Holy Hour in honor of, and for the intentions of Pope Benedict XVI, on the occasion of his 60th Anniversary as Priest!

All Saints, All Brothers and Sisters!

Exposition

Hymn: any appropriate Eucharistic Hymn

The Eucharist is exposed and incensed. A short time for silent adoration follows.

Prayer: Lord,
give to our hearts
the light of faith and the fire of love,
that we may worship in spirit and in truth
our God and Lord, present in this sacrament,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Silent Adoration

- Please pray for the Holy Father and all his intentions.
- Pray for the Pro Sanctity National Convention and Annual Silent Retreat.

Reading I - Ephesians 2:19-22

Psalm - Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5 (preferably a sung version, or Here I Am Lord or another suitable song may be used)

Gospel - Mt. 28:16-20

Adoration

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Passages from Pope Benedict to pray with silently, or pick a few to read in common:

**Address at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**

“In the family home we experience some of the fundamental elements of peace: justice and love between brothers and sisters, the role of authority expressed by parents, loving concern for the members who are weaker because of youth, sickness or old age, mutual help in the necessities of life, readiness to accept others and, if necessary, to forgive them.”

“Indeed a clearer focus upon the imitation of Christ in holiness of life is exactly what is needed for us to move forward. We need to rediscover the joy of living a Christ-centered life, cultivating the virtues, and immersing ourselves in prayer.”

**Homily at the Mass in Washington Nationals Stadium**

“To a great extent, the renewal of the Church in America and throughout the world depends on the renewal of the practice of Penance and the growth in holiness which that sacrament both inspires and accomplishes.”

**Address at the Meeting with Catholic Educators**

“Our [educational] institutions make a vital contribution to the mission of the Church and truly serve society. They become places in which God’s active presence in human affairs is recognized and in which every young person discovers the joy of entering into Christ’s ‘being for others.’ The Church’s primary mission of evangelization, in which educational institutions play a crucial role, is consonant with a nation’s fundamental aspiration to develop a society truly worthy of the human person’s dignity.”

**Address at the Meeting with Representatives of Other Religions**

“A concrete example of the contribution religious communities make to civil society is faith-based schools. These institutions enrich children both intellectually and spiritually. Led by their teachers to discover the divinely bestowed dignity of each human being, young people learn to respect the beliefs of others, thus enhancing a nation’s civic life. What an enormous responsibility religious leaders have: to imbue society with a profound awe and respect for human life and freedom; to ensure that human dignity is recognized and cherished; to facilitate peace and justice, to teach children what is right, good and reasonable!”

**Address at the Meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations**

“Recognition of the unity of the human family, and attention to the innate dignity of every man and woman, today find renewed emphasis in the principle of the responsibility to protect. … If States are unable to guarantee such protection, the international community must intervene with the juridical means provided in the United Nations Charter and in other international instruments.”
“Human dignity, which is the foundation and goal of the responsibility to protect, leads us to the theme we are specifically focusing upon this year, which marks the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. …Human rights are increasingly being presented as the common language and the ethical substratum of international relations. At the same time, the universality, indivisibility, and interdependence of human rights all serve as guarantees safeguarding human dignity. It is evident, though, that the rights recognized and expounded in the Declaration apply to everyone by virtue of the common origin of the person who remains the high-point of God’s creative design for the world and for history. …not only are rights universal, but so too is the human person, the subject of those rights. “

**Homily at the Mass in St. Patrick’s Cathedral**

“Medieval artists often portrayed Christ as [a heavenly builder] who orders the cosmos with infinite wisdom and purpose. Does this not bring to mind our need to see all things with the eyes of faith, and thus to grasp them in their truest perspective, in the unity of God’s eternal plan? This requires, as we know, constant conversion, and a commitment to acquiring ‘a fresh spiritual way of thinking.’ It also calls for the cultivation of those virtues which enable each of us to grow in holiness and to bear spiritual fruit within our particular state of life.”

“So let us lift our gaze upward! and with great humility and confidence, let us ask the Spirit to enable us each day to grow in the holiness that will make us living stones in the temple which he is even now raising up in the midst of our world. If we are to be true forces of unity, let us be the first to seek inner reconciliation through penance. Let us forgive the wrongs we have suffered and put aside all anger and contention. Let us be the first to demonstrate the humility and purity of heart which are required to approach the splendor of God’s truth. …Dear brothers and sisters, in the finest traditions of the Church in this country, may you also be the first friend of the poor, the homeless, the stranger, the sick, and all who suffer.”

**Address to Young People and Seminarians at St. Joseph Seminary**

“We must respond with renewed social action that stems from the universal love that knows no bounds. In this way, we ensure that our works of mercy and justice become hope in action for others. …Let us honor the vocation of matrimony and the dignity of family life. Let us always appreciate that it is in families that vocations are given life.”

**Homily at the Mass in Yankee Stadium**

“‘You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people he claims for his own, to proclaim his glorious works.’ (1 Peter 2:9) These words of the Apostle Peter do not simply remind us of the dignity which is ours by God’s grace; they also challenge us to an ever greater fidelity to the glorious inheritance which we have received in Christ. They challenge us to examine our consciences, to purify our hearts, to renew our baptismal commitment to reject Satan and all his empty promises. They challenge us to be a people of joy, heralds of the unfailing hope born of faith in God’s word and trust in his promises.”
Silent Adoration

Prayer: Apostles of Brotherhood

Jesus,
universal Brother,
sent by the Father to reveal to us
the mysteries of his infinite love,
we give thanks to you
for having called us to repeat to others
the message of your love
and of your Father’s love.

Stay close to us,
Lord, our Brother.

When weariness, sadness or discouragement
descend upon us,
remind us
that as you and your Mother
accepted the weight of suffering on our account,
so should we do the same
for our brothers and sisters.

Grant us the ability to be for others
-- for your brothers and sisters and our
brothers and sisters --
your light,
your heart,
your hands,
that we may walk with them
toward you
and together reach
Our Father in Heaven. Amen.

Closing Hymn:

Night Prayer and Reposition