
SHEPHERDS I GIVE YE

*A Hymn for an Increase in Vocations
to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd*

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To His Eminence Edwin Cardinal O'Brien,

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summated in his own episcopal motto:*

PASTORES DABO VOBIS

'I will give you shepherds after my own heart' (Jer. 3:15). In these words from the prophet Jeremiah, God promises his people that he will never leave them without shepherds to gather them together and guide them. By faith we know that the Lord's promise cannot fail.

Pope St. John Paul II, *Pastores Dabo Vobis* (1992)

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1. "Shep - herds I give ye to pas - tor my flock."
2. Wan - ting and lost would we be, but for they,
3. Pray, O Good Shep - herd, thy voice may be heard,
4. Glo - ry and hon - or to God, One - in - Three,



1. His heart to make theirs, in his stead e'er to walk,
2. The priests of his choo - sing, or - dained to con - vey
3. Thy call to come af - ter by more of thy herd;
4. The Fa - ther, the Son, and the Spir - it, e'er be,



1. To teach and to go - vern, make ho - ly as he,
2. All that his cross ho - ly, sal - va - tion, did seize,
3. To give of their lives for the cause of thy heart,
4. And as end - less ag - es his mer - cy en - dures,



1. In Christ the Good Shep - herd, will for - ev - er they be.
2. Now waits for us read - y at the hands of his priests.
3. To seek and to gather - er both the lost and a - part.
4. Our hope to have shep - herds, yet still firm and se - cure.