

Salt, Light and Leaven

The Vocation and Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World

Come and enjoy a day of prayer, reflection and ecclesial communion at Westminster Abbey.

Saturday, October 2, 2010 : 10 am – 3 pm

On the Feast of the Holy Family, 1988, our late Holy Father, John Paul II, issued a most important document *On the Vocation and Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World*. After 22 years the majority of the clergy and lay faithful are still ignorant of the existence, urgency and relevance of this document. Come and deepen your personal commitment to your vocation in the Archdiocese, in the Church and in the world. Join us for an extended reflection by Father Abbot John Braganza, OSB, on how to live your lay vocation today with vigor and serenity. Admission is free.

The schedule for the day is as follows:

- 9:15 am Mass in the Abbey Church
- 10:00 Introduction to *Christifideles laici*
- 10:45 Presentation of the document. Question period.
- 11:40 Break for lunch
- 11:55 Midday prayer in the Abbey Church
- 1: 15 - 3:00 Presentation of relevant aspects of lay spirituality today and a biography of some lay saints. Question period.

All adult faithful attending the lecture will be given a free copy of the document.

We have invited some of the lay movements that are active in our archdiocese in the hope that many lay faithful may have the opportunity of meeting and talking with them.

“A new state of affairs today both in the Church and in social, economic, political and cultural life, calls with a particular urgency for the action of the lay faithful. If lack of commitment is always unacceptable, the present time renders it even more so. *It is not permissible for anyone to remain idle.*” (The italics are from the hand of the Holy Father) ~ Pope John Paul II