"Yes, but amorous suffering."***

Q: "Does Jesus not console you in this union?"

**Padre Pio: *"Yes, but one does not stop being on the Cross?"***

Q: “Where did Jesus cast His last glance as He was dying?”

**Padre Pio: “On His Mother.”**

Q: “And who do you look at?”

**Padre Pio: “On my brothers and sisters in exile.”**

Q: “Do you also die during Mass?”

**Padre Pio: “Mystically at Holy Communion.”**

Q: “Is it out of love or suffering that you die?”

**Padre Pio: “For one and the other; but more for love.”**

Q: “At Communion you die, so you are no longer at the altar?”

**Padre Pio: “Why? Even when Jesus had died He was on Calvary.”**

Q: “Padre, you said that at Communion the victim dies. Do they place you in the arms of Our Lady?”

**Padre Pio: “Of Saint Francis.”**

Q: “Padre, did Jesus detach His arms from the Cross to rest in you?”

**Padre Pio: “It is I who rest in Him.”**

Q: “How much do you love Jesus?”

**Padre Pio: “The desire is infinite, but in practice, ah me! I should say zero, and I am ashamed.”**

At the end of Mass, Padre Pio recited the prologue of Saint John with profound emotion and his face ablaze.

Q: “Why do you cry each time you read the last Gospel at Mass?”

**Padre Pio: “And is it of little account to you that God converses with men?”**

Q: “Why do you cry (his tears and sobs were abundant) when you pronounce the last phrase of the Gospel of Saint John, “*And we saw His glory, glory of the only begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth?*”

**Padre Pio: “And it seems little to you? If the apostles saw with the eyes of their flesh so much glory, what will be the glory we**

*shall see in the Son of God, in Jesus, when He manifests Himself to us in Paradise?”*

Q: “What union will we have in heaven with Jesus?”

***Padre Pio: “Ah! The Eucharist gives us an idea.”***

Q: “Does the Holy Virgin assist at your Mass?”

***Padre Pio: “And do you imagine the Mother is not interested in her Son?”***

Q: “Do the angels assist at your Mass?”

***Padre Pio: “In throngs!”***

Q: “What do they do?”

***Padre Pio: “They adore and they love.”***

Q: “Padre, who is closest to your altar?”

***Padre Pio: “The whole of Paradise.”***

Q: “Would you like to say more than one Mass a day?”

***Padre Pio: “If I could I would never leave the altar.”***

Q: “You told me you carry the altar with you.”

***Padre Pio: “Yes, verifying that saying of the apostle, ‘Carrying in me the mortification of Jesus ... I am nailed to the cross ... I chastise my body and make it a slave.’”***

Q: “Then I am right in saying that Jesus crucified walks in our midst? You suffer all the Passion of Jesus (and always).”

***Padre Pio: “Yes, through His goodness and condescension, as much as it is possible for a human being.”***

Q: “And how can you work with so much suffering?”

***Padre Pio: “I find my rest on the Cross.”***

Q: “Padre, our Lord likes sacrifice.”

***Padre Pio: “Yes, because with it He regenerated the world.”***

Q: “How much glory does Mass give to God?”

***Padre Pio: “Infinite Glory!”***

Q: “What should we do during Mass?”

***Padre Pio: “Repent and Love.”***

Q: “Padre, how should we hear Mass?”

*Padre Pio: In the same way that the most Holy Virgin and the holy women assisted. In the same way St John assisted at the Eucharistic Sacrifice and at the sanguinary one of the Cross.”*

Q: “What benefits do we receive on hearing it?”

*Padre Pio: “It is not possible to number them. You will see them in Paradise.”*



*Padre Pio we love and thank you  
for your life offered in loving  
sacrifice for us bearing in your  
body the Wounds of Jesus*





# **The Importance of the Priests as Propagators of the Truths of the Divine Fiat as revealed to the Servant of God, Luisa Piccarreta in “The Book of Heaven.”**

**V 25: January 13, 1929**

*“Now, my daughter, the Kingdom of Redemption and the Kingdom of my Divine Fiat hold hands, and since It is also a universal good, such that, if they want so, all can enter into It, it is necessary that many know the news about It, and that It be conceived in the minds, in the words, in the works and hearts of many, so that, through prayers, desires, and a holier life, they may dispose themselves to receive the Kingdom of my Divine Will into their midst.*

***If the news is not divulged, my manifestations will not act as trumpeters, nor will the knowledges about my Divine Fiat fly from mouth to mouth, forming the Conception of It in the minds, prayers, sighs and desires of creatures. My Divine Volition will not make Its triumphant entrance, coming to reign upon earth.***

*How necessary it is that the knowledges about my Fiat be known; not only this, but that it be made known that my Divine Will already wants to come to reign on earth as It does in Heaven into the midst of creatures.*

***And it is to the priests as to new prophets, both through the word and through writing and through works, that the task is given of acting as trumpeters in order to make known what regards my Divine Fiat; nor would their crime be lesser than that of the prophets, had these hidden my Redemption, if they do not occupy themselves as much as they can with what regards my Divine Will. They themselves would be the cause of a good so great being neither known nor received by creatures; and to suffocate the Kingdom of my Divine Will, to keep suspended a good so great, such that there is no other similar to it - is this perhaps not a crime? Therefore, I recommend to you: on your part, do not omit***

*anything, and pray for those who must occupy themselves with making known a good so great.”*

***“My daughter, this was the purpose for which I permitted the necessity of the coming of the priest - that you might deposit in them, as a sacred deposit, all the truths which I have spoken to you about my Divine Fiat, and that they be attentive and the faithful executors of what I want - that is, that they make the Kingdom of my Divine Will known.***

*Be certain that I would not have permitted their coming if not for the purpose of fulfilling my great designs over the destiny of the human family. And just as in the Kingdom of Redemption I left my Queen Mama in the midst of the Apostles, so that, together with Her, helped and guided by Her, they might give start to the Kingdom of Redemption - because the Sovereign Queen of Heaven knew more than all of the Apostles, She was the most interested; it can be said that She kept It formed within Her maternal Heart, therefore She could very well instruct the Apostles in the doubts, in the way, in the circumstances; She was the true sun in their midst, and one word of Hers was enough for my Apostles to feel strong, illuminated and fortified.*

*In the same way, for the Kingdom of my Divine Fiat, having placed in you the deposit of It, I keep you in the exile still, so that the priests might draw from you, as from a new mother, what can serve as light, as guidance, as help, to give start to making known the Kingdom of my Divine Will. And as I see their little interest if you knew how much I suffer ... Therefore, pray, pray!”*



