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Dear President, Parish Council,

As Catholic laity, we share a common journey with the dedicated men who have said “Yes” to the Lord and the Church through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. WorldWide Marriage Encounter established World Priest Day 11 years ago to honor priests. The focused mission and purpose is to celebrate and affirm the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the Church through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. This is an opportunity for Catholic people to thank, affirm and share their love and support for our priests. It is a day to rejoice in the Sacrament of Holy Orders. World Priest Day will be celebrated on Sunday, 31 October 2010 to coincide with Serra Club’s Priesthood Sunday.

For ideas, please check out the World Priest Day website at wpd.wwme.org. You are specifically requested to go the “2010 WPD Celebration Starter Kit” and scroll down to pages 6, 7, 9, 12 and 14. Listed there are several ideas on how you and other parishioners can honor and affirm your parish priest. This year we suggest parishes put a basket at the entry of the Church for parishioners to place cards and notes of thanks and affirmation to their Pastor. A proposed Bulletin Announcement is found on page 6 of the Celebration Kit. This suggestion is one possibility as we realize that you probably know of other ways your priest will feel the love and admiration of his people.

We hope you will join in the celebration of World Priest Day and Priesthood Sunday this October 31st by letting your Pastor know his parishioners support and care for him in some special way.

Companions in His Service,

Director, Family Life Office

