PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL **4th Sunday of Easter**

PRIEST: Called together in the Holy Spirit,
we are God's people, the sheep of his flock.
With great confidence we bring our prayers before him:

READER: **For Leo our Pope, Bosco our Bishop and all the pastors of the Church that they may listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd**
and lead his people in the ways of eternal life.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For parents and teachers, that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit**
and encourage young people to hear and respond to God's call in their lives.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all those searching for their vocation in life,**
that the Holy Spirit may give them the courage and generosity
to follow where Christ is leading them.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who feel distant from the love of the Father,**
that they may be gathered into the loving embrace of God,
through the ministry of the Church and the power of the gospel.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

READER: **For all who are lonely, sick, frail or housebound,**
that they will feel the touch of God's healing love.
(pause)
Lord in your mercy

PRIEST: Almighty and ever-loving God,
you have made us your children, confident to call you Father.
Increase your spirit of love within us
and bring us to our promised inheritance.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.