

Prayer for the beatification of
Jean-Marie de la Mennais

O God our Father, you have given
Jean-Marie de la Mennais,
a generous heart and untiring zeal
to make your Son Jesus Christ and his Gospel
known especially to children and youth.

As we venerate him as the Founder
of two religious congregations
devoted to Christian education,
we pray to you that he may soon
be recognized blessed.

Help us follow his example
at the service of truth,
and grant us through his intercession,
the favours we are now asking...

(silent pause)
Through Jesus-Christ our Lord

O Lord Jesus, glorify your servant,
Venerable Jean-Marie de la Mennais

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Presentation

The year 2009 follows its course, and with it the school year. Together with the month of June the courses come to an end in the Northern hemisphere. For those in the South, the mid-year continues.

The church has completed the Easter Season. It enters in what we call the 'Ordinary Time'. The Feast of Pentecost, that celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit, constitutes the axis of change.

From which comes the theme of the Holy Spirit for the month of June. Let us ask Jesus to send it to us as light and strength for our lives.

A suggestion – print this on light green paper.

To make the Novena, begin with the Sign of the Cross and read out loud the intentions. We read the thought of the day and the prayer for beatification, with the final invocation. *Rome, 1st January 2008.* – Br. D.L.

RECOMMENDED INTENTIONS

* So that we can be open to receive the Holy Spirit that Jesus promised to send us and so that we can be docile to his inspirations.

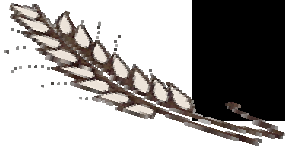
* For those young persons who feel called by God to follow Christ as Brothers of Christian.

* For the sick recommended to our prayers:

- Mr. Godin, at the request of Br. Albert Côté(Canada)
- Walter Sayavedra, who disappeared 9 years ago (Córdoba-Argentina)
- Teihotu TAMARII, student in Tahiti.
- Daniel Pérez, seriously ill (Buenos Aires- Argentine).
- Dominique BLIN, nephew of Br. Michel (France).
- Mora Bernard, leukemia; pupil of C.C.C. (Buenos Aires)
- Michele Forino, with a blood disorder (Castelgandolfo-Italy)
- Natalia Cubillo (Madrid – Spain)
- Agustín Martín (Buenos Aires - Argentina)
- Luis Fernando Nogales, with a cerebral tumour.- San Borja (Bolivia)
- Marino Moretto, from Roncade (Treviso – Italy)

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- And local intentions.....



The Holy Spirit, our « Paraclet », In John Mary de la Mennais's thoughts

✠ The 18 – VI

* By baptism, the Holy Spirit consecrated our souls so that they become His temple and he adorned them with his gifts, to make them worthy to be his residence.

- *It is he that purifies and sanctifies through the sacraments, that he precedes by his inspirations, animates and guides in the practice of virtue.*

✠ The 19 – VI

* Place yourself humbly at his feet, ask him to liberate you of your spirit, that he dresses you, penetrates you of his spirit, that he teaches you to be mild and humble of heart, so that you may find rest for your soul.

- *My poor soul! When will you be baptized in the Holy Spirit? When will he pour out on you his light, his peace, all the richness of his grace? Leave all behind you and call out to Jesus: it is He who baptizes in the Spirit.*

✠ The 20 – VI

* O! Jesus who has said: 'Let let the children come to me' and who inspired my desire to bring them to you, bless my vocation and assist me in my work...

- *Pour out on me the spirit of strength, of charity and humility, so that nothing will turn me away from your service and by accomplishing with zeal the functions to which I have been consecrated, I shall be among those to whom salvation has been promised for having persevered to the end.*

✠ The 21 – VI

* The Apostles, after the Ascension of the Lord preached to their listeners what he has said and done with this progressive intelligence that they enjoyed and taught by the glorious events of Christ and the light of the Spirit of truth.

- *Jesus, God almighty, pour out your Spirit on your servant who consecrates himself to your service in this Congregation. Assisted by your grace, may he merit reaching the kingdom of heaven with the children confided to him.*

✠ The 22 – VI

- May the Spirit of God repose on them! What a promise! The resting of the Spirit of the Lord on a soul is something ineffable. Who can tell and understand these secrets of love, these mysteries of heaven?

- *...A soul loved by the Spirit of god! A soul that he loves to enrich and adorn! A soul on which he rests!*

✠ The 23 – VI

* Let us be attentive so as not to lose this spirit of liberty, this gentle and admirable liberty of the children of God, without which we do no good!

- *To conserve it, it is necessary to unite ourselves close to God, to walk in his presence, with a heart in which peace reigns.*

✠ The 24 – VI

* Let us always remain in this entire dependence of the Spirit of God and let us never pain Him; let us be attentive to what he expects of us.

- *When we are uncertain of what to do let us ask him with an ardor capable of illuminating our heart.*

✠ The 25 – VI

Peace and joy are the fruits of the Holy Spirit; the most saintly persons are joyous and obliging.

It is far from my thoughts to condemn you to a somber and painful life or to try to inspire you to a dry and melancholy piety contrary to the spirit of the Gospel.

✠ The 26 - VI

* Here I am Lord at your feet; I present myself to you with confidence humble and lively. I come to greet in my heart your divine Word. My Lord your servant listens to you.

- *Render me worthy to hear your voice, give me your grace, give me your spirit, that the breath and the sacred fire that illumine and warm our souls. Emitte Spiritum tuum! Send, Lord, your spirit.*