SUGGESTED SHORT MASS TALK

 St Therese of Lisieux had an older sister whose name was Celine. Therese was driven by the Holy Spirit to pray for priests. After the death of Therese, Celine explained that the reason her young sister was so passionate about praying for priests was because she knew of the incomprehensible love God has for all the souls whose lives can be touched by a good priest. Therese called praying for priests, "Bulk Buying" because if she got the head, she would get the members too.

A priest consecrates the bread and wine at Mass, and as Catholics, we believe that Christ moves among us, in Person, again. The loving and gentle voice of the Savior is heard through the priest at the sacrament of reconciliation...and our sins are forgiven.

Many priests  give their lives for our souls.....Cardinal Van Thuan who spent 9 years in solitary confinement  in a prison in Vietnam but who managed to consecrate the Holy Bread and smuggle tiny pieces of the Sacred Host, Christ's Body,  out to other prisoners in the exercise yard so that Christ moved into their fear.  You will see a photograph on this year's sign up sheet  showing the face of the martyr, Fr Francois Murad who was beheaded on June 23 in Syria for proclaiming his love of souls and of Christ… these 2 priests are not unlike all priests who give their lives to and for us every day so that our children and grandchildren will never be denied the most Holy Eucharist or the sacraments of healing and forgiveness.

Will you join us in some "bulk buying" again this year by offering a fast on SATURDAY, 18 OCTOBER for all priests, for them to be courageous and pure and on fire for souls? This is the 9th year of our lay fast and the power of your sacrifice is being felt by priests throughout the world. We fast from when we get up in the morning until 3pm when we end our fast with a prayer, or a Rosary, wherever we find ourselves. We fast from  anything that will involve a small sacrifice.... talking, or not putting butter on our bread for that day, or food, or leaving the TV room 10 min before the end of a show.  We complete our fast at 3pm with a prayer.

We will be united with thousands around the world fasting with us.......the mighty, unseen army of the Body of Christ. And together, we will erect a majestic spiritual fortress around the souls of our Catholic priests wherever they are serving us and Christ in this world.