

**“JESUS COMES TO US, THE FIRST CONSECRATED”**

**MENNAISIAN NOVENA Nº 61**

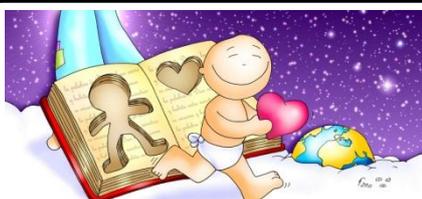
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**La Mennais**



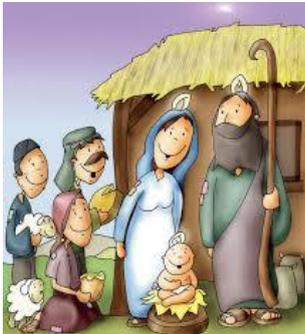
18: “Of all the feasts of the liturgical year, my dear children, none can inspire in us a more tender devotion than that of Christmas. Each time the Church celebrates Christmas, it is as if I witnessed anew the birth of the Saviour of the world and the prodigies that accompanied it.” (S. I, 482)

19: “Let’s follow the shepherds. They are arriving at Bethlehem. Let’s enter with them in the stable. Oh! How pure the respects they offer! What ingenuity in their simple language! With what loving guilelessness they express their joy, their gratitude, their love, to this Saviour born for them!” (S. I, 487)



20: “O my Saviour, how eloquent they are! Your swaddling clothes, your manger, your tears. Everything teaches us, everything speaks.” (S. I, 482)

21: "Lay down at his feet the spirit of disobedience and of pride, the spirit of dissipation and of envy; and in exchange, he will give you his Spirit of gentleness, of humility, of simplicity, and of obedience." (S. I, 488)



22: "I imagine the shepherds who, at the invitation of the angels, hasten to go and worship him; I join them and share their eagerness to find the divine Child who brings salvation and peace to us. I kneel in his presence and my soul can barely contain the feelings of admiration, of joy, of thanksgiving and of love that fill it." (S. I, 482)

3: "Will you present yourselves before him empty-handed? Have you really nothing to offer him? My dear children, give him your heart, however puny this offering might be, he asks it of you: Give me, my son, your heart." (S. I, 488)



24: "A Saviour is born to us, let us repeat it, and then in the transport of joy, let us repeat the song of the Angels: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to men of good will!" (S. I, 483)

25: "A Saviour is born to us! Do you realize, dear children, how holy, marvellous and astounding are these words? We need to meditate them together today at the foot of the Crib, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the great mysteries that we honour these holy days." (S. I, 482)



26: "Yes, the Crib is the epitome of the whole Gospel: therefore go there to listen to Jesus Christ; his words will fall on your soul like a gentle dew; they will renew it, they will vivify it, and full of strength and joy, you will return as pastors full of giving glory to God." (S. II, 1970)



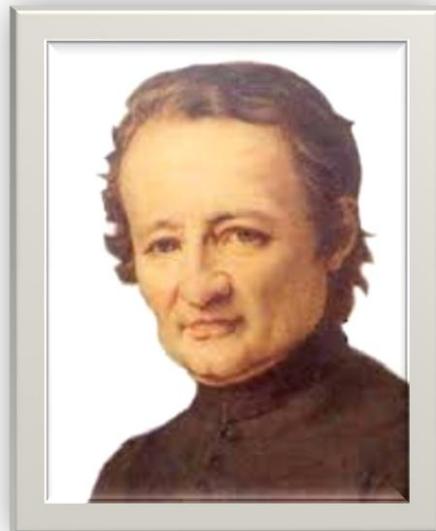
## INTENTIONS

- + That we may celebrate this Christmas with much faith and hope.
- + Let us pray for all refugees and migrants throughout the world.
- + Let's pray that our Father Founder be soon declared Blessed.

## SICK PEOPLE RECOMMENDED

- 1.- Teresa Nélide Saucedo, Villa Gbdor Gálvez, Argentina.
- 2.- José A. García Martínez, Bilbao, Spain.
- 3.- Clara García Roig, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- 4.- Julián Castro, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina.
- 5.- Fernando Nogales, San Borja, Bolivia.
- 6.- Bro. Louis Le Guichet, Rennes, France.
- 7.- Patrick Lebeau, France.
- 8.- Jeannine Robert, sister of Br. Jean Malo, France.
- 9.- M<sup>a</sup> del Valle García Pérez, niece of Br. Floren, Palencia, Spain.
- 10.- Betty, Nebbi, Uganda.
- 11.- M. Godin, at the request of Br. Albert Côté, Canada.
- 12.- Eric Yao, Pappete, Tahiti.
- 13.- Brandon Cadousteau, Papeete, Tahiti.
- 14.- Mrs Diane Peirra, Wickham, Park Place, Hampshire, England.
- 15.- Scholastica Bonabaana, Fort – Portal, Uganda.
- 16.- Luisa Aresti, sister of Br. Pietro, Rome, Italy.
- 17.- Khalid Sid Imorou, Parakou, Benin.
- 18.- M. Kazuo Hasegawa, Yokohama, Japan.
- 19.- Sangiorgi Serafino, Brother-in-law of Bro. Eugenio, Viterbo, Italy.
- 20.- Alice Martel, Sept-Îles, Québec, Canada.
- 21.- Patricia Vázquez, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 22.- Diego Sotelo, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 23.- Jorge Machado, father of old student La Mennais' School, Mvdeo, Uruguay.
- 24.- Athanase Teikihuavanaka, La Mennais – Tahiti.
- 25.- Vladimir Otcenazek, La Mennais – Tahiti.
- 26.- Brother Gérard Chatelier, Nantes, France.
- 27.- Lucas Rango, 16 year-old student, Copello, Bs Aires, Argentina.
- 28.- Francis Godoy, an Argentine in Germany.
- 29.- Laura and Javier López, student's relatives, Copello, Bs Aires, Argentina.
- 30.- M<sup>a</sup> Adelia García, grand-mother of student, Copello, Bs Aires, Argentina.
- 31.- Elías Waldino Yoryo, "Kiko", grand-father of student, Teodelina, VGG, Arg.
- 32.- Bro. Jean Thibeault, Pointe-du-Lac community, Canada.
- 33.- M. André Couture, Saint-Romuald, Canada.
- 34.- Jesús Alonso, father of Br. Rafael, Reinos, Spain.
- 35.- Paula Gútez García, a girl 10 years old, Bilbao, Spain.
- 36.- Seymour Paraisy, Haiti.
- 37.- Bro. Robert Gonneville, La Prairie, Canada.
- 38.- John Chrysostom Byaruhanga, brother of Bro Deziderio, Uganda.
- 39.- Matías Silveira, a two-year old child, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 40.- Mme Marie-Claire Blot, mother of Bro. Philippe, St Aubin des Landes, France.
- 41.- Mme Eumé Benoît, Pétionville, Haiti.

## 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 ...

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Through Jesus-Christ our Lord. Amen.

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