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18: "Your school is 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, 2327)

19: "Your ministry is sublime and divine because you do not only aim at giving these children committed to your care, a knowledge of worldly things, but of making them true disciples of Jesus Christ and heirs of his kingdom and glory." (S. VII, 2326)



20: "Understand this well, your glory is to make Christians of these children, who without you would never become so. These children can never become Christians unless you show them how to be humble of heart, not through your preaching but by your example." (S. VII, 2331)



21: "Sublime vocation! I cannot repeat it often enough! Be grateful if you have received it, and be very careful never to be unfaithful to it!" (S. VII, 2237)

22: "We want to give our students a solid and varied instruction that will make them capable of filling in the world, the different works for which they are destined with distinction. To

remain inferior to other colleges in this matter, and not follow the progress of human sciences would be to deceive the just hopes of the families." (S. II, 845 bis)

23: "Pay special attention to the teaching of religion in all your schools, and to inspire a taste for piety in the students. I fear that in order to shine, you might seek only glamorous things and produce scholars rather than Christians. That would be failing in your mission." (Instructions to Brother Ambrose, before leaving for the Antilles, A III, 106)

24: "Be good, patient and meek with the children; undoubtedly, you must be firm, but not hard and impatient. You will correct the faults of these children by being loved rather than feared." (A IV, 96)

25: *"I always believed*, said Leibnitz, *that we would improve mankind through a reform of the education of youth.* These words of the greatest German philosopher and one of the most brilliant minds of modern times expressed a truth that no one can ignore. Everything comes from education." (On religious education, 1819)

26: "Oh, my God, complete your work! Save these children who are so dear to you! You redeemed them at the price of your blood. Willingly would we shed the last drop of our blood to save them. Poor children, we will love them even more than the perils that threaten them." (S II 820)



## INTENTIONS

- + Let us pray for all teachers, Brothers and Laypeople, of the Mennaisian Family.
- + So that we may internalize our Mennaisian Educational Project.
- + Let us pray that our Venerable Founder be soon declared Blessed.

## SICK PEOPLE RECOMMENDED

- 1.- José A. García Martínez, Bilbao, Spain.
- 2.- Patricia Vázquez, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 3.- Bro. Louis Le Guichet, Rennes, France.
- 4.- Jeannine Robert, sister of Br. Jean Malo, France.
- 5.- Mª del Valle García Pérez, niece of Br. Floren, Palencia, Spain.
- 6.- Betty, Nebbi, Uganda.
- 7.- M. Godin, at the request of Br. Albert Côté, Canada.
- 8.- Eric Yao, Pappete, Tahiti.
- 9.- Brandon Cadousteau, Papeete, Tahiti.
- 10.- Mrs Diane Peirra, Wickham, Park Place, Hampshire, England.
- 11.- Luisa Aresti, sister of Br. Pietro, Rome, Italy.
- 12.- M. Kazuo Hasegawa, Yokohama, Japan.
- 13.- Sangiorgi Serafino, Brother-in-law of Bro. Eugenio, Viterbo, Italy.
- 14.- Alice Martel, Sept-Îles, Québec, Canada.
- 15.- Jorge Machado, father of old student La Mennais' School, Mvdeo, Uruguay.
- 16.- Athanase Teikihuavanaka, La Mennais Tahiti.
- 17.- Vladimir Otcenazek, La Mennais Tahiti.
- 18.- Lucas Rango, 16 year-old student, Copello, Bs Aires, Argentina.
- 19.- Francis Godoy, an Argentine in Germany.
- 20.- Bro. Jean Thibeault, Pointe-du-Lac community, Canada.
- 21.- M. André Couture, Saint-Romuald, Canada.
- 22.- Paula Gútiez García, a girl 10 years old, Bilbao, Spain.
- 23.- Bro. Robert Gonneville, La Prairie, Canada.
- 24.- John Chrysostom Byaruhanga, brother of Bro Deziderio, Uganda.
- 25.- Matías Silveira, a two-year old child, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- 26.- Mme Lise Beaudoin, sister of Bro. Michel Beaudoin, Canada.
- 27.- Pius Mwesigwa, young student of our School, Kampala, Uganda.
- 28.- Émmy and Camille, 6-year-old girl, leukemia, Savenay, France.
- 29.- Bro. Alain Celton, Taravao, Tahiti.
- 30.- Bro. Francis Blouin (ALS), Alfred Maine, USA.
- 31.- Rodolfo Rivoiro and his wife Nélida, V.G.G., Argentina.
- 32.- Mr. Randy Klein, Indiana, USA, teacher and catechist in Tokyo.
- 33.- Mrs Clarisse Boulanger, sister of Br. Guy Morissette, Longueuil, Canada.
- 34.- Gertrude Beebwa, sister in law of Br. George Kamanda, Kisubi, Uganda.
- 35.- Sister Fausta of "MMC Sisters ", Uganda."
- 36.- Fernando Nogales, San Borja, Bolivia.
- 37.- Mrs Julie Jourdan (32) & your sister Choé (17-year-old), Ploërmel, France.
- 38.- Mr. Pascal Irubetagoyena, teacher Ste Mary' School, Saint Jean de Luz, France.
- 39.- Mme Turyasingura Vailot & Atuheire Victor, Kabale, Uganda.
- 40.- Mme Marie-Odile Le Roy, Nantes, France.











Prayer for the beatification and canonization of John Mary de la Mennais



O God, our Father!

You have aroused Jean-Marie de la Mennais and You gave him a fiery zeal and iron courage in the service of the Gospel. Through him, you have given birth in the Church to two congregations devoted to Christian education of the little ones and of the poor. Grant us to be faithful to the spirit of our Father. May his charism of founder be constantly deepened and developed in our religious family and throughout the Mennaisian family. By his prayer, grant us the gift of a new Pentecost that transforms our hearts and make us bolder to make Jesus Christ and his Gospel known to the children and the young people of today. For the glory of your Name, let the holiness of our Father be recognised and proclaimed by the Church. Hear also the prayer we address to you now through his intercession ... (time of silence)

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



O Lord Jesus, glorify your servant. Venerable Jean-Marie de la Mennais!

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