

## **KEYNOTE BINDER INSERT: ABLAZE PF/8 2-28/3-2**

### **PRAYER: CANTICLE OF MARY (MAGNIFICAT)—LUKE 1:46-55**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior  
for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is His Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of His arm,  
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich He has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of His servant Israel  
for he has remembered His promise of mercy,  
the promise He made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### **AN APOSTLE AND MISSIONARY: SALT, LIGHT, AND LEAVEN**

“The lay faithful have as their own vocation to seek the Kingdom of God by illuminating and ordering temporal affairs according to the plan of God. They carry out in this way their call to holiness and to the apostolate, a call given to all the baptized” (Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church #188).

Baptized into Christ as a Priest, Prophet, and King:

- I. Laity participate in the priestly office of Christ “especially in the Eucharist by offering a spiritual sacrifice ‘acceptable to God through Jesus Christ’ (1 Peter 2:5)”:
  - A. “their own lives with all their works”
  - B. “their prayers”
  - C. “their apostolic undertakings”
  - D. “their family life”
  - E. “their daily work and hardships borne with patience”
  - F. “and even their consolations of spirit and body”

G. They “offer to God the world itself” (CCCC #189).

II. Laity participate in the prophetic office of Christ:

A. “by welcoming evermore in faith the Word of Christ”

B. “and proclaiming it to the world by the witness of

1. their lives

2. their words

3. their evangelizing action

4. and by catechesis.”

“This evangelizing action acquires a particular efficacy because it is accomplished in the ordinary circumstances of the world” (CCCC #190).

III. Laity participate in the kingly office and power of Christ:

A. by overcoming “sin in themselves and in the world by

1. self-denial

2. and the holiness of their lives.”

B. By exercising “various ministries at the service of the community”

C. By imbuing “temporal activities and the institutions of society with moral values” (CCCC #191).