

Renewing the Church in Manville

Prayer Service: April 23, 2012

Presider: God, come to our assistance.

All: *Lord, make haste to help us.*

Glorify be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Presider: Almighty God, we call upon your Holy Spirit to help us discern your will for the Church in Manville. Through our discussion and deliberations tonight, may we be guided by wisdom and truly serve the Body of Christ bringing honor and glory to your holy Name.

Psalm 89

All: *Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord*

Men: The favors of the LORD I will sing forever;
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.
For you have said, "My kindness is established forever";
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

Women: The heavens proclaim your wonders, O LORD,
and your faithfulness, in the assembly of the holy ones.
For who in the skies can rank with the LORD?
Who is like the LORD among the sons of God?

Men: Blessed the people who know the joyful shout;
in the light of your countenance, O LORD, they walk.
At your name they rejoice all the day,
and through your justice they are exalted.

All: *Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord*

Scripture (1 Peter 5:5-14)

Beloved:
Clothe yourselves with humility
in your dealings with one another, for:

*God opposes the proud
but bestows favor on the humble.*

So humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God,
that he may exalt you in due time.
Cast all your worries upon him because he cares for you.

Be sober and vigilant.
Your opponent the Devil is prowling around like a roaring lion
looking for someone to devour.

Resist him, steadfast in faith,
knowing that your brothers and sisters throughout the world
undergo the same sufferings.

The God of all grace
who called you to his eternal glory through Christ Jesus
will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you
after you have suffered a little.

To him be dominion forever. Amen.

I write you this briefly through Silvanus,
whom I consider a faithful brother,
exhorting you and testifying that this is the true grace of God.
Remain firm in it.

The chosen one at Babylon sends you greeting, as does Mark, my son.

Greet one another with a loving kiss.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

Reflection (Rev. Msgr. Joseph Celano)

Intercessions (Response: Lord, hear our prayer.)

Presider: We pray for the Church, especially Pope Benedict XVI and our
Bishop, Paul Gregory, that the spirit of Christ will guide them to shepherd
the people of God in the ways of holiness, justice, and peace, *we pray to
the Lord...*

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Presider: For our nation, that we may set aside differences and work together for the common good, *we pray to the Lord...*

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Presider: For the promotion of the dignity of human life, from the first moment of conception until natural death, *we pray to the Lord...*

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Presider: For all those suffering economic distress, especially the unemployed, that they may have the spiritual and material resources to live lives of dignity,
we pray to the Lord...

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Presider: For the discernment team of Renewing the Church in Manville, that we may be instruments of Church renewal and Christ's healing,
we pray to the Lord ...

All: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Presider: I now invite you to voice your own particular needs...

Our Father

Closing Prayer (Rev. Stanislaw Slaby, C.Ss.R)