

# **PRAYER OF THE NOVENA (NOVEMBER 2017 )**

## **Intentions**

1. That an authentic devotion to Father de la Mennais be developed
2. For the healing of persons recommended to God through the intercession of the Founder

*Haiti:* Lesage Desssalines, 10 years old, in a coma since the age of 3 after a domestic accident.  
*France:* F. Robert Léaustic Pascal Irubetagoiena,  
Brother Yvon, The abbot of Timadeuc Monastery  
*Canada:* The daughter of Mr. Luc Tremblay prep. (cancer), 31 years old. Canada  
A friend of Bro. Jean Paul Boisvert (cancer), 37 years old. Canada  
Mr. Raymond Loranger, Trois-Rivières, Quebec: severe visual impairment.  
*and all other intentions recommended to our prayers in the Provinces / Districts.*
3. That the General Chapter, the first stage of the bicentennial celebrations, may bring new fervour and new vocations to the Mennaisian Congregations.

## **Prayer for the beatification**

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 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, the Venerable Jean-Marie de la Mennais*



## **POSTULATION NEWS**

In June 2017, two files concerning the cure of little Josette Poulain were prepared.

The Congregation for the Cause of the Saints sent them to two of its collaborator Doctors for the first consultation. This first step was intended to give a positive or negative opinion on a possible procedure instruction concerning the supernatural character of the healing (scientifically not explainable).

The responses from the two Doctors were received by the Congregation in October.

On October 24, the Postulator had an interview with the Under-Secretary of the Congregation, Father Turek, to review these judgments and see what to do next.

The conclusion was: this case deserves to be studied in depth, but the obstacles are serious. First, it is an old healing (1955), for which the testimonies are very rare. Moreover the documentation is also rare and was made according to the limited means of the time. In particular, we regret the absence of the X-rays taken before the healing.

Now, it is a matter of judging whether it is appropriate to open the official procedure which is the responsibility of the Congregation of the Brothers. In the affirmative, it will be necessary to resume the contacts with the diocese of Rennes for a new phase of clarification.

We ask the Brothers, the Daughters of Providence, the whole Mennaisian Family and those who love Father de la Mennais and use him [to the friends and devotees of Father de la Mennais] to pray a lot, especially at the occasion of the great novena of November. Let us offer our prayers through Brother Hyppolite-Victor. Not only was he the great architect of the proclamation of the heroicity in virtue of the Founder, but it was he who initiated the diocesan process in Rennes in order to recognize the healing of the little Josette until the submission of the file to the Sacred Congregation of Rites I (now Congregation for the Causes of Saints), pending the opening of the official Roman procedure.

We therefore invite the entire Mennaisian Family to give a particular relief to the great Novena of November. Let us rekindle our devotion to the Founder so that his protection and example may be extended to the whole Church and to us his children.

*The Postulator, Bro. Dino De Carolis.*