

Prayer for the beatification of
John Mary de la Mennais

O God our Father, you have given
John Mary 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 recognised 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 John Mary de la Mennais

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Presentation

After an absence of more than two months, I have returned to Rome. ...With the satisfaction of having launched and being able to close the **Diocesan Process** of an important cure obtained through the **intercession of John Mary de la Mennais, at Buenos Aires (Argentina).**

The work was intense... That prevented us from preparing the Novena of December, in coincidence with the Summer holidays in the southern hemisphere.

We are once again with you. Here is the theme for the *Novena of January 2010*: the words of the Founder about the two great Saints, **Francis Xavier** and **Ignatius of Loyola**.. No doubt they can be of great profit for all of us.

Suggestion ? – Print this Novena in the colour of pink.

Rome, 1st^e January 2010. - Fr.D.L.

New favours obtained through the intercession of the Father

It is not a surprise for us: the intensification of the invocation to John Mary de la Mennais produces its effects: God blesses it. In addition to an important but old cure of 1943, in Canada, they have announced some others: one at Santa María delle

RECOMMENDED INTENTIONS

* That seeing the Saints as models who have realised their mission, we learn to find in them examples to be emulated.

. * That we may always be united to God in prayer, and may the youth accept the call to follow Jesus as Mennaisian Brothers.

* For the sick recommended :

- Mr. Godin, requested by Brother Albert Côté (Canada).
- Patrik Lebeau: tumour on the œsophage.- Vannes (France)
- Teihotu TAMARII, pupil of Tahiti (Oceania).
- Dominique BLIN, nephew of Bro. Michel (France)
- Natalia Cubillo, advanced cancer (Madrid – Espagne)
- Jean-Noël Turcotte: cancer on the pancreas.- Longueuil (Canada)
- Luis Fernando Nogales, brain tumour San Borja (Bolivie)
- Jules....., a little child, 27 months: tumour in the right eye- St.Brieuc-France.
- Gonzalo Tolosa, 15 years: paralysed from the waist- Buenos Aires(Arg.)

... and the local intentions ...



THE TÉSTIMONY OF SAINTS, according to John Mary de la Mennais St. Francis Xavier – St. Ignatius of L.

✠ 18th – I

* On the feast day of St. Francis Xavier I made new pleas and he (the father) gave me **his consent** to go and receive the sub-diaconate in Paris.

- *I attributed this change, -all the more unexpected since the circumstances were still very difficult-, I attribute it again to the **intercession of the Apostle of the Indies** and I will never cease giving him thanks for this.*

✠ 19th - I

* Oh! if I had his **charity**, his **zeal**! If I knew as he does the price of a soul! Alas !

- *Each day I become drier, colder, and more ignorant in the ways of God; I cut a pitiable figure: **pray, pray** for brother John.*

✠ 20th – I

* God, for whom centuries are days, **does not go there so fast** as our desires.

- *Thus, after two and a half centuries Christianity has hardly taken roots in these regions where St. Francis Xavier **first lit his conflagration** like that that precedes the clearing of the lands that are still wild.*

✠ 21st – I

* Finally, these roots seem to be **going deeper**

- *Soon, Christianity in these countries...will wait only for the **conversion of the Constantines** of these regions which had been preceded by some generations of indifferent or persecuting princes of the ancient Church.*

✠ 22nd – I

* Ah ! If God raised up in our midst a **Francis Xavier**, what miracles would he not perform again!

- *There is no doubt, my friend; at his word, humble and strong, the Christians would jump out of their sleep of indifference and we would see the **beauty of the ancient days reborn**.*

✠ 23rd – I

* Instead of conjugating the verb « amo » when he was learning Latin, Saint Ignatius **would make acts of love**. : » I love you, my God , - he would sayt –il- , You love me « ; to love, to be loved, and nothing more.

- *When St. Ignatius would send some of his children to missions he would say to them : « Go, **set ablaze and burn all with the fire that Jesus Christ came to bring on earth** »..*

✠ 24th – I

* The big tender consolations that St. Ignatius felt served only to make him **still humbler**.

- *« I must be really **very weak**, -he would say-, since I need so many extraordinary props to sustain me. ».*

✠ 25th –I

* « He who wants to do great things for God must guard against **being too wise** (St. Ignatius). Prudence is the virtue of he who commands and not of him who obeys. »(id.).

- *Having known that a Father was naturally hot-tempered and chagrined used to withdraw from the company of others after meals to avoid the occasion of falling in faults : « You are mistaken, -.Saint Ignatius told him-, **it is by resisting** and not by running away that we overcome such vices ».*

✠ 26th -XI

* Which state would I like to have chosen when I am at **the hour of my death?**

- *It is then that I would see things the way they really are, and that neither my passions nor the prejudices of the world obscure my reason any more; I want to live in the state in which I **would be well at ease to die** ».*