

THE HEART OF THE ADVOCATE: A REFLECTION ON THE PRIESTLY VOCATION



FORMATION & DISCERNMENT
IN LIGHT OF GOD'S WORD



2. THE REASON FOR HOPE:
APOLOGETIC GENTLENESS
(1 Peter 3:15-18)

READY TO EXPLAIN YOUR HOPE



"GENTLENESS AND REVERENCE"

Commit to being a "man of the Word"

Fostering a
"holy curiosity"

Nourish
the People
of God



Listen to the doubts of your peers
Avoid the Trap of Triumphalism
Build the Bridge of Empathy



3. THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH:
LIVING THE COMMANDMENTS
(John 14:15-21)

LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS



Vocation sustained by daily obedience

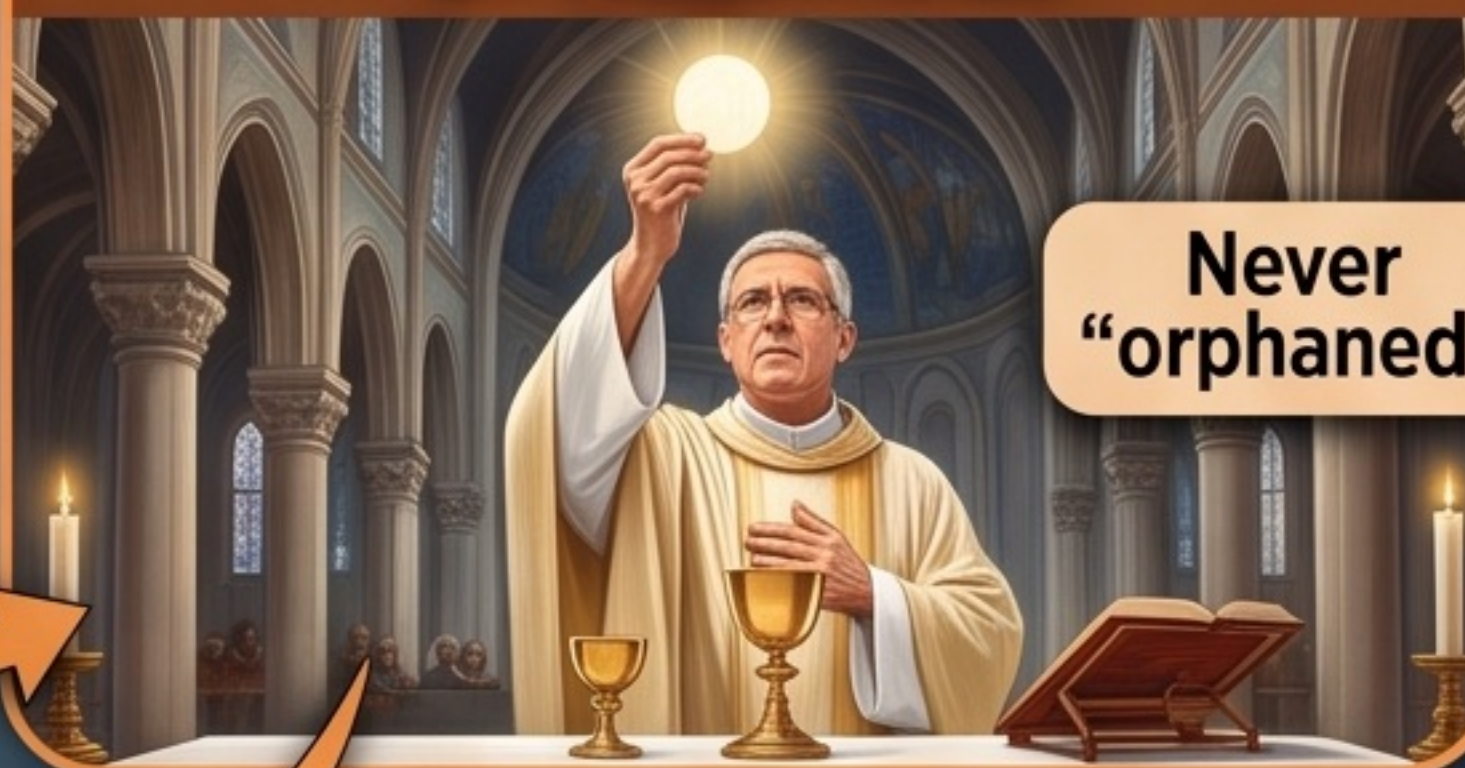
"THE ADVOCATE" (Paraclete)
SPIRIT OF TRUTH

Witness to objective reality



"I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS"

THE EUCHARISTIC HEART
OF PRIESTHOOD



Never
"orphaned"

Find Him in the "orphanhood"
of your own prayer life



4. CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES
& PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

A. CULTIVATE
"THEOLOGICAL HOSPITALITY"



Hospitality of the mind.
Speak without being defensive.

B. THE DISCIPLINE OF
THE INTERIOR LIFE



Practical holiness. Keep prayer
commitments. Maintain boundaries.

C. BEING A BRIDGE,
NOT A BARRIER



Collaborative and hierarchical. Lean
on your brothers. Respect superiors.

FINAL WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT:

"DO NOT BE AFRAID. THE REASON FOR OUR HOPE IS A PERSON."