Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer for Vocations

O Father,
raise up among Christians
abundant and holy vocations to the priesthood,
who keep the faith alive
and guard the blessed memory of Your Son Jesus
through the preaching of his word and the administration of the Sacraments,
with which You continually renew Your faithful.
Grant us holy ministers of Your altar,
who are careful and fervent guardians of the Eucharist,
the sacrament of the supreme gift of Christ
for the redemption of the world.
Call ministers of Your mercy,
who, through the sacrament of Reconciliation,
spread the joy of Your forgiveness.
Grant, O Father,
that the Church may welcome with joy
the numerous inspirations of the Spirit of Your Son and,
docile to His teachings,
may she care for vocations to the
ministerial priesthood and to the consecrated life.
Sustain the Bishops, priests, and deacons,
consecrated men, and women,
and all the baptized in Christ,
so that they may faithfully fulfill
their mission at the service of the Gospel.
This we pray through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
Mary, Queen of Apostles,
pray for us.