



PRAYER SERVICE

“CELEBRATING AND LIVING THE IHM CHARISM”

INTRODUCTION

St. Alphonsus stated, “The whole perfection of the human being and all holiness consists in loving Jesus Christ, and in doing His will. He is our Redeemer and the Source of all our good.” With Saint Alphonsus, one of our Congregational patrons, we come together to celebrate the IHM Charism. This charism is meant to be shared by all, since it calls each person to a life of prayer, love, hospitality and service to everyone in the human community. Let us renew our commitment to put Jesus first in our lives and join with Mary in being a model of faithful service to Jesus Christ. Let us renew our commitment to live the IHM Charism each day.

OPENING SONG

Song of the Body of Christ *David Haas*
(Can be found on YouTube)

(Please be seated.)

READING

Clossians 3: 12-17

RESPONSE

(Prayed reflectively by the leader.)

As we reflect on God’s Word, we ask the Lord to give us the grace and the wisdom to put Christ above all and seek only to do His will.

PRAYER FOR WISDOM

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, give us Your light today;
Light to see the truth plainly;
Light to see ourselves as we are;
Light to see the way we should go;
Light to see You in Your majesty, Your humility, and Your love.

(Prayer is from St. Alphonsus and Redemptorist Heritage)

REFLECTION

INTERCESSIONS

Leader Let us pray that we will continue to be witnesses of God's boundless love as we seek to live the IHM charism each day.

RESPONSE: God of Boundless Love, hear our prayer.

You have formed us as one body, give us the grace we need to strive to live as one in harmony and peace, we pray to the Lord...

You have called us to a life of prayer, love, service and hospitality, fill us with Your Spirit to share these virtues with all we meet each day, we pray to the Lord...

You have called us to be people of love, creative hope and fidelity, strengthen our desire to love and serve You above all else, we pray to the Lord...

You have given us the gift of the Eucharist, nourish us with the Bread of Life, we pray to the Lord...

You have called Mary to be our model of faith, deepen our faith in You and in all the good works You do, let us pray to the Lord...

Leader Now, joining all our prayers and praises into one, let us pray in the words that Jesus gave us...

All **OUR FATHER...**

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader **May the God who inspired Father Louis Florent Gillet, Mother Theresa Maxis, and the first IHM Sisters;**
May the God who calls us to a life of prayer, love, service and hospitality;
May the God who is the Bread of Life;
May the God who led St. Alphonsus to found the Redemptorists;
May the God of all live in our hearts forever.

All **AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN *Song of the Body of Christ (Refrain only)*

