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"JESUS CRUCIFIED: CENTRE OF A BROTHER'S LIFE"



Thoughts of our Founder

1.- "Oh! My God, when I see you attached with nails to the infamous wood on which you accomplished the great mystery of our redemption ...,and then I consider my sensuality, my extreme sensibility, my shameful spinelessness, can I really say that I am your disciple?" (S. VIII, 2471)

" When we journey without the Cross, when we build without the Cross, when we profess Christ without the Cross, we are not disciples of the Lord. "

Pope Francis

2.- "They show me the cross and say: Flee! No, I will not run away. I will go forward, I will take the cross, and I will clasp it, for it is by the cross that I have been saved. Oh! cross my only hope! Holy cross, I embrace you alive for it is on you that I want to die." (M. 28)

3.- "Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our Model, from the hour of his birth up to his death on the cross, was never without pain. In order to share his glory, we must share his suffering." (A VI, 113)

4.- "No doubt we shall have to suffer in these trials. God be blessed! After all, we are the disciples of that Jesus who lived poor, who was humiliated and condemned to die on the cross." (s. VII 2247)

5.- "When the soul is dry and gripped by sadness, go to the Garden of Olives, kneel down by Jesus' side and take the chalice offered us and say, "Father, not my will but yours be done, 'let your will be done, not mine'(Lk 22:43)." (M. 15-16)

6.- "The great illusion of people, even the most pious, is to look in this world for a position where they will not have to suffer. Like a sick person, he continually turns and turns around on his bed because he imagines he will be better in a different position." (A $_{VI, 26}$)

7.- "The Cross, the Cross, there is your eloquence. It is beautiful enough, since it has persuaded the wise and the ignorant, the Greek and the barbarian. It is strong enough, since it has subjugated the world." (Reflections, 140)

8.- "The Brothers are called, let them know it well, not to rest or to temporal joys, but to work and to great combats. If then they experience difficulties, deprivations and fatigue, instead of being discouraged and fleeing the Cross, they will embrace it with love." (R. FIC, 81)

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INTENTIONS

- + So that we may know how to unite our sufferings to those of Jesus.
- + For all those who suffer physically or morally, that the crucified Christ give them the necessary strength.
- + Let's pray that our Father Founder be soon declared Blessed.

SICK PEOPLE RECOMMENDED

- 1.- Teresa Nélida Saucedo, Villa Gbdor Gálvez, Argentina.
- 2.- José A. García Martínez, Bilbao, Spain.
- 3.- Natalia Cubillo, Madrid, Spain.
- 4.- Janet Vignoli, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 5.- Clara García Roig, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 6.- Leticia Calcagno, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 7.- Julián Castro, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina.
- 8.- Fernando Nogales, San Borja, Bolivia.
- 9.- Br. Louis Le Guichet, Nantes, France.
- 10.- Patrick Lebeau, France.
- 11.- Jeannine Robert, sister of Br. Jean Malo, France.
- 12.- M^g del Valle García Pérez, niece of Br. Floren, Palencia, Spain.
- 13.- Pablo González García, Reinosa, Spain.
- 14.- M. Godin, at the request of Br. Albert Côté, Canada.
- 15.- Eric YAO, Pappete, Tahiti.
- 16.- Brandon CADOUSTEAU, Papeete, Tahiti.
- 17.- Sister Imma, Park Place, Hampshire, England.
- 18.- Mrs Diane Peirra, Wickham, Park Place, Hampshire, England.
- 19.- John Melody, ex Bro, Park Place, Hampshire, England.
- 20.- Scholastica Bonabaana, Fort Portal, Uganda.
- 21.- Luisa Aresti, sister of Br. Pietro, Rome, Italy.
- 22.- Khalid Sid Imorou, Parakou, Benin.
- 23.- Christine Kola, Sister of the Providence, Sotouboa, Togo.
- 24.- M. Kazuo Hasegawa, Yokohama, Japan.
- 25.- Sangiorgi Serafino, Brother-in-law of Bro. Eugenio, Viterbo, Italy.
- 26.- Alice Martel, Sept-Îles, Québec, Canada.
- 27.- Patricia Vázquez, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 28.- María Noel Pérez, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 29.- Diego Sotelo, Montevideo, Uruguay.



Prayer for the beatification and canonization 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 known and loved especially by the 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 as Blessed.

Help us follow his example at the service of truth, and grant us through his intercession, the favours we are now asking ... (pause) Through Jesus-Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord Jesus, glorify your servant, Venerable John Mary de la Mennais !

9.- "Christian soul, frequently remember that poverty, humiliations and sufferings have been the three companions of your Saviour on earth, and you will be happy if they are your companions here below: to live poor, humiliated, suffering. Yes, Christ's cross and nothing else! " (M. 20)

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