Summary of Text 22: "The Salt of the Earth".

This text emphasizes that the Catholic priesthood is inseparably linked to the supernatural and mysticism. Priests act as representatives of Christ and as "the salt of the earth" as long as they act with a deeply supernatural disposition and an apostolic, childlike faith.

However, when priests lose their supernatural power-through worldly interests, incompetence, or by explaining miracles and mystical gifts of grace in purely natural terms, such as hysteria, hypnosis, or suggestion-the salt loses its effectiveness, leading to blindness, unbelief, and chaos in the Church and society. The text therefore calls for fervent prayer for holy, humble priests who, strengthened by the Holy Spirit and rooted in mysticism, stand firm against evil and lead the Church towards a complete renewal of the earth.