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## "WE ARE ALL MISSIONARY DISCIPLES"





18: « Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no lon-ger say that we are "disciples" and "missionaries", but rather that we are always "missionary disciples".»

(Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 120)

19: "At the moment of the reception of the sacrament of regeneration, God could have told us as he told his Word, the eternal object of his happiness and love: You are my son; today, I have begotten you."

(S III, 1005)

20: "Baptism makes every Christian share in this responsibility which stems from the very nature of the Church. The religious consecration, itself rooted in Baptism, gives it a special completeness and leads the Brother to participate more fully in this missionary calling."

(D 123)

21: "If we were never contradicted, and if all our efforts had full success, where would be our merit? Read the lives of the holy founders, and missionaries, and learn to animate yourself by their good example."

(A III 265)



22: "Your school is therefore a temple where you exercise one of the most august functions of the priesthood, that of education. From your pulpit you speak in the name of Jesus Christ. You are his substitute."

(S VII, 2326)

23: "Make a concerted effort to inspire in your children a true and tender piety. Do not consider yourself as a profane teacher, but as a missionary entrusted with the establishment of the kingdom of God in their souls. That is your true vocation, and it will be in making saints of them that you will sanctify yourself."

(A IV, 288)

24: "Their baptismal and their religious consecrations associate the Brothers closely with the redemptive mission of Christ as they work towards the realization of God's plan for the world by proclaiming the Gospel. "Go out to the whole world... Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you."

(D 104)

25: "My children, all the palms of martyrs, of the confessors of the faith, and of the apostolic zeal have not yet all been distributed. There are still some for us. Let us rush to seize and conquer them for if we persevere to the end, they will be ours."

(Opening of the Brothers' retreat, S VII, 2247)

26: "All of us in the Church are disciples. and this we forever, our whole lifelong; and we all missionaries, each in the place the Lord has assigned to him or her... There exists an indissoluble bond between the mvstical and the missionary dimension of the Christian vocation. both rooted in Baptism."

(Final Document of Aparecida, n. 157)



### **INTENTIONS**

- + To follow Jesus Christ all the days as courageous missionaries.
- + For all Christians that are persecuted because of their faith.
- + 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.- Ma 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.- Mrs Diane Peirra, Wickham, Park Place, Hampshire, England.
- 18.- Scholastica Bonabaana, Fort Portal, Uganda.
- 19.- Luisa Aresti, sister of Br. Pietro, Rome, Italy.
- 20.- Khalid Sid Imorou, Parakou, Benin.
- 21.- Christine Kola, Sister of the Providence, Sotouboa, Togo.
- 22.- M. Kazuo Hasegawa, Yokohama, Japan.
- 23.- Sangiorgi Serafino, Brother-in-law of Bro. Eugenio, Viterbo, Italy.
- 24.- Alice Martel, Sept-Îles, Québec, Canada.
- 25.- Patricia Vázquez, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 26.- Diego Sotelo, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 27.- Jorge Machado, father of old student La Mennais' School, Mvdeo, Uruguay.
- 28.- Athanase Teikihuavanaka, La Mennais Tahiti.
- 29.- Vladimir Otcenazek, La Mennais Tahiti.
- 30.- Brother Gérard Chatelier, Rome, Italy.
- 31.- Lucas Rango, 16 year-old student, Copello, Bs Aires, Argentina.
- 32.- Francis Godoy, an Argentine in Germany.
- 33.- Laura and Javier López, student's relatives, Copello, Bs Aires, Argentina.
- 34.- Mª Adelia García, grand-mother of student, Copello, Bs Aires, Argentina.
- 35.- Elías Waldino Yoryo, "Kiko", grand-father of student, Teodelina, VGG, Arg.
- 36.- Br Jean Thibeault, Pointe-du-Lac community, Canada.
- 37.- M. André Couture, Saint-Romuald, Canada.
- 38.- Jesús Alonso, father of Br. Rafael, Reinosa, Spain.
- 39.- Emilio González, father of Br. José Ángel, Reinosa, Spain.
- 40.- Betty, Nebbi, Uganda.









# 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!

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