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through the temptations of the evil one, or dread of the responsibilities of the sacred ministry, are in danger of losing their vocation. Impart to these young men sufficient courage to make the sacrifices by which the Eucharistic Chalice must be purchased; and in return for their generosity, let them find strength and courage through the Blood Which in heaven shall be their eternal source of delight.

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5 Lord Jesus! by Your Precious Blood, shed on the way to Calvary, take pity on priests who are the victims of injustice, and who, like their Adorable Model, receive, in return for their devotedness, nothing but crosses, trials and persecutions.

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