Bicentenary Hymn

1780, the year when our story begins,  
Revolution was stirring across the land,  
A Breton infant, growing with love in his heart,  
Faith and courage, lighting a way in the dark.

A life of service, a passion to share the Good News,  
To God Alone he entrusted his destiny,  
Through education, a joyful “revolution”  
To help young people to grow in all ways,  
And be ready to face the world.

Breaking through all barriers  
Befriending those in need  
He’s our guardian angel  
Showing us a life worth living  
Finding paths to follow  
In the footsteps of the Lord  
Bringing us together  
Proud to be Mennaisians.

A deep compassion in the heart of Jean-Marie  
Meant he was moved by all that he had seen  
His faith and values informed all he did and said  
To help young children entrusted to him by God.

Loving service in education of the young  
Every child being precious in the eyes of the Lord  
Our watchful angel, a connection to your presence above  
Today, the Brothers, by living your dream  
Make children’s hearts shine with love.

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