

Rogate: Embracing Mary, embracing the poor.

“He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.”

The passage comes from Mary’s magnificat (see Lk 1:52-53). Noteworthy in the Rogate spirituality is its being Marian, a reality which is highlighted in the month of October, the month of the Rosary. Devoted to Mary, St. Hannibal was most confident in Jesus’ providence for the poor because he always had Mary by his side. Indeed, Mary intercedes for the poor, for she is truly the Mother of the Poor (see Lk 1:46-56). Accordingly, SHEC embraces Mary as it embraces the poor.