

WELCOME

To the Diaconate Ordination of

VIJAYARAJ THOMAS
SAMSON EZEMOUKWE
VIKNESH THANISLAUS

to the order of the Diaconate by
the Most Reverend Terry Curtin.

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MGL ENTRUSTMENT TO MARY OUR MOTHER

Immaculate heart of Mary, I entrust myself to you
Draw me into the heart of Jesus your Son
Share with me the mystery of his Cross
And the fire of his Spirit.
Gentle mother, since Jesus gave me to you from the Cross,
I am yours.

Nurture me in his love and help me to pray
Guide me in his Spirit and teach me his ways.
Pure and chaste virgin, as I place my life in your hands
Bring me closer to Jesus your Son,
Make me obedient to the Father and humble of heart.
Have eyes of mercy on me in my weakness
Protect me from the evil one

And bring healing grace to my life.
So with your spirit of gratitude and praise
I may have your heart for the mission
To spread the Good News of God's Love.
Now and always. Amen.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Ordaining Bishop

Most Reverend Terry Curtin

Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne

Concelebration Priests

Very Rev Stephen Fletcher MGL

Very Rev Ken Barker MGL

Priests of the Missionaries of God's Love

Visiting Priests

Master of Ceremonies

Br Joseph Nivaskaran MGL

Acolytes

Missionaries of God's Love Brothers

Music - Coordinated by

Br Wens Janwarin

Open up the gates.
Let the King of Glory,
Let him come in.
So open up your hearts.
Let the King of Glory,
Let him come in.

So let us set ourselves
to know the holy God.
His coming to us is as sure as dawn.
For he will come to us,
he'll come as showers come
to rain his mercy on the earth.

Open up the gates.
Let the King of Glory,
Let him come in.
So open up your hearts.
Let the King of Glory,
Let him come in.

Cast off your fear and doubt.
Come now with humble hearts
and come into the very courts of God.
He made a way for us
through his most Holy Cross,
and brought salvation to the earth

Open up the gates.
Let the King of Glory,
Let him come in.
So open up your hearts.
Let the King of Glory,
Let him come in.

So who is this King of Glory?
The strong and the valiant,
the mighty in war
is also the King of mercy.
With love and compassion now
Jesus is the Lord of all.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Open up the gates

Stephen Kirk.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Peace be with you

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Brothers and Sisters, let us acknowledge
our sins, and so prepare ourselves to
celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have
failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

May almighty God have mercy on us,
Forgive us our sins,
And bring us to everlasting life.

Amen

KYRIE

Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy upon us.

Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy,
Lord have mercy upon us.

GLORIA

Mass of the Holy Spirit

Music by Stephen Kirk

**Glorify, glorify to God in the highest,
And on earth peace to people of good will.**

We praise you, we bless you,
We adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE COLLECT

Let us Pray

O God, who have taught the ministers of your Church
to seek not to be served
but to serve their brothers and sisters,
grant, we pray, that these your servants,
whom you graciously choose today for the office
of Deacon,
may be effective in action, gentle in ministry,
and constant in prayer.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 39:1, 4-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23:1-6

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

GOSEPL

Matthew 9:35-37

THE ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

THE CALLING OF THE CANDIDATES

Vijay, Samson and Viknesh are called forward as they prepare to be ordained.

MC: Let those who are to be ordained deacons please come forward

Fr Stephen: Most Reverend Father, holy mother Church asks you to ordain these men, our brothers, to the responsibility of the Diaconate.

Bishop: Do you know them to be worthy?

Fr Stephen: After inquiry among the Christian people and upon recommendation of those responsible, I testify that they have been found worthy.

Bishop: Relying on the help of the Lord God and our Saviour Jesus Christ, we choose these men, our brothers, for the Order of Diaconate.

R: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

Most Rev. Terry Curtin

THE PROMISE OF THE ELECT

Vijay, Samson and Viknesh are invited by Bishop Curtin to make their promises as they declare their intention to undertake the office of the diaconate.

Bishop: Dear sons, before you enter the Order of the Diaconate, you must declare before the people your intention to undertake this office.

Do you resolve, to be consecrated for the Church's ministry by laying on my hands and the gift of the Holy Spirit?

Ordinands: I do.

Bishop: Do you resolve to discharge the office of Deacon with humble charity in order to assist the priestly Order and to benefit the Christian people?

Ordinands: I do.

Bishop: Do you resolve to hold fast to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience, as the Apostle urges, and to proclaim this faith in word and deed according to the Gospel and the Church's tradition?

Ordinands: I do.

Bishop: Do you resolve to keep for ever this commitment to remain celibate as a sign of your dedication to Christ the Lord for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven, in the service of God and man?

Ordinands: I do.

Bishop: Do you resolve to maintain and deepen the spirit of prayer that is proper to your way of life and, in keeping with this spirit and what is required of you, to celebrate faithfully the liturgy of the Hours with and for the People of God and indeed for the whole world?

Ordinands: I do.

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Ordinands: I do, with the help of God.

Kneeling Before him, the Bishop asks each ordinand:

Bishop: Do you promise respect and obedience to the diocesan Bishop and to your legitimate superior?

Ordinands: I do.

Bishop: May God who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfilment.

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Bishop Curtin invites all present to invoke the intercession of the saints as we all join together in interceding for Vijay, Samson and Viknesh as they come before God, their brothers and those present to receive ordination.

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy	Saint Maximillian Kolbe,	pray for us
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy	Saint Therese of Lisieux,	pray for us
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy	Saint Mary of the Cross,	pray for us
		Saint John Henry Newman,	pray for us
Holy Mary,	pray for us		
Saint Michael and all angels,	pray for us	Ora pro nobis, Ora pro nobis	
Saint John the Baptist,	pray for us		
St Joseph, spouse of Mary,	pray for us	Lord be merciful,	Lord deliver us
Saints Peter and Paul,	pray for us	From all evil,	Lord deliver us
Saints Andrew and James,	pray for us	From every sin,	Lord deliver us
Saints Philip and James,	pray for us	From everlasting death,	Lord deliver us
Saints Simon and Jude,	pray for us	By your Incarnation,	Lord deliver us
		By your Death and Resurrection,	Lord deliver us
Ora pro nobis, Ora pro nobis		By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,	Lord deliver us
Saint Thomas and Bartholomew	pray for us	Ora pro nobis, Ora pro nobis	
Saint Matthias,	pray for us		
Saints Matthew and Mark,	pray for us	Be merciful to us sinners,	hear our prayer.
Saints Luke and John,	pray for us		
Saint Mary Magdalene,	pray for us	Govern and protect your Holy Church,	" "
Saints Stephen and Lawrence,	pray for us	Keep the Pope and all the clergy,	
Saint Timothy,	pray for us	Bless these chosen men,	" "
Saint Ignatius of Antioch,	pray for us	Bless and sanctify these chosen men,	
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Ora pro nobis, Ora pro nobis		Bless and consecrate these chosen men,	
		Unite all peoples in peace,	
Saints Monica and Augustine,	pray for us	Comfort the afflicted	
Saint John Chrysostom,	pray for us	Strengthen us in your service	" "
Saints Patrick and Benedict,	pray for us	Jesus, Son of the living God	
Saints Francis and Clare,	pray for us		
Saints Bernard and Dominic,	pray for us	Ora pro nobis, Ora pro nobis	
Saint Ignatius of Loyola,	pray for us		
Saint Francis de Sales,	pray for us		
Saint Alphonsus Liguori,	pray for us		
Ora pro nobis, Ora pro nobis			
Saint Catherine of Siena,	pray for us		
Saint Teresa of Avila,	pray for us		
Saint Margaret Mary Alcoque,	pray for us		
Saint Rose of Lima,	pray for us		
Saint Martin de Porres,	pray for us		
Saint Anthony of Padua,	pray for us		
Saint John of the Cross,	pray for us		
Saint Joseph of Cupertino,	pray for us		
Ora pro nobis, Ora pro nobis			

THE LAYING OF HANDS

Following ancient custom, Bishop Curtin lays hands on Vijay, Samson and Viknesh invoking the Holy Spirit and praying for them in silence for a short period.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Bishop Curtin prays aloud the prayer of consecration over Vijay, Samson and Viknesh. It is this prayer, together with the laying on of hands, that constitute the essential elements of the Sacrament of Ordination. Following this prayer, Vijay, Samson and Viknesh will be deacons.

THE INVESTITURE WITH STOLE AND DALMATIC

Vijay, Samson and Viknesh now ordained deacons, are assisted by their friends and representatives from the priests as they put on the stole and dalmatic, the vestments proper to deacons.

PRESENTATION OF GOSPELS AND PEACH

The Bishop is handed the Book of the Gospels by MC. The Bishop places the Book of the Gospels in the hands of each newly ordained and pray.

KISS OF PEACE

The Bishop greets Vijay, Samson and Viknesh with the fraternal greeting "peace be with you."

THE NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(At the words that follow, up to and including 'and
became man', all bow.)
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and
is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFETORY HYMN

Refiner

Chandler Moore and Marerick City

If the altar is where you meet us
Take me there, take me there
What you need is just an offering
It's right here, my life is here
And I'll be a living sacrifice for you

You're a fire
The refiner
I wanna be consumed

I wanna be tried by fire
Purified
You take whatever you desire
Lord here's my life

If your glory wants to come in
Let it fall, we want it all
Lord your fire is consuming
Fill this place, set it ablaze
I'll be a living sacrifice for you

Clean my hands, purify my heart
I wanna burn for you, only for You
Take my life as a sacrifice
I wanna burn for you, only for You

Burn me beautiful
Burn me lovely
Burn me righteous
Burn me holy

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory:

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this bread and

drink this cup we proclaim your death oh Lord

until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom,
the power and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and
unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your Spirit

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us;**

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us;**

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world
Grant us peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes
away the sins of the world. Blessed are those
called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter
under my roof, but only say the word and my
soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Communion

Song by Br. Michael Last MGL

Oh what a wonder, the Lord of eternity
Entering human time.
Our Saviour's Passion is being made
present,
Captured in bread and in wine.

As we behold your body broken
May our eyes be opened.

We say, "Amen
We believe, Jesus, you are truly here."
And with open hands
We receive a treasure that's beyond
compare
As we welcome You in
You're healing our hearts
This is communion

Lord we're not worthy but this you desire:
Making your home within us.
Here we consume You,
Your glory shining through us.

As we receive your body broken,
May our hearts be open

THANKSGIVING HYMN

Surrounded By Holy

Song by Bethel Music and Zahriya Zachary

Take me into Your secret place
Where I'm constantly amazed
Where the saints and angels bow before You

There's nothing like Your presence
It's just a glimpse of Heaven
There, where the elders throw their crowns before You

Holy, surrounded by holy
There's no one more holy
I'm in wonder and awe
In wonder and awe

King who is wrapped in majesty
You alone will always be
All creation joins with Heaven singing

The more that I enter in, You consume all I am
I lose myself in the One who's holy
As we come face to face, You take my breath away
All I can do is cry holy, holy

Oh, oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh-oh
There's no one more holy
There's no one more holy

VOTE OF THANKS

***Dn Vijay will briefly address the
congregation***

CONCLUDING RITE

SOLEMN BLESSING

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

May God, who has called you to the service of others
in his Church, give you a great zeal for all,
especially the afflicted and the poor.

Amen.

May he, who has entrusted you with preaching
the Gospel of Christ,
help you, as you live according to his word,
to be its sincere and fervent witness.

Amen.

May he, who has appointed you stewards of his
mysteries, make you imitators of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and ministers of unity and peace in the world.

Amen.

And may almighty God bless all of you,
who are gathered here,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Your Grace is Enough

Chris Tomlin

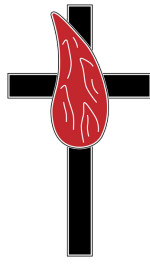
Great is your faithfulness, oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

So, remember your people
Remember your children
Remember your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is your love and justice, God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of your salvation
And all your people sing along

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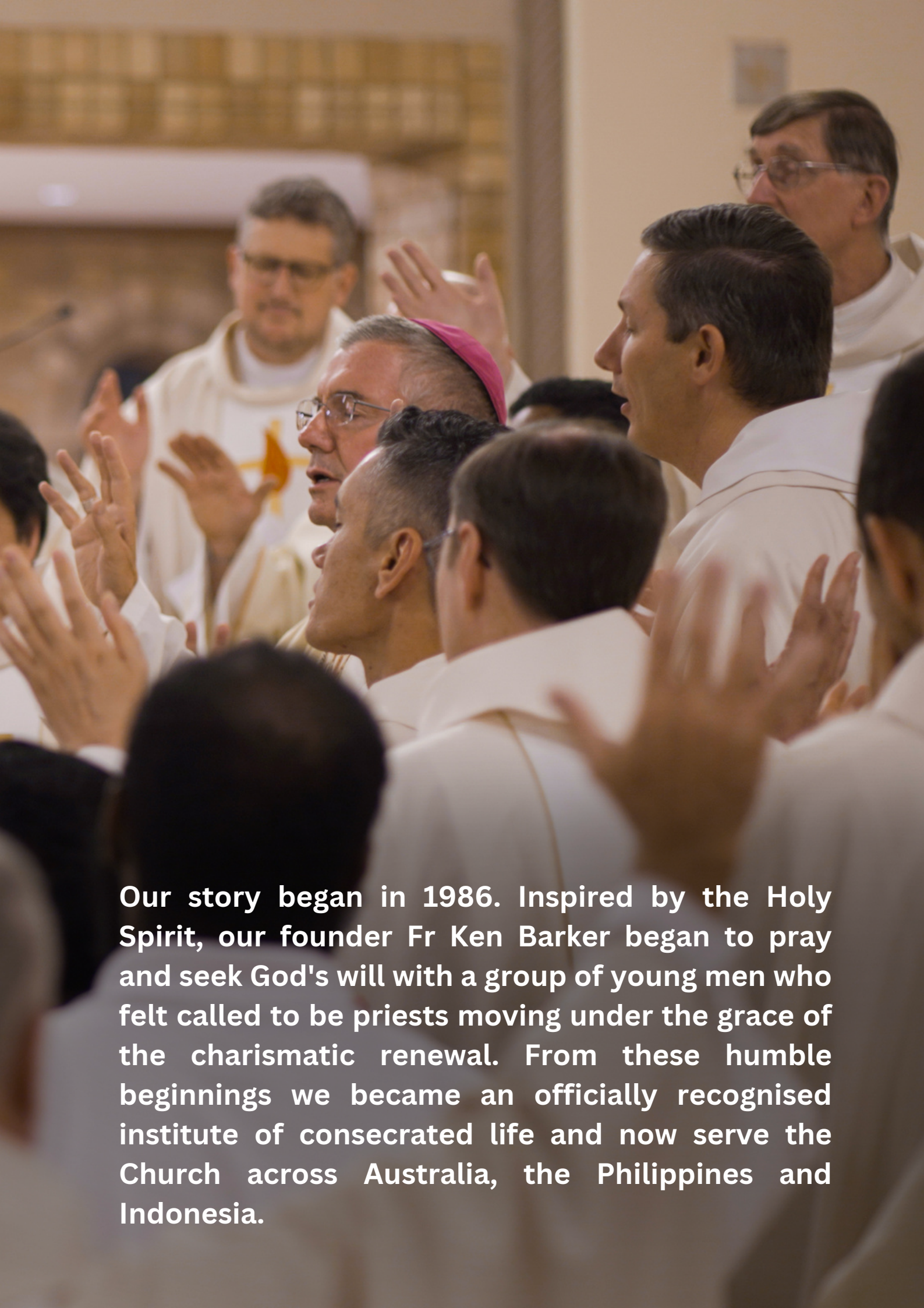
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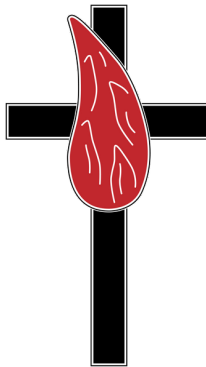


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***"I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were blazing already"***

Luke 12:49