All called to Holiness

NOVENA November 18th -26th, 2026



November begins with the Feast of All Saints: All Saints' Day. On that Day, we celebrate All Those whom the Church invites us to Listen to and Imitate. The Saints of yesterday present us with a Formidable Challenge: To join them by becoming 'Saints' Ourselves.

In the Gospels, Jesus sets the Bar Very High: "*Therefore you must be Perfect, as Your Heavenly Father is Perfect."* Matthew 5:48. Peter invites his Contemporaries to follow that Path: "*Just as God, who called you, so be Holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be Holy, because I am Holy.'" 1 Peter 1:15, 16*

In his Magnificent Apostolic Exhortation, "The Call to Holiness in the Modern World," Gaudete et exultate, Pope Francis reminded us that Holiness is not reserved for an 'Elite' but that "*we are all called to be Saints by living with Love and Offering a Personal Witness in Our Daily Lives, wherever everyone is located. Are you a Consecrated Man or Woman? Be Holy by Joyfully Living your Commitment… Be Holy by Patiently Teaching Children to follow Jesus"* No. 14



Holiness is the Goal and Fulfillment of the Life of all Christians and, a fortiori, of all Consecrated Persons. Francis encourages us to walk that Path with Faith and Enthusiasm: *"Do not be afraid of Holiness. It would not take away your Strength, your Life, or your Joy. Quite the contrary, for you would come to be what the Father intended when He created you, and you would be Faithful to your own being."* (no. 32)

During his Apostolic Journey to France, Pope Leo XIV reminded everyone that: "The *Dynamic that characterizes Christian Existence has a precise Name: It is called the Path of Holiness. It is the Path that the Lord opens before each of us, accompanying us all along the way*…" at the Stade de France



"We are not alone on that Path to Holiness, for we walk it with all Our Brothers and Sisters who surround us… We also have as Allies the Saints who support us in times of trial."…when life's choices demand courage, seek their Intercession and imitate their Courage." at the Stade de France

Addressing the 800,000 Faithful present at the Mass celebrated in the Place de la Concorde in Paris, the Pope reminded them that man can only achieve his full potential by putting God First in his life: "*Human beings are fundamentally Creatures of desire, and only God could fill the Inner Void."*

Jean-Marie de la Mennais was perfectly in line with his thinking when he wrote to Brother Ambrose: *"Let us sanctify ourselves more and more, my*

dear child: God alone! God alone!" and to Brother Alfred-Marie: *"Good courage, my dear child, let us be all to God and to God alone."*
In December 1846, he addressed that recommendation to Brother Cyprien: "*The more you are given to God completely, the happier you should be and the happier you would be."*
To Brother Paul, whom he had just reproached severely, he ended his letter by saying, with all the affection of his fatherly heart: *"I hope that nothing like that would happen that year, and that you would work with true zeal to become More Pious and Humble. I desire that very much because I still love you as a father. Become a Saint!"*

Throughout the writings of the Founder, we find that constant concern. He himself, first and foremost, lived with that desire for Holiness and lamented his state as a "poor servant." To his friend Bruté, he confided: "*If you knew how Poor I am, how Weak I am, you would pity Brother John who has received so many Graces and yet makes such Poor Use of them." Or again: "When would we truly belong to Him? Nothing is easier, in a moment of fervor, than to give Him everything, but I experience every day how difficult it is not to hold back and to be His in every detail."*

Let us make Our Own today the Exhortation that Our Founding Father addressed to Brother Lambert on February 19th, 1845: *"…My dearest brother, let us strive to become Saints. All the rest was vanity and affliction of Spirit."*

News from the APPLICATION:

This Month of November 2026 is particularly important for the Study of the CAUSE of Jean-Marie de la Mennais. The "**CONSULTA MEDICA**" is to be held on **November 26th at 10:30 a.m**. As Brother Dino often reminded us, *"for it to be Positive, it must have a clear Majority: at least 5/7*." It would then be up to the Theological Commission to verify that "The Healing was obtained by the Providence of God, through the Intercession of Venerable Jean-Marie de la Mennais" before the Pope himself affixes his Signature.

With Faith and Perseverance, let us continue to ask the Lord for that Grace. Let us pray Ourselves, Personally, in Communities of Brothers or in Larger Mennaisian Communities; let us encourage the Children, Young People, and all the Staff of Our Schools to pray; let us pray with those who seek Physical or Mental Healing.

BIG MENNAISIAN WEEK
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We all know how important that Week is. It is an opportunity to make known Jean-Marie de la Mennais: his life, his unwavering Commitment to the Service of the Church, his Missionary Commitment, his Love for Children and Young People, his Educational Convictions, his Total Commitment to the Service of his 'Brothers and Sisters' whom he supported through his Visits, his Abundant Correspondence and his Exhortations given in his "Sermons" and the "Retreats" he preached.
That Week is, above all, the Opportunity to pray and to have others pray for his Beatification.
For that Week's Activity, on the Leaflets provided in **November 2025**, Brother Dino had given Concrete Instructions on the useful Materials and their Implementation.https://www.lamennais.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/11-NOVEMBRE-25-FRA.pdf You would find the **Leaflet for the 2025** Novena as well as a Document entitled "Novena for Children"https://www.lamennais.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/PRIERE-NEUVAINE-MENN-6-11-ans.pdf.

Prayer Intentions

- The Brothers of the Mission of Timor Leste: Bro. Stéphane, Bro. Philippe, Bro. Festo.
- Recommended Patients:
  - ***Brother George Kamanda,Dominic S Kahangire,Peter Kakooza and Alex Mugisha,Onesmus Mutakirwa.***
  - ***Emma, 7 years old, Brain Cancer (Lourdes).***
  - ***Sandrine (Charcot's Disease) and her son, Bruno, who is very Psychologically Fragile,***
  - ***Dario (Leukemia), Gioacchino (Cancer), Dionisio (Circulation Problems),***

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FRANCE- ITALY

- ***Conchi Gonzalez and Rosa Gonzalez (Reinosa)***
- ***Maribel Vejo (Reinosa)***
- ***Carlos de la Fuente (Zamora)***
- ***Encarna Fernandez (Prádanos de Ojeda)***
- ***Israel Fernandez (Miravalles)***
- ***Milton Jadier Moraga González. (Alumno del Colegio San José de Reinosa)***

SPAIN

- ***Kéthia PIERRE, Sister-in-law of Bro. Sylvain***
- ***Bro. Dufreine, Bro. Jean Herbinière (Lung Cancer), Bro. Gilles Morin, Bro. Valmyr Dabel, Bro. Jacques Matte, Bro. Joseph Couapel***
- ***Louis Anie Joane Mathurin, wife of Dalix Mathurin (LAMH), suffering from Breast Cancer.***
- ***Yvrose Gustave, Sister of Bro. Jean-Marc***
- ***Mr. Louidor CHERENFANT, father of Bro. Saindjino (Pulmonary Infection).***
- ***Lesage Dessalines, in a Coma since the age of two (turned 17 on February 16th)***
- ***Naya Benoit (Brain Cancer, in a Coma since December 2020)***
- ***Louise Quérette, Mother of Bro. Géniaud (Alzheimer's)***
- ***Misselaine Lauture and her children***
- ***Patrick Vincent, Victim of a Stroke***

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- The Intentions recommended in the Districts and Provinces as well as those placed on the Tomb of the Father.
- Vocations in the Institute and the Perseverance of the Professed Brothers.
- **The Members of the Medical Committee** who must examine the case of Enzo Carollo's recovery **November 26th**.

Novena prayer:



God Our Father, you gave Jean-Marie de la Mennais,
A Generous Heart and an Unwavering Zeal
To make known and loved your Son Jesus and His Gospel.
Grant us to follow his example.
Give us the courage to build united and Fraternal Communities.
Help us to proclaim Your Gospel to the youth of today.
For the Glory of your Name,
Grant that the Holiness of Jean-Marie de la Mennais
May soon be recognised and proclaimed by the Church.

Deign to Grant us, O Lord, through his Intercession,
The Healing of the Persons Recommended ...
Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

O Lord Jesus, Glorify your Servant, Venerable Jean-Marie de la Mennais.