



TO GOD THE
FATHER

BEGINNING AND END
OF EVERY VOCATION

**O God, holy Father, beginning and end of every vocation,
we praise and glorify your Name always:
in your goodness, through our Seven First Fathers,
you have raised up our spiritual Family in your Church.
Here you have prepared a place where your beloved may gather in freedom
living their wish to bear witness to the Gospel
in fraternal communion together.**

**Here, with love, they may serve the glorious Mother of Christ,
and be workers for reconciliation and peace.**

**Renew in us, O Lord, our commitment to follow Christ,
humbly in our obedience, pure in our love,
joyful in our poverty, ever lovingly attentive to your Word.**

**Increase within us a desire for holiness,
a firmness of fervor in our prayer,
a longing thirst for justice,
and a deep passion for the Kingdom.**

**By the gift of your mercy, we pray,
let the voice of your Holy Spirit
summon and call other daughters and sons
to become sisters and brothers with us,
companions and friends on the pilgrim-journey of life.**

**Let them know how to stand with Holy Mary
at the foot of those countless crosses**

where your Son continues to groan and to suffer.

**Let them hold your Gospel as their supreme Rule of Life;
let them base their way of life upon generous service.**

**Let them keep resounding on their lips the great Canticle of the Virgin Mary,
her hymn of gratitude and commitment for humanity's promised well-being.**

**Welcome, O Father, through Christ in the Spirit,
this prayer of your beloved children. Amen.**