

# The Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter

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"Ah! Sweet Jesus, mindful be/that Thou hast come to earth for me/Cast me not this day from Thee. || Seeking me Thy strength was spent/Ransoming Thy limbs were rent/Is this toil to no intent?" (from the Sequence Dies Irae)

If you have assisted at a traditional Requiem Mass, you've surely noticed that the liturgy contains a Sequence, or liturgical hymn, right before the Gospel. The *Dies Irae* explains in poetic language what will happen at the Final Judgment and reminds us that even the most just among us have cause to tremble as we have to render an account for our sins.

This is a great reason to attend Requiem Masses when we can. While our top priority is to pray for the departed soul for whom the Mass is being celebrated, we also can and should contemplate our own readiness to face Our Lord.

The above passage from the *Dies Irae* gives us ample material for meditation as we all—clergy and laity alike—consider the price Our Lord paid to redeem us.

#### Please Remember Our Departed Priests—and All the Holy Souls!

We, the priests of the FSSP, ask you to join us in remembering our departed, including:

- Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP (1948-2021)
- Fr. Michael Irwin, FSSP (1937-2019)
- Fr. Kenneth Walker, FSSP (1985-2014)
- Fr. Nicholas Zolnerowicz (1923-2004)

These priests of God are in our prayers, but especially on November 5. The FSSP designates that day for us to pray for our deceased members. We hope you will join us!

We also hope you will take advantage of an important tradition in our Catholic Faith. From November 1 through November 8, Holy Mother Church makes it possible to earn a plenary indulgence each day for a soul in Purgatory by visiting a cemetery to pray for the faithful departed.

Across North America, our priests and seminarians will make daily visits to pray at local cemeteries. As you do likewise, please strive to meet the following conditions:

- Receive Holy Communion daily
- Pray for the Holy Father's intentions daily
- Make a good Confession within several days, that week if possible
- Remain free from attachment to any particular sin

If you find yourself falling short of one or more of these conditions, don't give up. Remember that if you're in a state of grace, you can gain a partial indulgence. Even this could help free a soul from Purgatory!





#### We'll Help Free Your Departed Loved Ones from Purgatory

As you call to mind how Our Lord earned our redemption during His Passion, you will no doubt think of your friends and relatives whose earthly lives have ended. Some may be in Purgatory, waiting for you to ask Our Lord to apply the fruits of His Passion to their souls.

To that end, the priests of the Fraternity of St. Peter will offer a Novena of Masses for the deceased from November 2 through November 10, 2021. Please fill out the enclosed reply card with the names of your deceased loved ones, to be remembered in this Novena of Masses, and return it to us today. Our priests and seminarians will pray for the poor souls, including your loved ones, each day throughout November.

Here's how you can join the priests and seminarians of the FSSP in freeing Holy Souls from the cleansing fire of Purgatory:

- 1. Pray and make sacrifices for the dead, especially by visiting a cemetery each day from November 1 through November 8.
- 2. Send in the enclosed reply card with your prayer intentions for our Novena of Masses.
- 3. Please contribute to the support of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, so that we can continue to form faithful priests who will offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the Poor Souls.

#### Support Hardworking Priests Who Help Save Souls!

We do not require that you send a donation with your prayer intentions for our Novena of Masses. But if you can help support the FSSP, your gift will go towards a cause that will enable us to share our charism with more souls.

I thank you for joining us in helping the Holy Souls—and for your support of the FSSP. May God reward you richly for your faithfulness.

### Enroll your loved ones in our Novena of Masses!

Please consider enclosing a gift with your prayer requests on the enclosed card. Or go online at

## fssp.com/all-souls



Thank you for your support!

