

2022



St. Joseph Shrine - Alfred, ME



Brothers of Christian Instruction
Alfred, ME 04002

religious
calendar



2022



January

Intention:

For all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



Consecrated to the Infant Jesus
Apostleship of Prayer

February

For religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.



Consecrated to the Holy Family
Apostleship of Prayer

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5 Wednesday. St. John Neumann [1860], Bishop, Redemptorist Missionary, Educator. Bl. John Andrew Houben [1893], Passionist Priest.

Triduum in honor of St. Joseph for Church vocations.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Gabriel Deshayes. That new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the missionary spirit of the Congregation.

Founder's Thought: Well now! People scale perilous cliffs, risk all, submit to anything for a little gold. Would God, then, be the only cause not worth suffering for? Read the lives of the saints: all, with St. Paul, overflowed with joy amid their troubles. What are our petty trials next to theirs?

Rule of Life: *Heirs of a tradition dating back to Jean Marie de la Mennais, the Brothers make it a duty to support the missionary work of the Church and of the Congregation, willingly responding to Christ's call: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."* (**Directory, # 4**)

Departed Brothers: **1977**, René David, (Lucilien Marie); **1992**, Garcia Castresana (Marcos); **1994**, Joseph Gendron (Florentius); **1996**, John Boyt (Edmund Peter); **1997**, Louis Philippe Pilon (Alphée); **2000**, Jean Mathurin le Toquin (Louis Berchmans); **2002**, Jean Guy Perreault (Louis Marcel); **2014**, Saturnino Garcia Barriuso (Tomás) and Ange Thebaud (Antoine Auguste); **2017**, Vincent Guillerme (François Laurent).

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1 Saturday. The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Octave of Christmas. New Year's Day.

World day of peace.

Founder's Thought: I pray that God would lavish his blessings on you at the beginning of this New Year: may your life and death be like those of the saints!

Rule of Life: *Having been called to work at the growth of divine life in souls, the Brothers seek Mary's help in their ministry of evangelization and try to promote her devotion among their students. The Virgin Mother indeed gave birth to a Son, whom God made "the first-born of many brothers," whom she surrounds with her love as she participates, in their birth and development.* (**Directory, # 1a**)

Departed Brothers: **1999**, Armand Tassé (Albert Marie), **Assistant from 1952 to 1970; 2016**, Victor Jégu.

2 Sunday. The Epiphany of the Lord. St. Basil the Great [379], and St. Gregory Nazianzen [390], Bishops, Doctors. Bl. Marie Anne Blondin [1890], Foundress of the Sisters of St. Anne.

2000 Four brothers leave for our mission in Indonesia.

Intentions: Members of the Flores community at Larantuka, Indonesia. Our missionary Brothers.

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Founder's Thought: Never cease to give thanks to God for his gifts. Let your gratitude and your piety move his kindness to provide our little group with all the help it needs to fulfill its purpose. (Gabriel Deshayes)

Rule of Life: The Brother is a religious educator. By his religious consecration he seeks a closer imitation of the kind of life which Jesus led and which he proposed to his disciples. (*Directory*, # 1a)

Departed Brothers: 1926, Constantin Marie Roulin, *Assistant from 1921 to 1926*; 1973, Mathurin Guillot (Honoré); 1976, Henri Deneau (Adrien); 1994, François Miniou (Alexis Marie) and Charles Godfrey Kakinda; 1996, Maurice Teissier (Lucien Marie); 2001, Jean Lemarchand (Daniel André); 2009, François Ropars (Grégoire Yves).

3 Monday after the Epiphany. The Most Holy Name of Jesus. St. Joseph Mary Tomasi [1713], Theatine Priest, Cardinal.

Intention: members of the community located at Paris, France.

Founder's Thought: One after the other, years tumble headlong into the chasm of Eternity. How sure are we to complete the year just begun on earth?

Rule of Life: *As an educator of youth, especially in schools, the Brother collaborates with lay peo-*

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ple in building the temporal city, but he differs from these by a particular consecration which marks and informs all his activities and directs them in a new way towards the fulfillment of the kingdom. (Directory, # 2a)

Departed Brothers: 1975, Joachim Ezanno (Joachim Pierre); 1976, Georges Turner (Augustin); 1983, Henri Blais (Florentin Marie); 2003, Albert Simard (Louis Eugène); 2007, Fausto Estaban Hernando; 2009, Bernard Bastien (Émile Alphonse); 2021, Louis Narzul (Théophane Louis).

4 Tuesday. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton [1821], Religious, Foundress of the Sisters of Charity, Widow, Educator.

Founder's Thought: At the beginning of the new year, we should renew in the presence of God the firm resolution to live only for him, to work only for him, to belong entirely to him and so draw down his graces on us.

Rule of Life: *The presentation of the Faith and the spiritual formation of youth constitute the central aim of the Brother's apostolate as he recalls the words of Jean Marie de la Mennais: "My schools are established to make Jesus Christ known." (Directory, # 3)*

Departed Brothers: 1988, Pierre Le Foc'h (Hyacinthe Joseph); 2014, Eugene Tremont (Henri Georges); 2016, Alain Paubert (Cécilius Joseph); 2019, Paul Émile Paradis (Jean Émile).

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Monday of the 1st Week of Ordinary Time.

1816 Father Deshayes receives his first postulant, Mathurin

Provost, at Auray.

Intention: Members of the community at Malestroit, France.

Founder's Thought: You will be glad to hear that the fervor of the novices is a comfort to us. It would no doubt be preferable to have a greater number of young men so as to meet the constant requests made upon us. Pray that God will continue to shed his abundant blessings upon you and your confreres. (Father Deshayes)

Rule of Life: "Unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces a rich harvest." The intimate knowledge of the cross and of the death of Christ assures the Brother that renunciations, contradictions, loneliness and failures, all inherent in his life's work, are not signs of defeat; rather, they are tokens of his participation in the sufferings of the Redeemer and a prelude to resurrection and life. (**Directory, # 10**)

Departed Brother: **1975**, Joseph Tobie (Victor Joseph); **2012**, André Paquin (Jules André); **2015**, Guy Roddy, **2017**, Louis Becquet (Jean Éli) and Réal Garceau.

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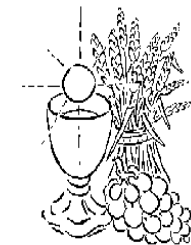
Thursday. St. André Bessette [1937], Religious. Bl. Peter Bonilli [1935], Priest.

Intention: Members of the St. Helier community at Rennes, France.

Founder's Thought: The religious profession is a participation in Jesus Christ's priesthood, since it associates you with the divine work of the redemption, which his love for mankind and with his zeal for his Father's glory. That is why your calling requires such exalted perfection and such celestial virtues.

Rule of Life: *It is in community that the Brother seeks God and exercises his apostolate, and that he tries to discern the Will of God by listening to the Word of God and by reading the signs of the times. (Directory, # 6a)*

Departed Brothers: **1957**, JEAN JOSEPH QUIRION, **Superior General from 1909 to 1933**; **2019**, Gaston Roy (Georges André), **Assistant from 1970 to 1982**; **1972**, Henri Paquin (Wilfrid Joseph); **1973**, Philippe Morin (Joseph Gabriel); **1986**, Melaine Rouxel (Melaine Ernest); **1997**, Albert Lafreniere (Florien Marie); **1998**, Alexandre Jubier (Lucien Louis); **2011**, Doris Galarneau (Augustin Charles).



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7 Friday after the Epiphany. St Raymond Peñafort [1275], Dominican Priest.
1851 Favorable decree of the Holy See concerning our Congregation.

Founder's Thought: May the peace of God and the hope of his Kingdom be planted in the depths of your soul! Oh that you should give up nothing and get hold of the whole!

Rule of Life: *Under the dynamic influence of the faith received at Baptism, the Brother answers the call of God as did the apostles. Their spiritual adventure consisted in believing that their master was the Lord and, on this belief, they staked their lives. (Directory, # 8a)*

Departed Brothers: 1972, Pierre Rannou (Ronan Marie); 1995, Rosaire Houle (René Jacques); 2003, Jean Louis Salaün (Noël Joseph); 2007, René Frigon (Émile Jean).

8 Saturday after the Epiphany. St. Lawrence Justinian [1456], Patriarch of Venice.
Intention: The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Founder's Thought: My brothers! your glory, understand it well, is to make Christians of these children who without you would never be; these children who can only become Christians if you teach them, not by word, but by your examples, to be humble of heart ...

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Rule of Life: *It is in community that the Brothers seek God and exercise their apostolate. Together, they read the signs of the times and interpret them in the light of the Gospel. (Directory, # 6a)*

Departed Brothers: 2001, BERNARD GAUDEUL (XAVIER YVES), **Superior General from 1982 to 1994; 1979, Réginald De Serres (Émile Célestin); 1990, Omer Boucher (Marcel Louis); 2003, David Sauvageau (Basilien Marie); 2004, Hilaire Nourisson (Hilaire Bernard).**

9 Sunday. Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Sts. Theresa Kim, Widow, and Agatha Yi, Virgin, Martyrs.

Intention: Members of the Béthanie community at Ciboure, France.

Founder's Thought: I urge you to take heart and to trust in him. He will surely not let you down. Whatever happens, do not become anxious or depressed, but bear your cross with love.

Rule of Life: *With his entire heart and soul, the Brother wants to love and serve the Church for which Jean-Marie de la Mennais wished to live and die. That is why he determined to remain faithful to the heritage contained in the examples and writings of the founders which inspire him to grow in the spirit of faith and charity, abnegation and humility. (Directory, # 7b)*

Departed Brothers: 1976, Paul Menthéour (Paul Jean); 1997, José Maria Onaindia Lotina (Carlos); 1998, Joseph Rouault (Émmanuel Félix) and Jean Marie Quinquis (Louis Étienne); 2002, Manuel de la Serna González.

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Founder's Thought: My God, I have chosen you for my portion, a portion that is ever satisfying for me. You alone, my God, will always be everything for me.

Rule of Life: *In his decisions, the superior gives due consideration to his Brothers' views. With their cooperation, he assigns tasks so as to promote the well-being of each person and the harmony of the entire body (Directory, # 65b)*

Departed Brothers: **1981**, Yves Boudigou (Guy Bernard); **1982**, Thomas Charest (Ernest Marie); **1984**, Louis Caradec (Séraphin Marie); **1991**, Alphonse Fauteux (Prosper); **1994**, Alexandre Couture (Émilis Marie); **2019**, Émile Babin (Eugène Bernard).

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Monday of the 2nd Week of Ordinary Time. St. Anthony [356], Abbot, Founder of monasticism. Martin Luther King Day.

1821 Father Deshayes is elected Superior General of the Missionaries of Mary and of the Daughters of Wisdom of St. Laurent sur Sèvre.

Founder's Thought: Eternity! Eternity! My only comfort, my only bliss is to hasten towards you and to plunge into your depths.

Rule of Life: *To the best of his ability, the community provides conditions conducive to the personal growth and fulfillment of its members who,*

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Tuesday of the 1st Week of Ordinary Time.

1815 Father de la Mennais is named capitular vicar of St. Bri-euc.

Founder's Thought: Making good Christians of those children must be your aim and glory. This you will achieve in as much as you teach them, not by eloquent words but by your example, to be humble of heart.

Rule of Life: The Brother acknowledges that it is God who has made him what he is and, with the help of his grace, he deals with others in humility and kindness. **(Directory, # 11a)**

Departed Brothers: **1976**, Jean Le (Jean Louis); **1986**, Bernard Trépanier (Bernard Yves); **2012**, André Paquin (Jules André).

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Wednesday of the 1st Week of Ordinary Time. St. Marguerite Bourgeois [1700], Foundress, Virgin.

Intention: Members of the Turgeau Provincial House at Pétion-Ville, Haiti.

Founder's Thought: How I wish you would fill the depths of your soul with God's peace and hope for his Kingdom, and disengage yourselves from what is useless, to unite yourselves to what is all.

Rule of Life: *Like his divine master who, for thirty years, lived a hidden life, the Brother accepts with joy situations without glory and he devotes him-*

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Thursday of the 1st Week of Ordinary Time. St. Hilary [367], Bishop. Bl. Maria Marcellina Darowska [1911], Foundress, Widow, Religious.

Intention: Members of the St.-Hilaire community at Faava, Tahiti.

Founder's Thought: I insist that your community follow the Rule exactly, and that you perform the main exercises of piety together. Otherwise, there is no community, no fervor and the end result will be the loss of religious spirit.

Rule of Life: *The Brother understands that he is personally responsible for the quality of his prayer life, which he sees less as a subjection to a schedule of prayers than the loving attention to the Word and the free surrender to a Person. (Directory, # 80)*

Departed Brothers: 1993, Albert Boismenu (Marcellien) and Daniel Bélanger (Frédéric); 2010, Joseph Bergot (Joseph François).

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Friday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time.

Intention: Members of the community at Mango, Togo.

Founder's Thought: To carry out your mission, you need perfect harmony and sincere charity. Everyone has his faults. We tend to notice those of others, but let's not forget our own. Let us remind ourselves repeatedly of the apostle's words, "Bear each other's burdens for thus you will fulfill the law of Jesus Christ."

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Rule of Life: *Religious community life, founded on the Eucharist and on the Word of God, cannot exist without communal prayer. The Brothers find therein the source and the highest expression of their unity in Christ. (Directory, # 63a)*

Departed Brothers: 1986, Louis Fériau (Cléophas); 1988, Pierre Allory (René Maurice); 2004, Victor LaPrade (Victor Eugène); 2013, Romuald Laferté (Roch André).

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Saturday of the 1st week in Ordinary Time. St. Arnold Janssen [1909], Founder.

Intention: That the missionary spirit within the Congregation be rejuvenated.

Founder's Thought: I wish my sons to be very understanding and kind to their brothers and to excuse rather than accuse.

Rule of Life: *The superior animates the community and consolidates its unity so that it constitutes a living cell within the Church. He willingly listens to each Brother and promotes community discussions to achieve a meeting of minds and a convergence of wills (Directory, # 65a)*

Departed Brothers: 1977, Vincent Le Guénédal (Sérène Marie); 1998, Jean Autret (Édouard Yves); 2017, Louis Allot (Célestin Michel).

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Second Sunday of Ordinary Time. St. Marcellus I [309], Pope, Martyr.

Intention: Members of the "Joven" community at Portugalete, Spain..

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(Hubert Stanislas) and François Milin.

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Saturday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time. St. Vincent [304], Deacon, Martyr. Bl. William Joseph Chaminade [1850], Founder of the Marianist Society.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

Day of Penance: Anniversary of Roe vs Wade

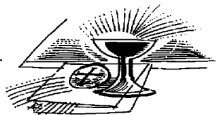
Day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life.

Intentions: Lutherans and Anglicans., Our sick and infirm Brothers.

Founder's Thought: How I love the Church! Oh, how lovely is our holy Mother Church! For her sake, I am ready to fight, suffer and die!

Rule of Life: *The community opens itself widely to the Church and to the world in order to discover the needs and aspirations of society. It collaborates actively with various organizations concerned with education and evangelization. (Directory, # 71a)*

Departed Brothers: **1992**, Marcel Dauvergne (Melaine); **2001**, Jules Gervais (Armand Joseph); **2008**, André Laperriere; **2010**, Joseph Quehe (Arthur Olivier).



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*to build community and foster its mission, accept one another as different and complementary. **Departed Brothers:** 1980, Joseph Abin (Irénée); 2004, Léo Paul Brien (Léo François); 2021, Quirino Kakonge Yagaba.*

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Tuesday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. (from the 18th to the 25th)

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Novena Prayer for the Beatification of Father Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Founder's Thought: Continually feel dependent on God's and never grieve him. Be attentive to all his whisperings and consult him often. In every dilemma, pray with fresh eagerness, asking him to be the light of our hearts.

Rule of Life: *Each Brother makes his ongoing response to his calling in constant reference to the Gospel and to the Rule of Life, attentive to his Brothers' aspirations and to the needs of the times. (Directory, # 68a)*

BIRTHDAY: BRO. THEODORE LETENDRE (1940)

Departed Brothers: **1976**, René Petitbon (Longin Joseph); **1982**, Gérard Rochette (Alfred Émile); **1995**, Venant Gélinas (Léonard Auguste); **1996**, Armand Chapdelaine (Gérald); **2005**, Luis Meira Redondo (Abundio); **2014**, Rosaire Paquette (Alphonse Raphaël); **2021**, Porfirio Blanco

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Wednesday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time.

Intention: That sufferings caused by separation give rise to a greater confidence

in God's healing power.

Founder's Thought: Amidst our trials, let us remember how quickly they pass and with what blessings they will be rewarded.

Rule of Life: *The rich diversity of gifts and charisms manifests the freedom of the Holy Spirit who "blows where he pleases." Used in union with authority within the framework of the Congregation they impart great vitality to the community, for "to each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."* (**Directory, # 68b**)

Departed Brothers: 1974, Gilbert Blouin ; 1975, Roland Laurin (Simplice Charles); 1992, R  al Guay (R  al Viateur); 2005, Honorio Ortega (Jos   Santos); 2017, Marcel Matte (Ferdinand Marie).

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Thursday. St. Fabian [250], Pope, and St. Sebastian [288], soldier, Martyrs. Bl. Cyprian (Iwene) Tansi [1964], Trappist

Monk.

Intentions: The sanctification of Catholics according to each one's vocation and ministry. Members of the community at Reinosa, Spain.

Founder's Thought: "Sufficient for the day is its own trouble: (Mt. 6:34) Let us not add to our present sufferings the anxiety of what be in store for tomorrow: That would be unbearable!

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Rule of Life: *Community meetings, where everyone expresses himself and listens to others in truth and charity, provide excellent opportunities for mutual understanding, planning and the sharing of the values by which the Brothers live.* (**Directory, # 69**)

Departed Brothers: 1980,   douard Charette (  douard Charles); 1985, Corentin Bec (Ambroise Alexis); 1987, Marcel S  vaux (  nogat); 1994, Joseph Cavarec (Nazaire Marie); 1998, Alexandre Le Pape (Martial Marie); 2021, Alain Celton.

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Friday. St. Agnes [4th C], Virgin, Martyr.

Intention: Non-Catholic Christians of the Far East.

Founder's Thought: God is ever close to those who labor for his glory. He is at our side when we fight for him. With the right intention, we have nothing to fear.

Rule of Life: *Just as the Brothers bear together the burdens of the community, they also share their joys and moments of leisure and relaxation. Community meals are cherished occasions of fraternal togetherness as are weekends and holidays.* (**Directory, # 70**)

Departed Brothers: 1922, Arator Bret  ch  , **Assistant from 1909 to 1922**; 1992, Edmond Herviou (Constant); 2017, Regis Blouin (Francis); 2018, Andr   Legland (Charles); Hubert Le Deit

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Departed Brothers: 1989, Gérard Vandal (Norbert Gaudence); 1997, Vitorino del Barrio Aparicio (Belarmino).

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2021, Roger Rouesné (André Stanislas).

Wednesday. St. Angela Merici [1540], Foundress, Virgin, Educator. Bl. Emmanuel Domingo Y Sol [1908], Priest.

World Day of Prayer for those afflicted with Hansen's Disease (Leprosy). Founder's Thought: Be careful to remain calm in the small disagreements which may arise among you. Always be understanding, kind and patient.

Rule of Life: *The ever-living Christ intercedes for us; he appropriates the prayer of the Church and pours forth on men the Spirit that inspires them to say, "Father!"* (Directory, # 76a)

Departed Brother: 2006, Laurier Labonté (Joseph de la Croix), Assistant from 1970 to 1982.

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Thursday. St. Thomas Aquinas [1274], patron of Catholic schools, Dominican Priest, Doctor. St. Joseph Freinademetz [1908], Religious, Missionary to China.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Gabriel Deshayes. That Catholic schools remain faithful to their role of evangelization.

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Saturday of the 2nd Week in Ordinary Time. St. Vincent, Deacon. St. Marianne Cope [1918], Sister of St. Francis of Syracuse.

Intention: Protestants of all denominations.

Founder's Thought: Religious life, which seems so contrary to human nature, in fact renews and perfects it, sanctifies and somehow divinizes it. It restores the soul to its original dignity and pristine beauty.

Rule of Life: *Shared mission is a call from the Spirit addressed to the Brothers and the Laity to live the Mennaisian charism in communion.* (Directory, # 107a)

BIRTHDAY: BRO. ALBERT HEINRICH (1944)

Departed Brothers: 1984, Martin Bilbao (Jenaro); 1995, André Parenteau (Hector André); 2002, Luis Pérez del Olmo (Leoncio); 2003, Paul Émile Lavergne (Bernard Pierre); 2009, Raymond Jacques (Isidore Gabriel) and Armand Gourdon (Gabriel Etienne); 2011, Pierre Grasland (Ligouri Marie); 2016, Gaston Guirriec (Antoine Claude) and Bernard Radenac.

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Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. St. Francis de Sales [1622], Founder of the Order of the Visitation of Mary, Bishop, Doctor.

Intention: The influence of mission churches in bringing true reconciliation with each other.

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1861 Election of Rev. Brother Cyprien Chevreau, first successor to Father de la Mennais.

Founder's Thought: Let us bless the Lord and eagerly benefit from the countless and precious graces he bestows on us to help us progress in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Rule of Life: *The Brothers make it their duty to be hospitable, especially for their own confreres and missionary Brothers on home leave, as well as for their own parents and relatives. When receiving their guests, they remain mindful of the needs and priorities of the community. They treat their guests with openness and simplicity, as if they were receiving Christ himself. (Directory, # 73)*

Departed Brothers: 1934, Léonard Marie Le Roux, **Assistant from 1909 to 1933; 1978, George Pothier (Toussaint Marie); 2002, Clément Blandin (Alpert) and Raymond Gosselin (Jean de Dieu); 2004, Marcel Piché (Oscar André); 2007, Jean Noël Le Gouil (Ronan Louis).**

25 Monday. The Conversion of St. Paul.

Intention: Unity of all peoples in the charity and Love of Christ.

Founder's Thought: Centuries will come and go and even time will disappear, but the Church shall never cease to be. Her destiny among men will be fulfilled regardless of hatred, rage, or persecutions.

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Rule of Life: *Each community concerns itself with the growth and development of the Congregation. The Brothers bear in mind that their own example is the best recommendation for the Congregation and a compelling invitation to the religious life. (Directory, # 74)*

Departed Brothers: 1959, Louis Arsène Bizuel, **Assistant from 1921 to 1946; 1979, Roméo Marcotte (Robert Eugène); 1986, Isidore David (Maurice Marie) and Edgar Durand (Adrien Marie); 1994, Alexis Lavandier (Valentin Émile); 2012, André Lemire; 2014, Edmund Kiiza.**

26 Tuesday. St. Timothy, Bishop of Ephesus, Martyr, and St. Titus [1st C], Bishop of Crete, Disciples of St. Paul. St. Robert of Molesme [1110], Abbot.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Founder's Thought: The brothers shall divest their hearts from all attachment to temporal goods. Out of love for Jesus Christ, they shall endure whatever privations are imposed on them. (Rule of 1823)

Rule of Life: *Christ's prayer during his earthly life flowed from his intimate union with his Father. He prayed with his people in the temple, he prayed alone in the desert, even when crowds eagerly sought him. He prayed before the major decisions of his public life, before the ordeal of his Passion, and he prayed especially for the steadfastness of his followers in faith and unity. (Directory, # 75a)*

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Saturday of the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time. St. Mutien Marie Wiaux, FSC [1917], Religious. Bl. Sebastian Valfre [1710], Priest,

Religious.

Founder's Thought: What does a person who is unable to give up anything know in the way of salvation? How can he consider himself a true disciple of Jesus Christ crucified?

Rule of Life: *The growth of the spirit of prayer requires adequate physical and mental health as well as Christian asceticism and interior silence to control the vagaries of the imagination and of the emotions. (Directory, # 79a)*

Departed Brothers: 1997, Andrew O'Rourke (Paschal Mary); 2013, Philippe Fontaine (Tharcisus Conrad).

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Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time. St. John Bosco [1888], Founder, of the Salesians, Priest, Educator.

1857 Death of Father Vielle, Spiritual Director of Father de la Mennais.

Intention: The Superior General and his council.

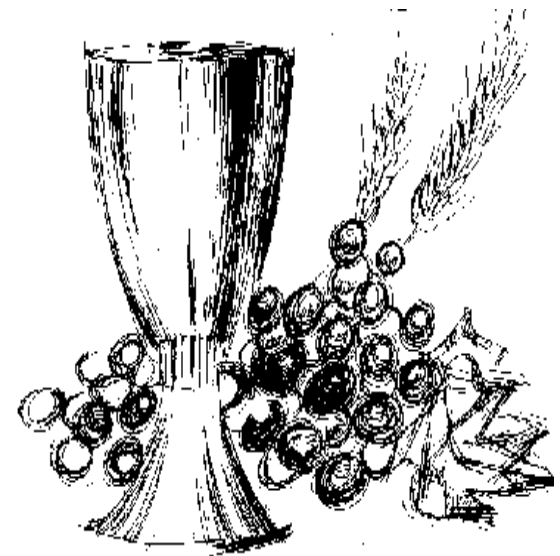
Founder's Thought: In our difficulties, let us be resigned to God's Holy Will and he will bless us all the more as we shall working uniquely for his glory in faith.

Rule of Life: *In the midst of a turbulent world and of absorbing occupations, the Brother centers his*

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life on God, who calls him to walk in his presence in peace of soul, the fruit of singlehearted love. (Directory, # 79b)

Departed Brother: 1978, Wilfrid Bellemare (Dosithée Joseph)



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Founder's Thought: The brothers will strive to suppress all movements of impatience caused by lightheadedness, indocility and inattention on the part of their students. They must be both kind and firm, not tolerating any disorder while avoiding punishments and scolding that stem from caprice or bad humor.

Rule of Life: *Like the apostles, the early Christians, together with Mary, "devoted themselves to constant prayer, "praising God," especially at the great moments in the life of the early Church. (Directory, # 76b)*

Departed Brothers: 1991, Jean Le Berre; 1997, Bernard Auffret (Rieul); 1998, Paul Mitchell (Amator).

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Friday of the 3rd Week in Ordinary Time.

Intention: Members of the community at Vannes, France.

Founder's Thought: We are all in the hands of God; let him do with us as he pleases. Let our only desire be to go to heaven.

Rule of Life: *Enlightened by faith, nurtured by the daily reading of the Scripture, the Brothers "carefully detect the signs of God's will and the impulses of his grace in the various happenings of life. (Directory, # 78a)*

Departed Brothers: 1958, Anatolius Louis Lehure; 1992, Marcel Normandin (Gabriel Arthur); 2001, Gonzalo Sáinz Pérez (Elías).

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Departed Brother: 2018, Gaston Boucher.

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Saturday. St. Agatha [250], Virgin, Martyr.

1904 Opening of our first center in England at Taunton .

Founder's Thought: In our difficulties, let us be resigned to God's Holy Will and he will bless us all the more as we shall be working uniquely for his glory in faith.

Rule of Life: *Through the divine office, religious participate in the official prayer of the Church, "which is ceaselessly engaged in praising the Lord and interceding for the salvation of the whole world." (Directory, # 85a)*

Departed Brother: 2001, Anthony Gerard Earley (Edward Joseph); 2017, Jacques Beaulieu (Claude Auguste); 2020, André Cado (Jean Berchmans).

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Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time. St. Paul Miki, Seminarian, Religious Missionary, and his companions [1597], Martyrs.

1904 Reverend Brother Abel and his assistants leave the Ploërmel motherhouse for Jersey.

Intention: Our Brothers in Japan.

Founder's Thought: Everything depends on God's will for us ... He has no need of anyone; to fulfill his providential designs, he makes use of

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Tuesday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time. Bl. Henry Morse [1645], Jesuit Priest, Martyr.

1851 Brief from his holiness, Pope Pius IX, commending our Institute and Father de la Mennais.

Intention: Couples engaged to be married..

Founder's Thought: Beware of losing that freedom of God's children without which nothing worthwhile is accomplished. In order to preserve it, we need to remain closely united with God and walk in his presence with a serene mind.

Rule of Life: *"Drawing on the authentic sources of Christian spirituality," the Brother expresses to the Lord his praise and thanksgiving, his atonement and supplication, using the spiritual exercises prescribed by the Rule of Life to integrate prayer and action. (Directory, # 83a)*

Departed Brothers: 2002, Mathurin André (Dominique Bernard); 2003, Charles Lambert (Dominique Antoine); 2010, Guy Cahier (Charles Roger), 2011, Ovide Fortier (Céleste Jean).

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Wednesday. Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple.

World Day of Consecrated Life. Invitation to renew our religious vows with the world's religious.

1843 Father de la Mennais signs his last will and testament in which he names brothers

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who will govern the Congregation after his death.

Triduum in honor of St. Joseph for Church vocations.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Gabriel Deshayes. That new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the missionary spirit of the Congregation.

Founder's Thought: Jesus entered the Temple for the first time when his mother offered him to the Father. We have chosen her as our own protectress. Let us ask her, then, to present us in the same way to our Creator.

Rule of Life: *The Brother venerates Mary in the mystery of Christ and of the Church. In the hand-maid of the Lord, fully docile to the Holy Spirit and totally devoted to the person and the work of his Son, he sees the outstanding model of the consecrated life of chastity, obedience and poverty. (Directory, # 12a)*

Departed Brothers: **1996**, Joseph André Lachance (Arsène Marie); **1998**, Marcel Gelley (Marcel René); **2001**, Florencio Urrecho Mendoza (Alonso); **2011**, Laurent Grégoire (Charles Eugène); **2020**, Henri Gobin (Eugène Auguste); **2021**, François Jaffré (Michel François).

3 **Thursday of the 4th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Blaise [316], Bishop, Martyr. St. Ansgar [865], Bishop, Religious, Missionary. Bl. Francis Spinelli [1913], Priest, Founder.**

Intention: Members of the community at Douarnenez, France.

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Founder's Thought: God will teach us what to say in his name. He will teach us when to be forthright, and when to hold our peace. Let us invoke him daily to be in our hearts and on our lips, to enlighten and inspire us those words that can really move people.

Rule of Life: *The Brothers find the needed support for their personal and community prayer in the fraternal charity which reigns in their communities. (Directory, # 81a)*

Departed Brothers: **1975**, Bernard Legland (Damien Marie); **2005**, Gérard Julien (Fidèle); **2007**, Albert Mayrand (Léon François); **2008**, Évariste Laliberté.

4 **Friday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time.**
Journée internationale de la fraternité humaine.

Intention: Members of the scholasticate community at Manila, Philippines.

Founder's Thought: Be faithful to the smallest detail but without tension or scruple. Do not become upset if you are disturbed in your work, your studies, or even your prayer. Resume your occupations serenely and cheerfully.

Rule of Life: *The Brothers willingly keep the silence necessary for serious prayer and consider the regular participation in community prayers an important element in the building of community. (Directory, # 81b)*

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Friday of the 5th Week of Ordinary Time. Our Lady of Lourdes.

World Day of the Sick,

Intention: Our sick and infirm Brothers and relatives.

Founder's Thought: Who among you has not often experienced how generous and how kind the Blessed Virgin is towards those who ask for help.

Rule of Life: *Guided by the Holy Spirit and helped by a competent spiritual director or his habitual confessor, the Brother gradually discovers the path to God. The practice of particular examen provides added stimulus for progress towards his spiritual goals. (Directory, # 91)*

Departed Brothers: 1910, ABEL GAUDICHON, **Superior General from 1897 to 1909**; 1985, Réal Picard (Désiré); 2001, Arthur Collin (Bernardin Marie); 2011, José Angel Bustamante Escalada (Benedicto).

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Saturday of the 5th Week of Ordinary Time.

1877 Death of Reverend Father Charles Augustine Duguey,

founder of the brothers in Normandy.

1904 ***With the help of 1200 soldiers and police, the government liquidator takes possession of the motherhouse and of the La Mennais boarding school at Ploërmel.***

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whom he pleases and always uses what is weakest to achieve what is greatest.

Rule of Life: *The Brother seeks Christ in the meditation of the Word of God and the contemplation of his mysteries. He thereby learns to live in familiar and constant companionship with the Father, through Jesus Christ, his Son, in the Holy Spirit. (Directory, # 86)*

Departed Brothers: 1975, Pierre Chatal (Pierre Bernard); 2006, Louis Corcuff (Anatole Louis); 2014, André Richard, 2016, Vincent Connolly (John Fisher).

7

Monday of the 5th Week of Ordinary Time. Bl. Pius IX [1878], Pope. Bl. Eugénie Smet [1871], Virgin, Foundress.

Founder's Thought: The brothers shall strive particularly to maintain great moderation and unflinching custody of heart and senses ... Let them develop a filial devotion to our Blessed Virgin, that admirable model and powerful guardian of chastity, and let them have fully trusting recourse to her in all temptations. (Rule of 1823)

Rule of Life: *The Brother attaches great importance to the Scriptures and studies them diligently. Realizing that "ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ," he strives, by assiduous reading, to gain "the supreme advantage of knowing the Christ Jesus." (Directory, # 87a)*

Departed Brothers: 1991, Évariste Hamelin (Adelphe); 1997, Jean Baptiste Robitaille (Hilaire)

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8 Tuesday of the 5th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Jerome Emiliani [1537], Founder of the Somaschi Fathers. St. John of Matha [1213], Co-Founder of the Trinitarians, Priest. St. Josephine Bakhita [1947], Virgin.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais. Orphans and the homeless throughout the world.

Founder's Thought: The heavens proclaim the glory of God, and their voice is very eloquent. But the survival of our society proves even better, perhaps, God's reality in the eyes of anyone acquainted with the passions of men.

Rule of Life: Besides the daily prescribed prayers, the Brothers are encouraged to add certain prayers according to their personal dispositions: the office of readings, the mid-day prayer or compline, the Rosary, the Way of the Cross, prayer related to their work, shared prayer, participation in a prayer group, etc... (**Directory, # 88**)

Departed Brothers: 1987, Pierre Tertrais (Édouard Albert); 1990, René Clech (René Auguste); 1996, Gérard Morin (Jean Eudes); 1999, Raoul Olivier (Rémi Marc) 2004, Émile Crémet (Hubert Henri); 2007, Jean Baptiste Le Gal (Lucien Armand).

9 Wednesday of the 5th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Miguel Cordero, FSC [1910]. Religious

Founder's Thought: Let us leave everything behind; let us go to Jesus!

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Rule of Life: On Sunday, the Lord's day, the Brothers try to free themselves from their ordinary occupations. They willingly join in the parish prayer and make the day one of joy, relaxation, brotherhood and more intensive prayer. (**Directory, # 89**)

Departed Brothers: 1968, Armand Lord (Georges Augustin); 1986, Louis Ziume; 1987, Maurice Duhous (Noël Marie); 2012, Maurice Letexier (Alain Gabriel); 2013, Charles Henri Bou-tet (Georges).

10 Thursday. St. Scholastica [542], Virgin, Religious Foundress. Bl. Josephine (Adelaide) Vannini [1911], Founder of the Daughters of St. Camillus.

Intention: The temporal and spiritual needs of our Institute.

Founder's Thought: I like those whose memory is clouded by their heart. To forget nothing is appalling.

Rule of Life: In the sacrament of reconciliation, the Brother acknowledges his failings and gratefully receives the Father's forgiveness. He thus strengthens his bonds with the Church which he had weakened by his sinfulness. (**Directory, # 90**)

Departed Brothers: 1991, Antoine Bellemare (Ludger); 1994, Maurice Chotard (Xavier Henri); 2007, Bonaventura Kironde.

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Wednesday of the 6th Week of Ordinary Time.

Founder's Thought: Peace be with you, men of good will! You shall belong to God in the here and now and he will give back to you a hundredfold all that you have given up for him.

Rule of Life: *Ascesis leads to an ongoing conversion of the heart. It frees the Brother from the obstacles which prevent him from hearing the voice of God within him. To the extent that he strives toward that liberation, the Brother is prepared for intimate union with his Lord and for generous dedication to others. (Directory, # 96)*

Departed Brothers: 1987, Fermin Robredo Castresana (Saturnino); 1989, Lucien Baffaro, Normand Berger, Rémi Claveau and Robert Duchessneau (Paul Émile); 1993, Damian Arroyo Alvaro (Eduardo); 1998, Léonard Boisvert (Camille Constant) 2007, Donatien Guibert (Gildas Marie); 2013, Eugène Le Gall (Raphaël Étienne).

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Thursday of the 6th Week of Ordinary Time. The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites [13th C], Religious.

Founder's Thought: The soul that is docile and supple in God's hands, that does not resist the whisperings of grace, that is sure of God's influence over men and their designs, that is not annoyed, irritated and spiteful after contradictions,

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Intention: Members of the St. Louis de Gonzague community at Delmas, Haiti.

Founder's Thought: Lasting moral character can only take root in a man's conscience. If then, you persuade people that conscience is a fabrication of the mind, what will this lead to?

Rule of Life: The annual retreat gives the Brother an excellent opportunity to intensify his quest for God. Setting aside his usual occupations and concerns, the Brother spends time only on God's affairs in solitude, silence and prayer. In more intimate union with God, he assesses his performance, rekindles his spiritual life and forges ahead with renewed hope in God's goodness. (Directory, # 92)

Departed Brothers: 1951, Bruno Le Cloarec; 1982, Justo Calderón (Esteban); 1985, Paul Darsel (Armand Paul); 2001, Albert Dionne (Conrad Joseph); 2005, Paul Latraverse (Émile Louis); 2017, Leon Guerin (Yves Bernard).

13

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Intention: Our Brothers in studies.

Founder's Thought: Religion is the only principle of stability and continuity. Its teachings, laws, and entire influence tend to establish an eternal order... Allow religion to vanish and everything will disintegrate and die.

Rule of Life: *The Eucharist, "sign of unity and bond of charity," is the summit towards which the*

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life of the community is directed. For all the Brothers, "it is the source of divine love, of zeal and of selflessness which have given strength to the martyrs, fashioned the purity of virgins and formed all the saints." (Directory, # 84a)

Departed Brothers: 2006, Fernand Ménard (Patrice Joseph), **Assistant from 1964 to 1970;** 2014, Miguel Angel Merino Solá, **Assistant from 2006 to 2012;** 1953, Roger Paul Talbot; 1972, Auguste Le Thomas (Jean Auguste); 1983, Joseph Le Botmel (Blaise Joseph)

14 **Monday of the 6th week of Ordinary Time. Sts. Cyril [869], Monk, and Methodius [885], Bishop, Co-Patrons of Europe with St. Benedict. St. Valentine [270], Martyr.**

Founder's Thought: The sharpest minds sometimes talk nonsense with painful self-assuredness. No doubt, God allows this so that we may place our faith and trust in him alone. He alone is perfect light and truth.

Rule of Life: *The same Spirit who vivifies the Brother's whole life calls him to praise God in prayer and to serve him in the apostolate, a participation in Christ's mission which leads to union with God. (Directory, # 94a)*

Departed Brothers: 1980, Jean Louis Trudeau (Gatien); 1985, Georges Robin (Hilaire Maurice).



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15 **Tuesday of the 6th Week of Ordinary Time.**
International Childhood Cancer Day.

Intention: Renewal of the missionary spirit within the Congregation. Members of the Alphonsus Zayera Community at Kjsubi, Uganda.

Founder's Thought: To know how to relinquish God for God is so difficult a science that I dare not affirm that all the saints possessed it.

Rule of Life: *It is only by his suffering and cross that Jesus entered the Glory of his resurrection as Lord. When men walk in his footsteps, suffering and death take on new meaning: they suffer with him and are conformed to him in death and thus enter into his glory. (Directory, # 95a)*

Departed Brothers: 1976, Lionel Pellerin (Godefroy Marie); 1988, Ambroise Castel (Théophile Ernest); 1993, Armand Boucher (Marcel Marie) and Camille Héon (Jude Marie); 2003, Benedikts Zayera (Alphonsus Joseph); 2007, Félix Le Gallo (Barnabé Julien); 2015, Sylvio Beauchamp (Rodriguez Joseph); 2017, Francis Kerbrat; 2018, Camille Orain (Pierre Théophane)



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the world. "A kind of "spiritual instinct" informs his conduct. Accordingly, he is discriminating in his choice of meetings and family relationships, visits, in his selection of television programs, films and shows. (**Directory, # 101**)

Departed Brothers: 1981, Charles Édouard Chabot (Adel-mar Marie); 1994, Roger Petit (Ange Augustin); 1998, Joseph L'Helias (Joseph Simplicien); 2003, Roger Hébert (Alcide Jean); 2018, Rosaire Caux (Raymond Gérard).

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Tuesday. Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle.

Intention: Our Holy Father, the Pope.

Founder's Thought: I do not fear persecution by the sword for the Church, but persecution through indifference from her own children and from some of her own ministers.

Rule of Life: *The Brother who is burdened by infirmity and illness unites himself more closely to Christ suffering for the salvation of the world. Thus, in truth, he becomes a spiritual offering agreeable to God as he joins Jesus Christ in the Eucharistic oblation, while waiting to be associated with him in glory. "Through Christ and in Christ the riddles of sorrow and death grow meaningful. Apart from his Gospel, they overwhelm us. (**Directory, #102**)*

Departed Brothers: 1924, Yriez Marie Chapel, **Assistant from 1879 to 1909**; 1992, Philippe Arsenault ([James] Joas Marie).

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that soul will taste an unquenchable peace and will joyfully bless and lovingly worship the plans of Divine Providence

Rule of Life: *Faithfulness to the evangelical counsels according to the Rule of Life constitutes the essence of the Brother's abnegation. As a true disciple of the chaste, poor and obedient Christ, the Brother submits with generosity and joy to the purifications imposed or inspired by his religious consecration. (**Directory, # 97**)*

Departed Brothers: 1988, Joseph Houde (Adélard); 1998, François Brunet (Hermann Marie); 2011, Alejandro Aparicio Humada (Alejandro); 2014, Jean Marie Tassin (Laurant Bernard) and André Bourdaud (Gabriel Archange).

18

Friday of the 6th Week of Ordinary Time.

Novena Prayer for the Beatification of Father Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Intention: Members of the community at Lourdes, France. The Superior General and his Council.

Founder's Thought: Let us learn to be detached from everything and to rely on God Alone. While we continue in the light of his countenance, he will never fail us.

Rule of Life: *By his resurrection, the Lord, freed from the temporary ties which had bound him to the world, now permeates it with a new presence. He pours forth his Spirit, source of youthfulness*

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and life. "By the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe," he sums up all creation and by his cross leads it towards the light that knows no setting. (*Directory, # 14*)

Departed Brother: 1987, Romain Gareau (André Gérard).

19 Saturday of the 6th Week of Ordinary Time.

Founder's Thought: The more you are completely God's, the happier you must be and the happier you will be; he will shed on you his sweetest and richest blessings.

Rule of Life: The Brother generously accepts the self-denial required by the exacting demands of his apostolic and professional calling. (*Directory, # 100a*)

Departed Brothers: 1982, Auguste Bernard (Anatole Marie); 1996, Henri Guertin (Corentin); 2009, Arthur Greenwood (Arthur Marie)

20 Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time. Sts. Francisco [1919] and Jacinta Marto [1920].

1855 Death of Mathurin Provost, the first member of the Congregation.

1881 Death of Father Auguste Foucault, former superior of the brothers in Normandy.

Intention: Members (Brothers and Lay) of the Mennaisian Family.

Founder's Thought: Whoever cannot put himself

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out at times does not understand much in the economy of salvation. How can such a man consider himself a true disciple of Jesus Christ crucified?

Rule of Life: Willingness to adapt to develop competencies, to expand human and religious culture, the judicious and unselfish use of his time, his availability to students and parents, the acceptance of the monotony of his work and its apparent efficiency ... all these are forms of asceticism which give the Brother's mission its future. (*Directory, # 100b*)

Departed Brothers: 1960, Célestin Auguste Cavaleau, Assistant from 1927 to 1952; 1974, Joseph Legendre (Cyprien); 1985, René Noury (René Hervé); 1988, Lionel Bélisle (Léopold Jean); 1996, Germain Lefebvre (Zéphirin Victor); 1998, Armand Poulin (Armand Pierre); 2000, André Bellefeuille (André Charles); 2014, André le Martelot (Ernest André); 2020, Joseph Bourmalot (Augustin Paul).

21 Monday of the 6th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Peter Damian [1072], Bishop, Religious, Doctor. St. Robert Southwell [1595], Priest, Religious, Martyr.

Intention: For our brothers and students who are experiencing difficulties. Members of the community at Nanyuki, Kenya.

Founder's Thought: Let us bless the Lord and eagerly profit by his abundant and precious help to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

Rule of Life: The Brother's willing presence to the world does not lead him to forget that he is not of

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present sufferings by some kind of anxious and fretful foresight which can become our worst torment.

Rule of Life: *Strengthened by Confirmation and sustained by the Eucharist, the faithful, “as a leaven and as a kind of soul for human society,” form a new people, a holy priesthood, offering themselves and all their actions as spiritual sacrifices. When the Lord returns, God will be all “in all” so that the messianic people will include all those who have been saved in a consecrated universe, “a new heaven and a new earth.” (Directory, # 16)*

Departed Brothers: 1976, Bernardino Gutiérrez (Guillermo); 1985, Paul Le Moal (Hippolyte Marie); 2009, Michel Dussault; 2017, Yves Moque.

28

Monday of the 8th Week of Ordinary Time. Bl. Daniel Brottier [1936], Spiritan Priest.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Gabriel

Deshayes.

Founder's Thought: Take courage, my child, and work each day with untiring ardor at your sanctification and that of those entrusted to your care.

Rule of Life: *The entire Christian community, blessed with a variety of gifts but animated by the same Spirit, participates in Christ's consecration. Yet, the divine plan unfolds in a structured universe amid visible institutions comprising sacred persons, places, objects and rites, which make the Savor present and accessible to mankind. (Directory, #17a)*

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Wednesday of the 6th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Polycarp [156], Bishop, Martyr.

Intention: Those bishops in whose dioceses we are established.

Founder's Thought. The reason men tend to reject belief in religious matters is that they cannot face its obligations. Religion's teachings are rejected because its ethics are inconvenient to man's passions.

Rule of Life: *The Brother does not fret over the gradual deterioration of his body, since it bears the seed of immortality. Death is no longer an inevitable fate to which he resigns himself. In Jesus Christ, it has a new meaning; it represents a gain, and he longs “to be gone and with Christ” to whom he is consecrated. (Directory, # 103)*

BIRTHDAY: BRO. ERNEST PAQUET (1925)

Departed Brothers: 1990, Joseph Poirier (Pascal Baylon); 2003, Jean Marie Le Lay (Constant Joseph) and Jean Jarlégan (Pierre Antoine); 2004, Stephano Bwanika; 2005, Léonide Julien (Martin Joseph); 2009, Rémi Pilon (Fabien Robert).



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Thursday of the 6th Week of Ordinary Time.

Founder's Thought: Do not be distressed in the midst of your sufferings: they purify and sanctify you. It is out of love that God sends them to you.

Rule of Life: *Jesus is "He whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world." By the sacrifice of his death and passage into glory, the Servant of God consummates his consecration: "I consecrate myself for their sakes now, that they may be consecrated in truth." (Directory, # 13)*

Departed Brothers: 1995, Félix Le Bris (Gonzague Paul); 1997, André Guimond (Théodore Marie); 2003, Jean Jarlégan (Pierre Antoine); 2009, Joseph Pomerleau (Clément Charles); 2020, Guy Leclerc (Luc Marie).

25

Friday of the 6th Week of Ordinary Time

1804 Bishop de Maillé ordains Father de la Mennais a priest at Rennes.

Founder's Thought: Give yourself to God and he will sustain, bless and richly reward you for all the sacrifices you shall have offered up.

Rule of Life: *It is desirable at times, for instance, during Lent, that the Brothers agree on a community penance, like the better observance of a point of Rule, or some material deprivation, in view of some special sharing with the poor. (Directory, #*

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Departed Brothers: 1975, Louis Dupré (Simplice), 1988, Joseph Coliaux (Joseph Mathieu) and Antonin Cossette (Gabriel Amable); 1989, Alphonse Baril (Robert Marie).

26

Saturday of the 6th Week of Ordinary Time.

Intention: *The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais. Members of the community at Cté Luján de Cuyo.*

Founder's Thought: Get rid of all disquieting and somber thoughts; look on them as dangerous temptations.

Rule of Life: *Until his return, the Lord communicates the effects of his paschal mystery through the Church, his body and sacrament. Through the baptismal consecration, those in whom the Word has elicited faith are grafted onto his glorified humanity. (Directory, # 15)*

Departed Brothers: 1998, Hubert Poulain (Eugénien); 2008, Roland Drouin (Phillip Arthur); 2014, Cosma Kafeero Kiwanda.

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Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time. St. Gabriel of Addolorata [1862], Religious, Confessor.

1970 Reverend Brother Albert Tremblay is elected Superior General.

Founder's Thought: Let us suffer with patience and with joy, but without projecting into the future our

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Departed Brothers: **1974**, José Martinez (Pablo); **1976**, Henri Bourassa (Auguste Marie); **1988**, Alain Marant; **1992**, Gérard Cloutier (Clément); **1994**, Pierre Nicolas (Sébastien Antoine); **1995**, Raymond Désy (Constant Paul); **2014**, Anicet Langlois (Fabien Jean)

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5 Saturday after Ash Wednesday.

Founder's Thought: Let brotherly love reign among all members of the Institute, particularly among members of the same community. members of the same community. Let each rejoice at his brother's joys and share in his sorrows. Let us support one another as we progress towards God and the fulfillment of his Kingdom. (Rule of 1835)

Rule of Life: *Holiness can exist in all states of life. It is rooted in charity, which is the supreme law and bond of perfection. As he strives towards it by the particularly effective means available in religious life, the Brother does not glory in his special status. Enriched by the support of all those around him, like the Apostle Paul, he boasts of nothing but his weakness. (Directory, # 27)*

Departed Brothers: 2008, Luis Ruiz Estebanéz (Vicente); 2014, Jean Courcier (Benoît Charles).

6 First Sunday of Lent.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Gabriel Deshayes.

Founder's Thought: When the word freedom is pronounced, every human passion rejoices as if it were told it would now rule.

Rule of Life: *The religious consecration places the Brother under the divine influence so that he may bear much fruit. Dedicated in a special way to the service of others, he exercises a kind of spiritual paternity in the Church and cooperates*

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1 Tuesday of the 8th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Albin [550], Bishop of Angers. St. David [589], Bishop, Patron saint of Wales. Mardi Gras.

Intention: Members of the community at Guérande, France.

Founder's Thought: I trust that no one among you will forget that he is a religious, never failing for a moment to give example to all he meets. Let great charity and perfect unity reign among you.

Rule of Life: *Jesus entrusted the evangelical counsels to the Church. Diverse religious families, prompted by the Spirit, have arisen amid God's people to live by these counsels. All these families contribute in different ways to the adornment of the Church, radiant like a bride made beautiful for her spouse. (Directory, # 18a)*

Departed Brother: 1988, Charles Édouard Jourdain (Aibert).

2 Ash Wednesday. Bl. Henry Suzo [1366], Dominican Priest. Day of Fast and Abstinence.

Triduum in honor of St. Joseph for Church vocations.

Intention: That new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the missionary spirit of the Congregation.

Founder's Thought: Our resources are exhausted, but for that very reason, our hope must increase for it is in such times of destitution that God chooses to show his work. As we work for God's cause entirely, we have every reason to believe that he himself will look after his affairs. (Father Deshayes)

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Rule of Life: *Religious families remain subject to historical contingencies, but the evangelical way of life which they represent forms an integral part of the institutional Church and “belongs inseparably to her life and holiness.” (Directory, # 18b)*

Departed Brothers: 2006, Arsène Gall (Yves Charles); 2007, François Cloarec (Pol Joseph); 2008, Eugene Thomas (Rogatien Yves); 2010, Adalbert Couture (Raphaël Marie).

3 **Thursday after Ash Wednesday. St. Katherine Drexel [1955], Virgin, Religious Founder of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. Bl. Pierre René Rogue [1796], Priest, Martyr.**

Founder’s Thought: We will be given the hundredfold of what we have left behind, but we shall also have our cross to bear, our cup to drink, our nails, our thorns, our scourging.

Rule of Life: *An unshakable conviction gives the Brother’s life its orientation. He sees in his calling a more evangelical way of life, with greater freedom to follow Christ and imitate the chastity, obedience, poverty and brotherly love of the Divine Master among his disciples. (Directory, # 20)*

Departed Brothers: 1936, Stanislas Kostka Camun, **Assistant from 1909 to 1927;** 1974, Paul Émile Lelièvre (Adrias Joseph); 2013, Albert David (Antonin Yves); 2021, Gérard Parisien (Norbert Marie).

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Friday after Ash Wednesday. St. Casimir [1484], Patron saint of Poland.

1792 *Father Deshayes is ordained a priest in Jersey by Bishop le Mintier, the last bishop of Tréguier*

1973 *Foundation of St. Edward’s Province (England).*

Founder’s Thought: Do not fear obstacles; everyone meets them. They are meant to be faced and overcome.

Rule of Life: *In its deepest meaning, the profession inscribes in all the Brother’s activities, even the most spontaneous behavior, an interior law engraved in his heart by the Holy Spirit. The vows sustain and vivify three basic attitudes in the consecrated person. They facilitate the mastery of disruptive forces in man and contribute to the harmony and unity of the “new man”. Thus, fulfillment is achieved, for “where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom”. (Directory, # 26)*

Departed Brothers: 1996, Michel Deman (Théophane Vénard), **Assistant from 1970 to 1982;** 2002, Yves Balthazar (Marcien Joseph), **Assistant from 1964 to 1970;** 1977, Athanase Guéguen (Florentin Charles); 1979, Jean Gaudin (Sixte Joseph); 1989, Philippe Lambert (Agathange Marie); 1998, Bernard Jourdan (Gabriel Bernard); 2014, Robert Jarnoux (Robert André).

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paternity in the Church and cooperates with the Lord in making available to mankind the immeasurable riches of his paschal mystery. **(Directory, # 28)**

Departed Brothers: 1980, François Trudel (Simplicius Joseph); 2001, Cristóbal Aparicio Garcia (Miguel José); 2002, François Roy (Sébastien Henri).

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Saturday of the 1st Week of Lent.

Intention: Members of the community at Jacmel, Haiti

Founder's Thought: I recommend great fidelity to your exercises of piety and prudence, especially, in your contacts with lay people. Many have fallen because of imprudence, forgetting the Divine Master's words: "Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation." (Mt. 26:41)

Rule of Life: *Throughout his life, the Brother is a witness in the eyes of the children of light, but he is also a living sign for those who remain in darkness: God exists, Christ lives on, holiness is still possible. (Directory, # 29a)*

Departed Brothers: 1955, Alix Marie Fresnel; 2003, Paul Monette (Jacques); 2006, Benoît Aubrée.

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with the Lord in making available to mankind the immeasurable riches of his paschal mystery. (Directory, # 28)

Departed Brothers: 1996, Henri Cabillic (Sébastien Joseph); 2001, Jean Birrien (Gabriel Vincent); 2014, André Richard; 2016, François Even.

7

Monday of the 1st Week of Lent. Sts. Perpetua and Felicity [203], Martyrs.

Founder's Thought: If we are blind, despondent and weak-willed, it is because we do not approach God with lively faith and tender confidence.

Rule of Life: *At the moment of his profession, the Brother, drawn by an unshakable hope, takes hold of his entire life with all its vicissitudes and places it as a spiritual sacrifice in God's almighty hand. (Directory, # 24a)*

Departed Brothers: 2001, Jean Gouret (Marcellin François); 2005, Maximo Lozano Miguel (Demetrio).

8

Tuesday of the 1st Week of Lent. St. John of God [1550], Founder, Priest.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Founder's Thought: Your feelings of unworthiness should not keep you from your Divine Master for his mercy is much greater than your sinfulness.

Rule of Life: *By his vows, the Brother binds him-*

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self in a way in which gives consistency to a community undertaking; he signs a contract. In complete freedom, he assumes all the obligations of the Rule of Life, particularly the morel and juridical exigencies of the three vows. He thus erects barriers between himself and worthwhile activities, which he willingly forgoes as being foreign to his life. (Directory, # 25)

Departed Brother: 2001, Réal Brodeur; 2011, André Guibert (Fulbert).

9 **Wednesday of the 1st Week of Lent. St. Frances of Rome [1440], Widow, Religious.**

1915 The Sacred Congregation of Rites issues its favorable decree of “non cultus” in the case of Fr. de la Mennais.

Founder’s Thought: You can be sure that all that gives rise to melancholy, grumbling, mistrust of your superiors, dislike of your vocation is a temptation.

Rule of Life: In its deepest meaning, the profession inscribes in all the Brother’s activity even the most spontaneous behavior, an interior law engraved in his heart by the Holy Spirit. (Directory, # 26a)

Departed Brothers: 1972, Jean Marie Piton (Maurice Joseph); 1976, Jean Louis Rivard (Fabien Louis); 2003, Évariste Grandbois (Louis Émile); 2013, Louis Le Roux; 2020, Michel Jamois (Louis Berchmans).

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10 **Thursday of the 1st Week of Lent. The Forty Martyrs of Sebast [320].**

Intentions: Our students and their teachers. Members of the community at Maldonado,

Uruguay.

Founder’s Thought: I thank God that I have something to suffer for it is fitting that I bear this cross by which I have been saved.

Rule of Life: The vows sustain and vivify three basic attitudes in all the baptized. They facilitate the mastery of disruptive forces in man and contribute to the harmony and unity of the “new man.” Thus, fulfillment is achieved, for “where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” (Directory, # 26b)

Departed Brother: 1994, Louis Louarn (Abel); 2012, Eugène Thomas (Emmanuel Grégoire).

11 **Friday of the 1st Week of Lent.**

Intention: That all the members of the Mennaisian Family, Laity and Brothers, become signs of communion in the Church.

Founder’s Thought: Certainly your burden is heavy, but God placed it on your shoulders and he will give you the grace to bear it. Trust him, then: He will never forsake those who dedicate themselves for his glory.

Rule of Life: The religious consecration places the Brother under the divine influence so that he may bear much fruit. Dedicated in a special way to the service of others, he exercises a kind of spiritual

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ahead toward the meeting with God, the joy of his youth. (Directory, # 34)

Departed Brothers: 1947, Ronan Joseph Le Poupon, *Assistant from 1946 to 1947*; 1995, Jean Marie Quéau (Étienne Joseph); 1998, Pedro Miera Redondo (Isidoro); 2003, Étienne Guiné; 2008, Paul Hayes; 2019, Pierre Piron (Michel Pierre).

18 Thursday of the 2nd Week of Lent.
St. Cyril [386], Bishop of Jerusalem.

1814 Father de la Mennais arrives at St. Brieuc as personal secretary to Bishop Caffarelli.

1982 Brother Bernard Gaudeul is elected Superior General.

Novena Prayer for the Beatification of Father Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Intention: Members of the community at St. Brieuc, France

Founder's Thought: The small sacrifices which our rule unceasingly asks us at various times of the day cost more than we think being so often renewed.

Rule of Life: *As a pilgrim in the world, the Brother lives inwardly free from temporal goods, in cheerful availability to others and readiness to share. Religious poverty involves this interior disposition; it is more than a merely social or economic condition. (Directory, # 43a)*

Departed Brothers: 1992, Octave Soulard (Ernest

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13 **Second Sunday of Lent.**

Intention: Our Holy Father.

Founder's Thought: It is a truth of faith that Jesus Christ is hungry and thirsty, and it is a truth of experience that Christians allow him to starve, not even bothering to give him a glass of cold water.

Rule of Life: *The Brother bears in mind that all religious life should be penetrated by an apostolic spirit and that all apostolic action should be animated by a religious spirit. (Directory, #2b)*

Departed Brother: Joseph Katanga (Peter).

14 Monday of the 2nd Week of Lent.
Founder's Thought: I am shown the Cross and I am told to run away from it! No, I will not run away. I will go,

take it, and embrace it, for it was by the Cross that I was saved. Dear Cross, my only hope! Holy Cross, I embrace you while I live. It is on you that I wish to die.

Rule of Life: *Just as Jesus, light in the darkness, presaged the coming of the Kingdom, every genuine community visibly united in his name announces the Kingdom of God. (Directory, # 31a)*

Departed Brothers: 1975, Ange Gégard (Gilbert Marie); 1983, Yves Bleunven (Tharsicius); 2000, Germain Ménard (Prosper André); 2012, Marcel Deshalliers (Charles Louis); 2014, Célestin Yendoumban Tandjare.

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Tuesday of the 2nd Week of Lent. St. Clement Marie Holbauer [1820], Religious, Priest. St. Louise de Marillac [1660], Widow, Religious Founder,

Patron saint of social workers.

2006 Bro. Yannick Houssay is elected Superior General.

Intention: Renewal of the missionary spirit within the Congregation.

Founder's Thought: What does a little more weariness or more work matter? Tomorrow death will come. Tomorrow, eternity!

Rule of Life: *The community's witness, like that of Jesus, may be rejected often. But those who are present to the Brothers in Christ's heart in a more profound way, will feel its quiet impact. (Directory, # 31b)*

Departed Brothers: 1977, Miguel Orive (Miguel); 1997, Angel De Santiago Campo Eulogio); 2013, Jean PrévotEAU (Armel Marie).

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Wednesday of the 2nd Week of Lent.

1891 Definitive approbation of the Institute by the Holy See.

1933 Three brothers leave Nonclares, Spain, for Argentina.

Founder's Thought: The Brothers will carefully avoid any cause of quarreling and never show one another either coldness or ill humor. They will also avoid harsh, biting, or reproachful words, any sign

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of contempt or impatience. They shall speak to one another with constant kindness. (Rule of 1823)

Rule of Life: *God is faithful in his relations with men. All his promises have their "Yes" in him, the suffering Servant who conquered death. "Jesus Christ is the same today as he was yesterday and as he will be forever." In him, the Brother, a frail and changing partner, has contracted an ineffable covenant. (Directory, # 33)*

Departed Brothers: 1946, Oswald Joseph Pautonnier; 1977, Hubert Tétrault (Albert Joseph); 1978, Indalecio Sáinz (Bernadino).

17

Thursday of the 2nd Week of Lent. St. Patrick [461], Bishop, Patron saint of Ireland, Missionary. St. Joseph of Arimathea [1st C].

1988 Reverend Brother Bernard Gaudel is reelected Superior General.

2012 Reverend Brother Yannick Houssay is reelected Superior General.

Founder's Thought: Your frequent relations with the world can harm your vocation and imperceptibly cause the loss of it. It is impossible to be faithful to both the world and to Jesus Christ. You cannot serve two masters.

Rule of Life: *To make his oblation the source of a continuously fresh outflow, even in times of severe trial, the Brother leans on this Rock. Begging for a stronger faith, he "stands firm in the hope he professes," and, grasped by the Lord Jesus, he forges*

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Thursday of the 3rd Week of Lent.
St. Oscar Romero, Bishop, Martyr.

1858 *Death of Reverend Mother Marguerite Marie (Marie Cinan), first Superior General of the Daughters of Providence.*

1993 His holiness, Pope John Paul II, in memory of the death of Archbishop Romero, proclaims a day of fasting and of prayer in memory of missionary martyrs.

Founder's Thought: God is so good that he wants us to rest in his infinite goodness; he wants us to sleep peacefully in his bosom; our peace is his glory.

Rule of Life : The condition of disadvantaged countries, poorer in economic goods but quite rich in wisdom," imposes special obligations in the practice of poverty. Brothers working in such countries are called to real communion with the poor. (*Directory, # 48*)

Departed Brothers: **1975**, Joseph Le Boulch (Gérard Pierre); **1980**, Benôit Lessard (Daniel François); **1998**, Joseph Bussi res (L onard Jean); **2017**, Jean Audrain (Donatien Michel).

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Pierre); **1996**, Joseph Bainvel (Lazarus).

19

Friday. Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of Mary.

1891 *First investiture at the novitiate in La Prairie, Canada, takes place.*

Founder's Thought: How thoroughly humbled we should feel when comparing the Word's chosen silence with our haste to tell the world the vain thoughts of an unenlightened mind!

Rule of Life: *Like his Master, the Brother, through an active obedience, offers himself to God as a daily holocaust and freely accepts the implications of his sacrifice. (Directory, # 55b)*

Departed Brothers: **1982**, Pierre Sizun (Gabriel  douard), **Assistant from 1946 to 1952**; **1993**, Henri P russel (Henri Stanislas); **1994**, Pierre Tardif ( mile Joseph) and Francis Leborgne (Raoul Marie); **2011**, Roland Baribeau (F lix Charles); **2017**, Michel Letort (Michel Archange).

20

Saturday of the 2nd Week of Lent.

Intention: Members of the community at Nanclares, Spain.

Founder's Thought: I urge you to be on guard against the spirit of the world and to faithfully observe your holy rule in every detail.

Rule of Life: *Faithful to a long-standing tradition of the Congregation, the Brothers honor Saint Joseph*

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as model of educators and patron of religious vocations. (Directory, # 12b)

Departed Brother: 1979, Hervé Lacerte (Flavien Joseph); 2017, Claude Simon (Louis René).

21 Monday of the 3rd Week of Lent.

Founder's Thought: Rather than complaining about the moments of silence we are asked to observe during the day, we should feel fortunate to withdraw from the noise and activity of the world around us and find ourselves alone with God.

Rule of Life: *Poverty finds its fullest expression in death. When, like Christ, the Brother accepts death, he reaches the culmination of his poverty. He is then ready to receive the imperishable treasure promised to those who left everything to follow in the footsteps of Christ. (Directory, # 45)*

Departed Brothers: 1983, Jean Kermarrec (Michaël Joseph); 2017, Marcel Hebert (Charles Antoine); 2018, Andre Godin (Gabriel Anastase).

22 Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Lent.

1911 His Holiness, Pius X, signs the decree introducing the cause of Beatification and Canonization of Jean Marie Robert de la Mennais.

Intention: Our sick and infirm Brothers.

Founder's Thought: Our Lord loved you unto the shedding of the last drop of his blood for your salvation. Is it asking too much to deny yourself a little at his service?

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Rule of Life: *The Brothers meditate on the example of Christ and his apostles and that of the early Christians where "no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common." (Directory, # 48a)*

Departed Brothers: 1981, Martin Etcheverry (Alvaro); 2002, Gérard Duhaime (Norbert Vincent); 2008, Louis Stéphan (Jean de Kenty); 2020, Virgilio Gutiérrez Rodríguez (Julian).

23 Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Lent. St. Turibius of Mogrovejo [1606], Bishop of Lima, Peru.

1861 The death of Father Ruault, first chaplain at the motherhouse, intimate friend and faithful counselor of Father Jean marie de la Mennais.

Intention: Members of the community at Ouanaminthe, Haiti.

Founder's Thought: When the mind loses its principles, it plays tricks; it doesn't believe any more; it dreams.

Rule of Life: *The insecurity inherent in a rapidly changing world is accepted and lived in community by the Brothers with deep trust in the Lord. (Directory, # 47)*

Departed Brother: 1994, Eugène Bousseau (Eugène Arthur); 2012, Laurent Colléoc (Cyprien Auguste); 2017, Albert Cote (Robert Yvan); 2020, Efrén Fernandez Aparicio (Luis María).

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Departed Brothers: 1998, Ernest Paquette (Michel Amand); 2020, Javier García González (Francisco Javier).

30

Wednesday of the 4th Week of Lent.

2000 Reverend José Antonio Obeso is re-elected Superior

General.

Founder's Thought: It is by humility, patience and gentleness that you will triumph. These are your weapons and God will bless them.

Rule of Life: *Impelled by the desire to live the baptismal consecration to its fullest extent, the Brother chooses to enter fully in the divine plan and makes it his own, even when, at times, it entails sharing the anguish of the crucified Christ. (Directory, # 54a)*

Departed Brothers: 1982, James Durkin (Stephen Mary); 1996, Louis Chevalier (Hervé Henri); 2020, Pablo García González (Bernardo).

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Thursday of the 4th Week of Lent. St. Benjamin [424], Deacon, Martyr. St. Guy [1046], Priest, Abbot.

1994 Reverend Brother José Antonio Obeso is elected Superior General.

Intention: The Superior General and his council.

Founder's Thought: Consider what your Redeemer has done for you and learn, from his example, what you ought to do for him; he has loved

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Friday. Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

1821 The Daughters of Providence receive their rule from Father de la Mennais. On the same day, they pronounce their vows.

1988 At St. Mary Major in Rome, Reverend Brother Bernard Gaudeul, Superior General, renews the solemn consecration of the Institute to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Intention: Members of the Daughters of Providence.

Founder's Thought: Let us work everyday with renewed courage for the glory of our Master; let us place our trust in him alone and expect our reward from him alone.

Rule of Life: Faithful to Father de la Mennais' spirit, "the Brothers have a filial devotion to the Blessed Virgin, admirable model and powerful guardian of chastity and have recourse to her with the greatest confidence in all their temptations." (**Constitutions # 14b**)

26

Saturday of the 3rd Week of Lent.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Founder's Thought: As long as we are united, we shall be strong, we shall be happy. This unity will be the charm, grace and strength of our society.

Rule of Life: *As a member of a Congregation established "to provide Christian instruction and educa-*

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tion, especially to children of the working class,” the Brother knows that one of the most effective ways to fight dire poverty is to fulfill its specific mission. **(Directory, # 50)**

Departed Brothers: 1973, Joseph Leduby (Isidore Louis); 2012, Bernard Franey (Augustine Joseph); 2014, Albert Hémono (Louis Yves).

27 Fourth Sunday of Lent. St. Francis di Bruno [1888], Founder of the Minim Sisters of St. Zita. Mathematician.

1900 Decree from the Sacred Congregation of Rites ordering the search for the writings of Father de la Mennais.

Intention: Members of the community at Nairobi, Kenya.

Founder’s Thought: Mother, behold your son, Do not turn away from him; rather let your tears of tenderness and compassion renew his heart and restore him to that peace.

Rule of Life: *The Congregation has concern for the poor, who are illiterate people and keeps them in mind in its bold, yet prudent choices of missionary people and keeps them in mind in its bold, yet prudent choices of missionary activities and other undertakings. (Directory, # 51)*

Departed Brothers: 1996, André Normandin (Maurice Paul); 2000, Desmond O’Brien (Paul Thomas); 2002, Gilbert LaGanière (Norbert Vincent); 2020, Dámaso Cereda García and Ismael Sáinz Castañeda.

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28 Monday of the 4th Week of Lent.

Intention: The beatification of Father Gabriel Deshayes.

Founder’s Thought: Let us be consumed by Providence. We should be unworthy of working with him if we did not place our will entirely in his without retaining anything of our own.

Rule of Life: *Each community tries to provide appropriate and timely assistance to the poor in its neighborhood through special classes for the illiterate, evening courses for others with special needs, religion courses for youth and adults, emergency assistance, hospitality and participation in organized charities. (Directory, # 52a)*

29 Tuesday of the 4th Week of Lent.

Founder’s Thought: The small sacrifices requested by the Rule throughout the day cost more than we may think because they so often recur.

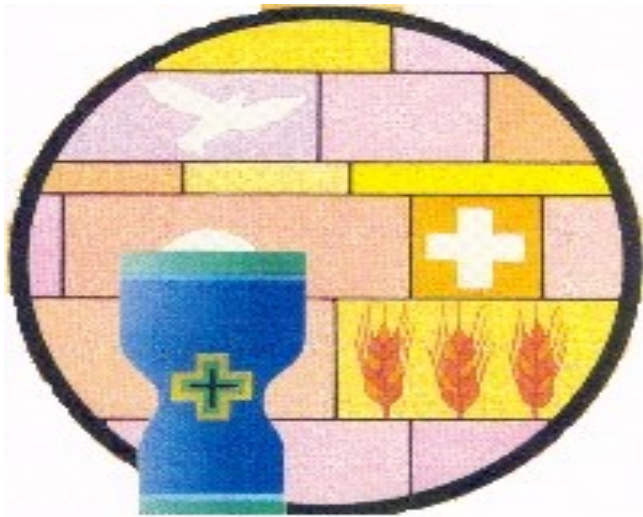
Rule of Life: *“My aim is to do not my will but the will of him who sent me.” “Although he was Son, he learned to obey through suffering,” consenting “to give his life in ransom for many.” Like Christ, every baptized person must seek to know the will of the Father and obey him through human intermediaries in order to collaborate in the salvation of mankind. (Directory, # 53)*

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you and has shed his blood to the last drop for your salvation: is it asking too much to deny yourself a little in his service? (to Bro. Hippolyte Morin, March 31, 1829)

Rule of Life: The vow of obedience introduces the Brother intimately into that surge of love which led Christ to state, just before his Passion, “The world must be brought to know that I love the Father and that I do exactly what the what the Father has told me.” (**Directory, # 45**)

Departed Brothers: 1987, Rodrigue Lorraine (Eusèbe); 1988, Gaston Martel (Héraclas).



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Intention:

For Christians facing new bio-ethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



Consecrated to Saint Joseph

Apostleship of Prayer

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Intention:

For health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



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(Gaudencio); **1996**, Napoléon Boisvert (Amédée Joseph); **2000**, Juan José Rioja; **2014**, Jean Courcier (Benoit Charles); **2020**, Miguel Angel Roman Villalabeitia.

6

Wednesday of the 5th Week of Lent.

Triduum in honor of St. Joseph for Church vocations.

Intentions: That new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the missionary spirit of the Congregation. The beatification of Fr. Gabriel Deshayes.

Founder's Thought: God will give us the strength we need to carry our cross. What more do we need than that comforting assurance?

Rule of Life: *Together with his Brothers, keeping in mind differences in age, formation and mentality, the superior tries to discern the will of God in persons and events. (Directory, # 60a)*

Departed Brothers: **1979**, Noël Stéphan (Gérard Noël); **1992**, Ernest Alarie (Gustave Albert); **2008**, Louis Seite (Ronan Louis); **2012**, Henri Caroff (Henri Marie); **2015**, Jean Pierre Boissiere.

7

Thursday of the 5th Week of Lent. St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle [1719], Priest, Founder, Patron of educators. Bl. Hermann Joseph [1241], Priest,

Premonstratensian Canon Regular.

Intention: Christian educators, especially teaching brothers.

Founder's Thought: Do everything and suffer

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Friday of the 4th Week of Lent.

Intention: Members of the community at Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Founder's Thought: Going to Holy Communion is not only uniting our body to the body of Christ. It is also conforming our spirit to his Spirit, our soul to his soul. That union can really take place only insofar as we make his sentiments our own.

Rule of Life: *The Brother's obedience is motivated by faith and charity which prompt him to want to obey and to seek a Rule to guide his behavior. (Directory, # 56)*

Departed Brothers: **1986**, Charles Trémel (Charles Firmin); **2002**, Pierre Daniel (Laurentius Joseph); **2011**, Roger Sénécal (Ermel).

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Saturday of the 4th Week of Lent. St. Francis of Paola [1507], Hermit, Founder of the Minims.

Intention: Members of the Scholasticate community at Manilla, Philippines.

Founder's Thought: On seeing the cross, I may be tempted to forsake it. I shall go in the van-guard, taking it up and embracing it for it is by the cross that I have been saved. O divine cross, my only hope; I embrace you as I breathe; it is on you that I wish to die. (Memorial, pg. 28)

Rule of Life: *The Brother obeys with confidence and joy. He knows that he is performing his Father's will and shares in the peace of Christ who*

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was able to say, after hours of turmoil, "All is finished." (Directory, # 61a)

Departed Brothers: 1976, Jean Louis Menthéour (Clémentin Marie); 1980, Henri Caudel (Célerin); 1981, Raphaël Delanoë (Césaire); 2003, Palmasio Kalungi (Martin Vianny).

3 Fifth Sunday of Lent. St. Richard [1253], Bishop.

Founder's Thought: My Jesus, when I see you nailed to the cross, when I see your body scourged and covered in blood and the thorns that pierce your brow, and when I consider my own sensuality, my extreme sensitivity, my fear of hardship and the renunciation of all that could hurt my senses or wound my pride, how could I claim, my Lord, to be your disciple?

Rule of Life: *The Brother's obedience makes him participate in the Church's work of salvation, building the Mystical Body of Christ. (Directory, # 58a)*

Departed Brother: 2014, Henri Bernier (Albin Marie).

4 Monday of the 5th Week of Lent. St. Isidore [636], Bishop, Doctor. St. Benedict the Black [1589], Franciscan Lay Brother.

Founder's Thought: When our Lord made his first appearance to his disciples after his resurrection, what did he say to them? Peace be with you. Such are the very words of my own greeting,

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or rather the promise I make to you at this time when you come to the foot of the altar to make your first solemn promise. Peace be with you. **(Sermon 548 for the profession of vows)**

Rule of Life: *The superior exercises his authority "in a way that "manifests thereby the charity with which God loves" the Brothers. (Directory, # 59a)*

Departed Brothers: 1982, Léon Delanoë (Marie Bernard); 2002, Jean Paul Laneuville (Herménégilde); 2005, Constant Blandel (Ferréol); 2006, Jean Marie Poullélaouen (Tugdual Marie); 2007, Marcel Flouriot (Yves Marcel); 2015, Marcel Guibert (Léontien Joseph); 2020, Joseph André Gauthier (Lucien Gilles).

5 Tuesday of the 5th Week of Lent. St. Vincent Ferrier [1419], Dominican Priest.

Members of the Sault Saint Louis community at La Prairie, Quebec, Canada

Founder's Thought: I recommend faithfulness to the holy exercise of God's presence. That exercise and the consideration of the passion of Jesus Christ are the best means to renew the fire of divine love in your heart.

Rule of Life: *Religious obedience is all-encompassing. It is an active and responsible virtue which fosters initiative so that the Brother finds in his assignments ample opportunity to exercise his intelligence and will, his natural talents and the gifts of grace. (Directory, # 57a)*

Departed Brothers: 1982, Gaudencio Arnaiz

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Departed Brothers: 1978, Eugène Kérébel (Basilide Jean); 1982, Pierre Hémidy (Guénaël); 1993, François Couëdelo (François Caracciolo); 1994, Louis Éveno (Pierre Chrysologue); 2005, Jean Paul Compagna (Cyrille Maurice) and Augustin Quillévére (Hervé Bernard).

13 **Wednesday of Holy Week. St. Martin I [655], Pope, Martyr.**
1952 Reverend Brother Élisée Rannou is elected Superior General.

Intention: Members of the community at Makerere, Uganda.

Founder's Thought: Understand it well, my Brothers, our glory is to make good Christians of these children. Without us, they would never be so.

Rule of Life: *The apostle's relationship with others will be genuine if it reflects a deep union with God and leads back to him. (Directory, # 112a)*

Departed Brothers: 1982, Henri Bertin (Gonzalve); 2001, Germain Parisien (Marcel Jacques); 2004, Jean Marie le Goff (Joseph Jean).

14 **Holy Thursday. Mass of the Lord's Supper. St. Peter Gonzalez [1246], Franciscan Priest.**

Thanksgiving for the Institution of the Eucharist and Holy Orders.

Intention: Members of the community at Bain-de Bretagne,

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everything in view of God; then the grace, peace and joy of the Holy Spirit will dwell in you.

Rule of Life: *Together, the Brothers give priority to the common good, they adjust individual opinions in the light of other people's views, study situations, and devise responses suited to the needs of the world and of the Church. Thus, religious obedience and fraternal understanding reinforce each other. (Directory, # 60b)*

Departed Brothers: 1976, Célestin Tregret (Cyprius Célestin); 1978, Donat Fontaine (Laurant Marie); 2003, François Goaréguer (François Adrien); 2005, Jean Le Doeuff (Laurant Alain).

8 **Friday of the 5th Week of Lent.**

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Founder's Thought: The more you give yourself completely to God, the happier should you be and you will be.

Rule of Life: *By pooling their resources in vies of fairer distribution, religious poverty shows an ideal to which many respond. Through the detachment it expresses, it anticipates the holy City when God will fulfill every aspiration. (Directory, # 49b)*

Departed Brothers: 1986, Albert Lauzon (Méréal Marie); 1996, Émile (Louis) Chouinard (Eugène Louis); 2012, Gustave Vachon (Isidore Julien); 2016, Luis Miguel Gomez Quintano.

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9 Saturday of the 5th Week of Lent.

Founder's Thought: Follow the narrow path where Christ and all the saints have gone before you; that is the only way to heaven.

Rule of Life: *The Congregation has made the school its special field of action. Today, as in the Founders' times, schools offer an essential service to individuals and to society by formation of free and responsible persons. (Directory, # 106a)*

Departed Brothers: 1974, Cléridan Lafortune (Amélius); 1993, Arthur Héon (Cyrille); 2011, André Bergeron (Gérard Robert).

10 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Founder's Thought: We must be determined to renounce the world entirely. Anything less would make us unworthy members of a congregation whose motto is: GOD ALONE!

Rule of Life: *Christian schools do even more, integrating the acquisition of knowledge, the preparation to responsible freedom and education in the faith. To accomplish this, the Brothers devote themselves to teaching, to pastoral ministry in schools, and to other activities deemed necessary or useful in special circumstances. (Directory, # 106b)*

Departed Brothers: 1977, Pierre Cochard (Ro-

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gation Pierre); 1978, Honoré Côté (Adolphe Joseph); 1979, Léo Jacques (Louis Georges), 1985, Denis Pocard (Rodrigue); 1990, Émile Leduc (Gérard Joseph); 2013, Léopold Sarrazin (Léopold Eugène).

11 Monday of Holy Week. St. Stanislaus of Krakow [1079], Bishop, Martyr.

Founder's Thought: Oh God! If only we had that penetrating and lively faith which can almost fathom and understand the heavenly mysteries and perceive the dawn of the Eternal Day!

Rule of Life: *The vows of the religious educator favor his greater availability. Consecrated celibacy helps him be a Brother to all, in a simple and genuine relationship which expresses Christ's universal love. (Directory, # 109a)*

Departed Brothers: 1976, Eugène Salaün (Amans Alexis); 1977, Jean Louis Breton (Aimé); 1999, Joseph Leblanc (Isidore).

12 Tuesday of Holy Week.

Founder's Thought: Renew your fervor during this special season. See what your Savior has done for you and learn from his example what you must do for him.

Rule of Life: *The Brother's apostolic religious life offers a striking witness to the transcendence of God and to the restoration of mankind in the risen Christ. (Directory, # 110a)*

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Rule of Life: *Attentive to the special vocation of each person, the Brother willingly listens to his students in order to understand and help them. (Directory, #117a)*

Departed Brothers: 1974, Ernest Crépeau (Clémentien Marie); 1991, Michel Morvan (Michel Alain); 1996, Odone Kasasira; 2002, Réal Larose (Amance Joseph).

19 Tuesday of the Octave of Easter. Bl. Marcel Callo [1945], Martyr.

Intention: Members of the community at Re-don, France.

Founder's Thought: It is by humility, patience, and kindness that you will triumph. These are your weapons; God will bless them.

Rule of Life: *Concerned about the laity in the Church, the Brother promotes all vocations, but nurtures with special care vocations to the priesthood and to the religious life. (Directory, #117b)*

Departed Brothers: 1984, Jean Le Menn (René Olivier); 2020, Jean Laprotte (François Georges).

20 Wednesday of the Octave of Easter. *Intention: Members of the community at Mbeya, Tanzania.*

Founder's Thought: Continue to work for the glory of God and the salvation of souls with all your energy, knowing that God asks nothing more of you than what you are doing.

Rule of Life: *Religious education finds an essential*

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Founder's Thought: Let us bring our needs and our problems to "our Father in heaven" with humble trust. When you pray, do not try, through considerable effort at reaching lofty thoughts but rather follow the call and attraction of grace with the simplicity of a child holding its father's hand.

Rule of Life: *The Brother prays for those who depend on him or with whom he lives and works. He invites them to participate in the prayer of the community and he, in turn, joins the parish community for prayer. (Directory, # 112b)*

Departed Brothers: 2004, Estaban Puebla de la Serna (Laudelino); 2005, Pierre Torlay (Alcime Joseph); 2014, Célestin Yendoumban Tandjare.

15 Good Friday of the Lord's Pas-sion. *Intention: That the missionary spirit within our Congregation be rejuvenated.*

Founder's Thought: You sit in blind judgment of your superiors, giving little regard to the reasons and circumstances behind their decisions, thereby disregarding factors that are indispensable in assessing the wisdom of those decisions.

Rule of Life: *The Brother's educational apostolate depends on the love and respect for his students in whom he recognizes the dignity of man, created in God's image and destined to live in union with his Creator. Personal development requires interaction marked by sympathetic understanding and mutual love. (Directory, # 113)*

BIRTHDAY: BRO. HENRY MONDAY (1970)

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Departed Brothers: 1948, ÉTIENNE BARBIER, *Superior General from 1933 to 1946*; 1974, Louis Le Lagadec (Odon Marie); 1976, Yves Quiniou (Urbain); 1982, *Léonard Campeau (Edbert Marie)*; 1995, Georges Bourassa (Émile Marie); 2013, Jean Nédélec (Armel Louis).

16 Holy Saturday. Vigil of Easter. St. Bernadette Soubirous [1879], Virgin.

1927 Birth of Joseph Ratzinger, the future Pope, Benedict XVI.

Intention: Our Holy Father, Benedict XVI.

Founder's Thought: Deeply convinced of the grandeur and sanctity of their mission, the brothers will do their utmost to fulfill it. No sacrifice, even that of their life, will seem too painful for that.

Rule of Life: *The success of the educational and spiritual formation requires the collaboration and the complementary witness of all educators: parents, religious and lay colleagues, priests, etc. It also demands the active participation of students, whom they progressively prepare to assume responsibility for their own lives and for the society in which they live. (Directory, # 114)*

Departed Brothers: 1977, Michel Le Goff (Zéphirin Marie); 1980, Joseph Edmond Dupuis (Omer Joseph); 2013, Joachim Le Corrond (Robert Valentin); 2018, Marcel Lacasse (James Lucien); 2020, Jules Rancourt (Louis Victor).

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17 Solemnity of Easter. The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior . St Stephen Harding [1134], Abbot.

Founder's Thought: Nothing is more advantageous for us than to belong to a Congregation which offers us support in our weakness and which erects gates around us to protect us from turning backwards and from falling.

Rule of Life: *Education in the faith must be the major concern of all the Brothers. To the witness of their own lives and to the climate of freedom and charity which they help create in the school, they add special attention to catechesis, the awakening of vocations and the promotion of youth movements. (Directory, # 115)*

BIRTHDAY: BRO. JEROME LESSARD (1940)

Departed Brothers: 2001, Gérard Ménard (Thomas Gérard).

18 Monday of the Octave of Easter. St. John I [526], Pope, Martyr.

Novena Prayer for the Beatification of Father Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Founder's Thought: Isn't God our model? Consider his admirable perfections one after the other; his justice, his goodness, his charity, his mercy, his patience, and his holiness. See if you can reflect those divine attributes.

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Rule of Life: *The missionary activity of the Church derives its inspiration and dynamism from the Trinity itself. It partakes of the mission of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, since it aims to fulfill the Father's design to manifest his love by making all men his adopted sons in Jesus Christ. (Directory, #123a)*

Departed Brother: 1993, Rafael Garcia Bustamente (Heraclio).

26 **Tuesday of the 2nd Week of Easter. Our Lady of Good Counsel.**
Intention: The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Founder's Thought: Let us love one another in God and for God. Let him be the center of our lives and our communities at all times. How all else is fleeting and futile!

Rule of Life: *All the members of the Congregation collaborate in the missionary action of the Church by making known the missions and their needs, by emphasizing the importance of prayer and penance for their success, by promoting missionary vocations. Alone or in partnership, each Province or District tries to take responsibility for a mission. (Directory # 125)*

Departed Brothers: 2006, Raymond Coutard (Bernard Henri); 2010, Roland Bélanger (Leandre Jean).

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complement in sodalities and other movements of spiritual development and Catholic action. Brothers readily collaborate with those who animate and direct such movements.

Departed Brother: 1977, Otilio Calderón (Ignacio); 2004, Henri Denis (Honorat Marie).

21 **Thursday of the Octave of Easter. St. Anselm [1109], Bishop, Doctor.**

Intention: Members of the community at Parakou, Benin.

Founder's Thought: Follow the Rule, my brothers; it was given to you with a great desire to contribute to your salvation. In following it, you but do the will of God. (Father Deshayes)

Rule of Life: *Regardless of his age, even in retirement, the Brother remains available for the service of God and of the Congregation in apostolic work suited to his strength and aptitudes. (Directory, # 5)*

BIRTHDAY: BRO. CHARLES THOMAS (1944)

Departed Brothers: 1988, Jean Métairie (Fidentien Alphonse); 2004, Alcide Tessier (Samuel Marie); 2010, André Rigaud (Rogatien Bernard).

22 **Friday of the Octave of Easter.**
Intention: Members of the Mennaisian Family (Brothers and Laity) be signs of the community within the Church.

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Founder's Thought: Whatever progress you may have made in the spiritual life, try to do more. Indeed, never in your earthly exile will you reach a stage so advanced in God that further progress is impossible.

Rule of Life: *The Brother respects the autonomy of the secular subjects which he teaches. Yet, he knows how to relate profane knowledge to man's call to salvation, so that faith "illuminates the understanding which students gradually acquire about life, mankind and the world."* (Directory, #120)

Departed Brothers: 1998, Charles Le Guern (Charles Émile); 2008, Lucien Le Gal (Iain Michel).

23 **Saturday of the Octave of Easter. St. George [303], Soldier, Martyr.**
Patronal Feast of Pope Francis.

Intention: Our Holy Father.

Founder's Thought: No one is perfect; but of all imperfections, the worst may well be an unwillingness to endure any discomfort while demanding of others more virtue than one has.

Rule of Life: *A novice seeks to develop his knowledge of Christ and his intimacy with him, to acquire a deeper appreciation of his Mennasian vocation and to assess its requirements.* (Constitutions, # 67)

Departed Brothers: 1966, Ernest Julien; 2017, Joseph Lautrou (Fernand).

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24 **Second Sunday of Easter. Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Mary of Clopas [1st C]. St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen [1622], Religious, Martyr. St. Marie Euphrasie Pelletier [1868], Foundress, Virgin.**

Intention: Members of the community at Kambuga, Kenya

Founder's Thought: Avoid every eccentricity in your contacts with people. Spare their weaknesses and be careful not to break the bent reed or to put out the flickering wick. (c. Is 42:3)

Rule of Life: *The importance of modern means of communication in society induces the Brothers to use them in prudent and appropriate ways in their apostolate. They are open to all that interests youth and are thus better prepared to serve them.* (Directory, # 122)

Departed Brothers: 1989, Teófilo Aparicio (Francisco Maria), **Assistant from 1952 to 1970;** 1977, Ambroise Le Saux (Émile Eugène); 1993, Joseph Loaëc (Romaric); 1995, Raoul Le Maître Duhaime (Élisée Marie); 2004, Lionel Richard (George) and Pierre Dréan (Pierre Joseph).

25 **Monday of the 2nd Week of Easter. St. Mark [1st C], Evangelist.**

Intention: The Novitiate community at Kasasa, Uganda.

Founder's Thought: Make sure you avoid everything that wounds and divides, like prejudice, complaining and grumbling. In a word, try to have one heart and one soul and be guided by genuine

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27

Wednesday of the 2nd Week of Easter.

Intention: Members of the community at Sav-enay, France.

Founder's Thought: Do you want to become constantly generous? Be lost in God by letting him guide even in the smallest things. Always walk in the light of his countenance.

Rule of Life: *Some Brothers receive from God, through the Holy Spirit who distributes his gifts as he wills, a special call to the missionary apostolate. In faith and obedience, they leave their homelands to spread the Good News of salvation brought by Jesus Christ. (Directory, # 126)*

Departed Brothers: 1975, Donat Clermont (Mathias Marie); 2011, Albert Pruneau (Victor Albert); 2018, Jean Demy (Jean André).

28

Thursday of the 4th Week of Easter.
St. Peter Chanel [1841], Martyr. St. Louis Marie Grignon de Monfort [1716], Confessor.

Intentions: . The beatification of Fr. Gabriel Deshayes. Our Brothers in Polynesia.

Founder's Thought: Another form of pride is that conceited desire to know, that immoderate thirst for knowledge not in order to work more successfully for the glory of God, but for one's own selfish gratification.

Rule of Life: *Leaving his homeland for the country*

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ly accepts inevitable changes and separations. He "readily adapts to new customs and to evolving situations," and collaborates with others also engaged in evangelization. (Directory, #128)

Departed Brothers: 1993, Thomas O'Donnell (Austin Mary) and Graciniano Aparicio Aparicio (Faustino); 2003, Alain Audoire.

29 Friday of the 2nd Week of Easter. St. Catherine of Sienna [1380], Virgin, Doctor, Patron saint of Italy. St. Peter of Verona [1252], Dominican, Martyr.

Intention: Our brothers in Italy.

Founder's Thought: More than anyone else, a religious must avoid breaking the reed that is already bent, and hurting, even in a small way, those who bother him the most.

Rule of Life: *The missionary vocation requires certain aptitudes and natural dispositions:*

- *openness of mind and heart, leading one to accept others as different and to love them as such.*
- *adaptability to the modes of thought and action of their adopted country. (Directory, # 127a)*

Departed Brothers: 1986, Ernest Soullaine (Claudien); 1988, Alphonse Caron (Donat Alphonse); 1994, Adrien Blouin (Alcide Joseph); 2003, Marc Durand; 2006, Raymond Martel.

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Saturday of the 2nd Week of Easter. St. Pius V [1572], Pope. St. Joseph Benedict Cottolengo [1842], Priest. Bl. Marie of the Incarnation [1672], Virgin, Ursuline.

Intention: Members of the community at Lome, Togo. The Superior General and his Council.

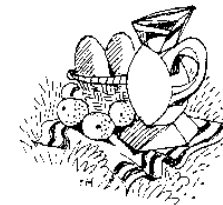
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Founder's Thought: If in the old covenant prayer has exerted such great influence, how much more powerful must it be in the new especially since Jesus Christ consecrated it in so special a manner, and since our voices are one with his.

Rule of Life: *The missionary vocation requires certain aptitudes and natural dispositions:*

- *empathy which facilitates interaction with the local people and with their expatriates.*
- *initiative and creativity suited to the novelty and the complexity of diverse and changing situations (Directory, # 127b)*

Departed Brother: 2009, Édouard Merot (Arsène)



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Intention

For all young people called to live to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to discernment.



**Consecrated to Mary,
Virgin and Mother
Apostleship of Prayer**

June

Intention:

For Christians families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.



**Consecrated to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus
Apostleship of Prayer**

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Rule of Life: *The Church has not been firmly established in a country until it has produced a solid corps of local priests, religious and laity. The Brothers strive, therefore, to promote priestly and religious vocations and to develop a vigorous Christian laity. (Directory, # 133)*

Departed Brothers: 1981, Sotero Gil de la Hera (Ambrosio); 1994, Pierre Buzaré (Victorin); 2006, Lucien Simon (André Dominique).

6 **Friday of the 3rd Week of Easter. St. Dominic Savio [1857], Adolescent, Confessor. Bl. François de Montmorency Laval [1708], 1st Bishop of Quebec, Confessor. St. Peter Nolasco, Co-Founder.**

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Gabriel Deshayes. The students of our schools.

Founder's Thought: Tribulations are like fire; they must purify us, but not be allowed to burn us.

Rule of Life: *The evangelical message entrusted to the Brothers impels them to consecrate themselves to the service of the people. The Brothers use all available means within the specific framework of their calling to contribute to the development of the people whom they serve. (Directory, # 134)*

Departed Brothers: 1992, Henri Jeuland (Crémence Marie); 1995, Saturnino Fernández de Labastida (Aurelio); 2002, Ernest Crosier (Léonart Marie).

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1 **Third Sunday of Easter. St. Joseph the Worker. The holy prophet, Jeremiah. May Day.**

1821 Decree by Louis XVIII authorizing the Society of the Brothers of Christian Instruction in Brittany.

Intention: Workers around the world.

Founder's Thought: Dearest Mother, guide me with your motherly kindness every day of my life, and protect me with your immense love at the hour of my death.

Rule of Life: *To the basic formation received by all the members of the Congregation, the Brother adds a solid grasp of the Church's teaching on missionary activity. (Directory, # 129a)*

Departed Brothers: 1972, André Lampron; 1978, Aréonil Blais (Isidore); 2003, Alexandre Nogré (Édouard Pierre).

2 **Monday of the 3rd Week of Easter. St. Athanasius [373], Bishop, Doctor.**

Intention: Members of the community at Rugaba, Uganda.

Founder's Thought: You are quite right in not relying on your own ability. You should rely all the more on God's grace to carry out the plan that he, in his divine Providence, will not fail to trace out for you.

Rule of Life: The formation of the missionary Brother begins in his own country and continues

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by an assiduous study of the local language, national history, cultural expressions, social structures, value system and religious mentality, etc. (**Directory, # 129b**)

Departed Brothers: 1991, Eugène Chilou (Jean Climaque); 2000, Rolland Durocher (Fabien Marie).

3

Tuesday. Sts. Philip and James (the Minor) [1st C], Apostles. Bl. Léonie Paradis [1912], Founder of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family, Virgin.

1821 Death of Brother Yves Le Fichant, the first brother to die in the Congregation.

Intention: Members of the community in Rubaga, Uganda.

Founder's Thought: Oh Mary, in your maternal goodness, guide through the perils that beset them and all the members of this Congregation whose patroness you are.

Rule of Life: *Expatriate Brothers strive to adapt to the living standard, lifestyles and types of educational activities of the country in which they work. Avoiding ethnocentrism, they seek, as much as possible, to integrate with the people of the host country. (Directory, #131)*

BIRTHDAY: BRO. RAYMOND FORTIN (1932)

Departed Brothers: 1986, Francis Launay (Christophe); 1988, Charles André Yergeau (Libère Marie); 1992, Pierre Ollivier (Gabriel Alain); 2019, Ophir Bergeron (Ubaldo).

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Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Easter.

1876 The General Chapter welcomes the request of the brothers of Gascony to merge with our Institute.

Triduum in honor of St. Joseph for Church vocations.

Intentions: That new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the mission of the Congregation. Our Chaplains and the pastors of our parishes.

Founder's Thought: When often repeated, the slightest frictions eventually tear us apart. The lubricant of charity must soften our relations.

Rule of Life: *The Brothers beare in mind that they have come to serve the local Church. They are attentive to the needs of the population and, without forgetting the specific mission of the Congregation, they willingly respond to the requests of local bishops in matters of evangelization. (Directory, #132)*

Departed Brothers: 2002, Gérard Vanasse (Henry Gabriel), Assistant from 1970 to 1982; 2019 Marcel Sylvestre (Ignatius Marie), Assistant from 1982 to 1994, 1986, François Mainquet (Marc André).

5

Thursday of the 3rd Week of Easter.

National Day of Prayer.

Intention: Our Chaplains and the pastors of our parishes.

Founder's Thought: Let us not pretend to know God's secret intentions, nor dream too much about the future. We must not rush the future onto the present; otherwise, we will be crushed.

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their resources and shortcomings, but as Christ sees them, with non-judgmental love. He approaches them with a “partiality of heart,” a favorable prejudice beyond mere objectivity. (Directory, # 140)

Departed Brother: 2004, Marcel La Fontaine (Gilbert Eugène).

12

Thursday of the 4th Week in Ordinary Time. Sts. Nereus and Achilleus [304], Martyrs. St. Pancras [5th C].

Intention: Members of the community at Nanclares, Spain

Founder’s Thought: The more desperate our needs become the more confidently should we pray to the Mother of God. Let her be our life, our joy, and our hope.

Rule of Life: “My aim is not my own will but the will of him who sent me”. “Although he was Son, he learned to obey through suffering”, consenting “to give his life in ransom for many”. Like Christ, every baptized person must seek to know the will of the Father and obey him through human intermediaries in order to collaborate in the salvation of mankind. (Directory, # 53)

Rule of Life: The Brothers’ concern for vocations needs the active support of superiors at all levels. It is desirable that a vocation committee be organized in each province. (Directory, # 140)

Departed Brothers: 1974, Jean Paul Pédrón; 1980, Henri Bourniche (Maximien); 1999, Yves

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7

Saturday of the 3rd Week of Easter.

Intention: Members of the community at Chateaulin, France.

Founder’s Thought: Amid their tasks, and generally throughout the day, the Brothers will remember the presence of God and raise their heart to him, sanctifying their work and all that they do in this offering. (Rule of 1823)

Rule of Life: Christian schools offer a particularly valuable service in developing nations because they aim to better the persons in attendance and to improve living conditions in their country. (Directory, # 135a)

8

Fourth Sunday of Easter. Our Lady of Luján, Patroness of Argentina. Bl. Catherine of St. Augustine [1668], Augustinian, Virgin. Mother’s Day.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais. Our brothers in Argentina.

Founder’s Thought: My God, perhaps our sins will compel your justice to let evil men triumph and obstruct the good we do this evening; but dear God... We will do good this morning, then, and praise your mercy.

Rule of Life: In countries where Christians are in minority, the school can be an effective means of evangelization, the Brothers’ central objective in such situations. Using the traditional religious cul-

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ture as their starting point, they try to create in their schools an environment likely to elicit interest in the Christian faith. They instill their non-Christian students a desire to know the person and message of Jesus Christ, the Church and its history. They offer to all the students, through formal courses and other means, opportunities to become acquainted with the Christian religion. **(Directory, # 136a)**

Departed Brothers: 1945, Floribert Marie Roland; 1976, Camille St. Onge (Antoine Marie); 1980, Omer Dudemaine (Benjamin Joseph); 2005, Pierre Robert (Bruno Paul); 2014, Regino Martinez Sáez (Atanasio).

9

Monday of the 4th Week of Easter. The holy prophet Isaiah [5th C, BC

Founder's Thought: During your thanksgiving after communion, silently listen to the voice of Jesus Christ within you. Place your needs before him and ask for the virtues still lacking in you. (Directory of 1825)

Rule of Life: *The Brothers serving in their own land preserve their socio-cultural identity and share the outlook, the concerns and the aspirations of their people. (Directory, 137a)*

Departed Brothers: 1979, Pierre Oxibar (Alpert Joseph); 2007, Joseph Savard (Guillaume Joseph).

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10

Tuesday of the 4th Week of Easter. St. John of Avila [1569], Priest. St. Damien de Veuster of Molokai [1889], Priest.

Intention: That the Brothers be more attentive to the poor and destitute.

Founder's Thought: Remember this well: perfection does not consist in never feeling weak-willed and in being freed from all the wretchedness of our earthly state. It does not consist in doing unusual or lofty deeds but in being humble and flexible in God's hands, in being kind and understanding towards one's brothers, in looking on oneself as the weakest and lowliest of all.

Rule of Life: *The Brothers serving in their own country patiently and tactfully help their expatriate confreres understand and appreciate the mentality and adapt themselves to it. (Directory, # 138b)*

Departed Brothers: 1989, Marcel Doucet (Roger Lucien); 1992, Paul Leclair (Bernard Victor) 2006, Henri Briel (Ange Émile); 2007, Laurent Stephan (Bernard Marie).

11

Wednesday of the 4th Week of Easter.

Intention: Members of the community at Rombo, Tanzania.

Founder's Thought: My friend, let us raise our hearts and our hopes to those everlasting mansions that Jesus Christ has opened for us.

Rule of Life: *The apostle who would bring the Gos-*

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with the effect of her prayers, we will be granted the most excellent and precious favors through her intercession.

Rule of Life: *It is essential to establish and maintain genuine collaboration between parents and formation personnel throughout the years of the candidates' preparation for religious life. (Directory, # 145)*

Departed Brothers: 1987, Henri Stum, **Assistant from 1952 to 1964**; 1982, Armand Robillard (Alphonse de Ligouri).

18

Wednesday of the 5th Week of Easter. St. John I [526], Pope, Martyr.

Novena Prayer for the Beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Founder's Thought: I am deeply touched by your trust in God. Without his help, what could we accomplish, frail creatures that we are! He has already shown you his favor and will no doubt continue to do so. Our strength does not lie in numbers, but rather in the good spirit of the Brothers.

Rule of Life: *Brothers should develop appropriate methods and structures to discover, sustain and nurture vocations among young adults. (Directory, # 146a)*

Departed Brothers: 1973, Louis Quéau (*Évergilde Marie*); 2003, Pierre Jéhan (Joseph Noël).

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Berrou (Eustache Marie); 2003, Jean Marie Trudel (Bertrand Marie); 2015, Nil Rousseau (Leon Maurice).

13

Friday of the 4th Week of Easter. Our Lady of Fatima.

1861 Arrival of our first four brothers in Haiti.

Intention: *Members of the community at Les Cayes, Haiti*

Founder's Thought: I urge the brothers to be ever more devoted to Mary and to have recourse to her with great confidence in their troubles and difficulties.

Rule of Life: *Apostolic groups constitute fertile grounds for germination and growth of ecclesial vocations. The Brothers therefore dedicate themselves to promoting such movements, especially among the youth of their schools. (Directory, # 141)*

Departed Brothers: 2002, Louis Tanguy (Louis Hervé) and Marcel Cheval (Louis Dominique); 2003, Marcel Cornec (Laurant Eugène).

14

Saturday. St. Matthias, Apostle. St. Michel Garicoïts [1863], Founder of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Priests, Priest.

Founder's Thought: Seek in God and in him alone the consolation you need in your difficulties. He does not forbid you to take pleasure in the joys he sends you, but hold on to him more than to his gifts.

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Rule of Life: *Vocation directors guide and sustain the zeal of their confreres, suggest and support their undertaking, provide useful information, and engage in activities which they deem helpful or which are requested in contacts with students, parents, educators and pastors. (Directory, # 142)*

Departed Brothers: 1958, Félicien Marie Poupon; 1964, Arsène Louis Le Greneur; 1966, Théodicien Dréano; 1972, William O'Neil (Ermel Marie); 1974, Henri Grandbois (Aubert Joseph); 1988, Jean Toutous (Henri René).

15 **Fifth Sunday of Easter. St. Isidore the Worker [1130], Patron, Patron of Farmers, Confessor.**

Intentions: That the missionary spirit within our Congregation be rejuvenated, Members of the Colegio Meneziano community at Madrid, Spain.

Founder's Thought: Naturally, the brothers should not be deprived of what they need; but let there be no expense on luxury or softness. Economy and simplicity in all things must be your guideline because it is your rule.

Rule of Life: *Superiors provide the means considered most likely to promote continuity, articulation and progression in the formation of candidates and young Brothers. (Directory, #143)*

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Departed Brothers: 1985, Amet Boulic (Judicaël); 2003, Théodore Volant (Mériadec); 2018, Rafael Pérez Pérez.

16 **Monday of the 5th Week of Easter. St. John Nepomucene [1393], Martyr.**

Intentions: Those working in the communications effort in the Congregation. Christians in China.

Founder's Thought: O Providence of God, the Mother I have so often invoked, do with us as you will. Our only wish is to do your will in all things, in humiliation or success, in poverty or wealth, in sickness or health, in life or death.

Rule of Life: *Superiors consider the preparation of formation personnel essential. They are not content with short-term approaches, but are willing to provide solid long-term formation to Brothers capable of offering high-quality instruction in theology, spirituality and disciplines related to education. (Directory, # 144)*

Departed Brothers: 1979, Napoléon St. Denis (Anthime); 2001, Marcel Frohard (Dominique); 2014, Parisio Waduma.

17 **Tuesday of the 5th Week of Easter. St. Pascal Baylon [1592], Franciscan Priest.**

Founder's Thought: As our special patroness and protectress, the holy Virgin kneels in prayer at our side even now. Unless we interfere

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Departed Brothers: 1998, Maurice Lemieux (Alexis Joseph); 2003, Raymond Letourneur (Raymond Bernard).

24

Tuesday of the 6th Week of Easter. Mary, Mother of the Church. St. John of Prado [1636], Franciscan Priest, Martyr. Bl. Louis Zephirin Moreau [1901], Bishop,

Founder of the Sisters of St. Martha.

World Day of Prayer for the Church in China

Intention: Members of the community at Deval, France. Chinese Christians.

Founder's Thought: Remember that you are Mary's children, that she gazes upon you from heaven, and that you are struggling under her eyes.

Rule of Life: *Jesus Christ "comes into the life of married Christians through the sacrament of matrimony," thus restoring the original dignity of marriage and making it a participation in the covenant of love which binds him and his Church. To some, he has showed the way of celibacy, "for the sake of God's Kingdom," which manifests more clearly and more completely the thoroughly innovative character of the covenant inaugurated by his Incarnation. (Directory, #35)*

Departed Brothers: 1994, Albert Cabon (Antoine Gabriel); 1999, Gabriel Hall (Alexandre Jean); 2006, Hercule Brosseau (Maurice Arthur).

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Thursday of the 5th Week of Easter. St. Francis Coll Guitart [1875], Dominican Priest, Founder of the Dominican Sisters of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin

Intention: Students experiencing difficulties.

Founder's Thought: Do not tolerate any talk that offends charity or leads to disrespect of authority, even if in error. Who doesn't make mistakes sometimes?

Rule of Life: *After the novitiate, it is essential that the newly professed Brother continue his theological, religious, apostolic and professional formation in an appropriate setting. (Directory, #147a)*

Departed Brothers: 1988, Jean Retière (Paul); 1995, Robert Letarte (Paul Albert); 2014, Miguel Ortega Báscones (Marcelino)..

20

Friday of the 5th Week of Easter. St. Bernadine of Sienna [1444], Franciscan Priest, Missionary.

Intention: Our Brothers in studies.

Founder's Thought: Let each one of us, considering the place prepared for us in the palace of the King of Kings, cultivate inner dispositions in keeping with the rank we are to have one day.

Rule of Life: *In the community which receives him after his scholasticate, the young Brother continues his formation in new circumstances*

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Departed Brothers: 1991, Louis Ruélin (Joël); 2004, Braulio Sáinz Castreñada (Domingo).

21

Saturday of the 5th Week of Easter. St. André Bobola [1657], Jesuit Priest, Martyr. St. Eugene Mazenod [1861], Founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Priest. Sts. Christopher Magallanes [1927], Priest, and Companions, Martyrs.

1886 Arrival in Montreal of Brother Yriez Marie Chapel, Assistant, and Brother Ulysses Baron, Founding Superior of the North American branch of the Order.

Intention: Members of the community at Huatusco, Mexico.

Founder's Thought: To receive holy communion means more than uniting our body to the body of the Savior. It also means uniting our mind to his mind and our soul to his soul.

Rule of Life: *Now fully involved in educational and apostolic work, the Brother learns to bear responsibility in a more personal way, to communicate and collaborate with others for the success of a common enterprise. He overcomes his early challenges more readily if he can count on the interest and support of a cheerful and charitable community. (Directory, # 148b)*

Departed Brothers: 1978, Henri Quélais (Maximilien); 1993, André Laffiac (Alban Maurice); 1999, Rodias Gratton (Victorien Joseph); 2001, Raymond Ménard (Hervé Germain); 2015, Al-

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phonse Barre (Angebert Joseph) and Yves Latraverse (Lucien).

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Sixth Sunday of Easter. St. Rita of Cascia [1457], Widow, Augustinian. Sts. Emilius and Castus [250], Martyrs.

Founder's Thought: Your actions must all be sanctified by obedience. They would cease to be pleasing to God if they were not done according to the prescriptions of the Rule.

Rule of Life: *The Major Superior makes sure that a Brother's immediate preparation to the perpetual profession is serious and sufficiently long. The spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius, an extended retreat, a special year of preparation are examples of possible approaches. (Directory, #149)*

Departed Brothers: 1976, Edmond Beaudoin (Denis); 1990, Irénée Blouin (René Louis); 2004, Jean Roudaut (René Bernard).

23

Monday of the 6th Week of Easter.

Founder's Thought: May the Spirit of the Lord rest upon them! What an outstanding promise! The repose of God's Spirit on the human soul is beyond all telling. Who could ever fathom and express such secrets of love, the supernatural mysteries of heaven?

Rule of Life: *For greater service to the Church and to society, each Province or District attaches great importance to the Brothers' advanced studies. (Directory, # 150)*

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together in genuine love, characterized by the joyful gift of self, mutual trust and unobtrusive concern for others. (*Directory*, # 40a)

Departed Brothers: 1922, Étienne Joseph Guillou, *Assistant from 1898 to 1921*; 2014, Marius Ntwatwa (Marius Mary).

30 **Monday of the 7th Week of Easter St. Joan of Arc [1431], Virgin.**

Founder's Thought: Let us not forget that we must bear one another's burden and that ours may very well be the heaviest of all.

Rule of Life: *The Brother prays "with humility and perseverance for the grace of fidelity." Undaunted by his frailty and his shortcomings, he moves ahead in "confidence and hope," for he knows in whom he has believed. (Directory, #41)*

Departed Brothers: 1974, Joseph Morvan (Numérien); 1976, Wilfrid Lachance (Philippe Joseph); 1990, Henri Vincent (Simplice Joseph); 2005, Isaias López Fernández (Anselmo); 2011, Miguel Angel Blanco Rodriguez.

31 **Monday. The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Memorial Day.**

Intention: The Superior General and members of his council.

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25 **Wednesday of the 6th Week of Easter. St. Bede the Venerable [735], Benedictine Priest, Religious, Doctor. St. Gregory VII [1085], Pope, Confessor. St. Madeleine Sophie Barat [1865], Founder of the Society of the Sacred Heart, Virgin.**

Intention: Members of the community at Aguilar de Campoo, Spain.

Founder's Thought: Let us humbly and faithfully ask God to grant us the understanding of the heart essential to grasp his divine lessons or fathom his mysteries.

Rule of Life: *In a fully deliberate response to God who shows him his way, the Brother chooses consecrated celibacy. (Directory, # 36a)*

Departed Brothers: 1977, Louis Arondel (Louis Clément); 1988, Alfred Crépeau (Boniface); 1995, Odias Quirion (Romaric Joseph); 2005, Santiago Montero Roldán (Adrián José).

26 **Ascension Thursday. St. Philip Neri [1595], Founder, Priest.**

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais. Members (Laity and Brothers) of the Mennaisian Family.

Founder's Thought: If you are careful to listen to the good Lord in mental prayer, he will make up for what I don't tell you. It is at that time that he speaks to you heart to heart.

Rule of Life: *The free and generous response to this precious gift of celibacy involves a difficult,*

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sometimes painful struggle. The Brother accepts the inevitable loneliness of his condition like a cross to be carried in Christ's footsteps. (Directory, # 37a)

Departed Brothers: 1977, Henri Le Moigne (A-drien François); 1986, Francis Frappin (Emmanuel René); 1994, Ambroise Guénolé (Ambroise Jean); 2018, Renzo Coppetti (Giovanni).

27 **Friday of the 6th Week of Easter. St. Augustine of Canterbury [604], Bishop.**

Intention: Members (Brothers and Laity) of the Mennaisian Family.

Founder's Thought: Often remind your brothers to be on guard against that bias which imperceptively poisons the mind, against jealous mistrust that clouds peace, embitters the spirit, and shatters harmony that is so necessary and so priceless!

Rule of Life: *The nature of his calling, concern for his reputation and awareness of his frailty impel the Brother to be prudent in mixed company in the course of his apostolic, professional or social activities. (Directory, # 38)*

Departed Brothers: 1977, Lionel Gendron (Bona-venture Joseph); 1996, Joseph Bourrée (Séraphin); 1999, Isidore Meslé (Daniel Paul); 2017, Juan Luis Barturen Uriarte (Cirilo).



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28 **Saturday of the 6th Week of Easter.**
1880 The treaty of annexation of the Brothers of Normandy with the Institute of Ploërmel is signed by Reverend Brother Cyprian, Superior General, and by Reverend R. P. Foucault.

Founder's Thought: The help that Christ has promised is independent of men. It is from him alone that we must expect to receive it.

Rule of Life: *"Perfect continence is a sign and a stimulus of love and a singular source of spiritual fertility. (Directory, # 39a)*

Departed Brothers: 1971, Bernard Lafontaine (Godefroy); 1998, Jean Talvat (Romain Pierre); 2010, René Côté (Roger Bernard); 2016, Pierre Volard; 2018, Arthur Aubry (Lucien Marcel).

29 **Seventh Sunday of Easter. St. Paul VI [1978], Pope. Bl. Joseph Gérard [1914], OMI, Priest, Missionary.**

Intention: Members of the Mennaisian Family charged with processing publications and other information for the Congregation.

Founder's Thought: The most sensible man would be the one who would feed his mind on this one thought: GOD ALONE! The Christian heart alone understands those words: GOD ALONE!

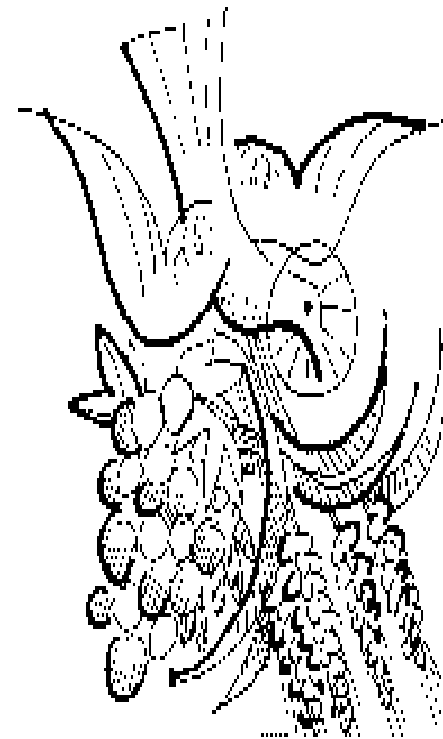
Rule of Life: *Knowing the importance of emotional balance in celibate apostolic life, the Brothers live together*

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Founder's Thought: *Let us not forget that we must bear one another's burden and that ours may very well be the heaviest of all.*

Rule of Life: *To liturgical celebrations in Mary's honor, the Brother adds acts of devotion inspired by true faith. He entrusts to her maternal solicitude his religious and apostolic life. (**Directory, # 93b**)*

Departed Brothers: **1992**, Désiré Charles Beaulieu (Arthur); **2011**, Miguel Angel Blanco Rodriguez, **2018**, Alfred Larivée (Marc Alfred).



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6

Monday of the 10th Week of Ordinary Time. Mary, Mother of God. St. Norbert [1134], Bishop, Founder of the Premonstratensian Order. St. Marcelin Champagnat [1840], Founder of the Marist Brothers.

1819 Our Founders, Jean Marie de la Mennais and Gabriel Deshayes, sign a pact at St. Brieuc which stipulates the fusion of their two congregations.

1861 Death of Bishop de la Croix d'Azolette, Archbishop of Auch and founder of our brothers in the Midi.

Intention: Priestly vocations in the Far East..

Founder's Thought: At your thanksgiving after holy communion, listen in silence to the voice of Christ really present within you; share all your needs with him and beg him for the virtues you lack. (Directory of 1826)

Rule of Life: Formation and renewal sessions are offered to the Brothers all along their religious life. Their main purpose is to foster a deeper relationship with God through prayer, reflection and study. They also contribute to a better knowledge of the spirit and activities of the Congregation, thereby encouraging unity in diversity of the societies and cultures. (**Directory, # 15**)

Departed Brothers: 1973, Édouard Delorme (Florentin); 1987, Adélarde Croteau (Eugène Victor); 1998, Pierre Jean Cosquer (Euchariste);

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1

Wednesday of the 7th Week of Easter. St. Justin [165], Philosopher, Apologist, Martyr.

Triduum in honor of St. Joseph for Church vocations.

Intentions: That new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the mission of the Congregation

Founder's Thought: The great illusion of men, even the most pious, is to seek a position in this life where they will have nothing to suffer.

Rule of Life: *The Congregation of the Brothers of Christian Instruction of Ploërmel is a lay congregation of pontifical right, founded by Jean Marie de la Mennais and Gabriel Deshayes. (Constitutions, # 1a)*

Departed Brother: 1964, Éphrem Pierre Morin; 1984, Pierre Drouadène (Édouard Marie); 1994, Antimo Garcia Escalada (Avelino).

2

Thursday of the 7th Week of Easter. Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, [304] Martyrs.

Intention: The St. Charles Lwanga community at Kasasa, Uganda..

Founder's Thought: Every time we receive Jesus Christ, he does for us alone what he did for all the saints together: he takes flesh anew in each one of us.

Rule of Life: *The Congregation brings together men who, responding to a special call of the Holy Spirit, pledge themselves totally to God by the*

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public profession of the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience in a community of life and of apostolate in the service of God's people, especially youth, with a preference for the poor through Christian education and instruction. (Constitutions, # 1b)

Departed Brothers: 1973, Énos Tousignant (Éloi Joseph); 1991, Julien Belsoeur (Ludovic) and Charles Joseph Foucaud (Jean Gabriel Perboyre); 2002, Félix Lopez Fernandez (Joaquin Maria) and Albert Morin (Bertin Joseph); 2003, Jean Baptiste Renaud (Jean Alain); 2013, Henri Ferchaux (Octavien Louis); 2014, Abraham Bajuga (Bosco Mary).

3

Friday. St. Charles Lwanga and his Companions [1885-87], Martyrs.

Intention: The Brothers and their works in Uganda and South Sudan.

Founder's Thought: You have been called to something great. Always keep that sublime vocation before your eyes that you may strive to become worthy of it.

Rule of Life: By their religious consecration, the Brothers manifest, not only their determination to die to sin, but also their will to renounce certain authentic values, to attach themselves better to Jesus Christ. **(Constitutions, # 2a)**

Departed Brothers: 1993, Ignacio Maria Corta (Germán); 2006, Alphonse Chapeau (Athanase).

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4

Saturday of the 7th Week of Easter. St. Francis Caracciolo [1068], Founder of the Clerics Regular Minor, Confessor. Vigil of Pentecost.

Founder's Thought: Let nothing daunt your courage in defending the truth, which should be more precious to you than life. Those who persecute it will no doubt harm you, but have confidence: Jesus Christ has conquered the world.

Rule of Life: The school constitutes the favored, but not exclusive, environment of the Brothers' apostolate. Faithful to the intentions of their Founders, they strive above all else to spread the knowledge of Jesus and his Gospel. **(Constitutions, # 2b)**

Departed Brother: 1968, Bernard Grégoire (Bernard Éloi).

5

Pentecost Sunday. St. Boniface [754], Apostle in Germany, Bishop, Martyr. St. John XXIII [1963], Pope.

Founder's Thought: Humility, charity, and kindness: these are your weapons. Sharp reprimands only irritate those to whom they are addressed.

Rule of Life: The spirit of the Congregation is one of faith and charity, abnegation and humility. Its motto is "God Alone." **(Constitutions, # 3)**

Departed Brothers: 1998, Roland Hardy (Eugene Alphonse); 2005, Albert Youinou; 2019, Donatien Mbolihinie..

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are able to do; if our commitment is passionate, let it also be peaceful.

Rule of Life: *The vows are first made for a stipulated period and then forever. They are received by the Superior General or by his delegate. When delegation occurs, it is mentioned in the official record of the profession. (Constitutions # 9)*

Departed Brothers: **1974**, Charles Bocherel (Clair Joseph); **1975**, Honorio Saiz (Narciso); **2006**, Louis Joseph Legendre (Lucien Jean); **2011**, Joseph Mosset (Pierre Louis); **2014**, Raymond Emeraud (Philibert Marie).

12 **Sunday. Trinity Sunday. Bl. Guy Vignotelli [1247], Franciscan Priest, Hermit.**

Intention: Members of the Motherhouse community at Ploërmel, France.

Founder's Thought: The Brothers will have a tender devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary; they will often have recourse to her as to their very mother, and by imitating her virtues, they will seek her help in gaining God's blessings on all their work. (Advice to the Brothers of Guadeloupe, November 26, 1837)

Rule of Life: *To belong more easily to God with undivided hearts and to follow Christ more closely, the Brothers choose perfect chastity as celibates for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven. (Constitutions, # 11a)*

Departed Brothers: **1973**, Henri Lozach (Léonide Marie); **1997**, Alain Gentric (Gonéry); **2006**, Yvan

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2003, Remo Andreucci (Guido Maria); **2004**, Alfred Paquin (André Avellin); **2011**, Alphonse Guilloux (Alphonse Étienne).

7 **Tuesday of the 10th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Miguel Febres Cordero [1910], FSC Educator.**

1851 Fr. de la Mennais celebrates the first mass in the chapel of the Daughters of Providence at St. Brieuc.

Intentions: The Daughters of Providence of St. Brieuc. Members of the community at Nebbi Town, Uganda.

Founder's Thought: Do not grieve the Holy Spirit by repeated infidelities, which prevent him from giving you an abundance of gifts and graces.

Rule of Life: The Brothers profess total submission to the Pope, their foremost superior, by virtue of their vow of obedience, a respectful docility to the directives of their bishops, and a spirit of willing collaboration with the clergy, other religious and the laity. **(Constitutions, # 4)**

Departed Brother: **1981**, Armand St. Onge (Léonard de Port Maurice); **2006**, Alphonse Chapeau.

8 **Wednesday of the 10th Week of Ordinary Time.**

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Founder's Thought: In the grip of sorrow, remind yourself that it is a time of trial and the more you

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feel your weakness, the more earnestly you turn to God.

Rule of Life: *Already consecrated at Baptism, the Brother, captivated by Christ, commits himself to imitate Christ's earthly life of chastity, poverty and obedience and to associate himself more intimately to his work of salvation. (Constitutions, # 6)*

Departed Brothers: 1982, Isidore Guitot (Fernand Louis); 2003, Lionel Trudel (Antonin Jean); 2011, Raymond Berube (Raymond Albert); 2017, Paul Caron (Edouard Jean) 2019, Guy Lambert (Laurant Guy).

9 **Thursday of the 10th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Ephrem [373], Deacon, Doctor. St. Columba or Columbkil [597], Abbot. Bl. Nicholas of Gesturi [1958], Religious.**

1973 Blessing of the Generalate in Rome.

Intention: Members of the community at the Generalate in Rome, Italy.

Founder's Thought: Let us hold, as it were, our soul in our hands before God's eyes so that we may act only in accordance with his Spirit and his grace.

Rule of Life: *The Brother voices his commitment by the public profession of the three religious vows in a special consecration rooted in that of Baptism and expressing it more fully. At that very moment, he offers his entire life to God. (Constitutions, # 7)*

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Departed Brothers: 2005, Maurice Plourde (Matthieu); 2007, Gérard Brodeur (Fernand Gérard).

10 **Friday of the 10th Week of Ordinary Time.**
1926 Departure from La Prairie (Canada) of the first four brothers for Uganda.

Intention: Members of the community at Mount Saint-Theresa at Kisubi, Uganda.

Founder's Thought: The rule of my thoughts and behavior is to will whatever God wills, as he wills it and when he wills it.

Rule of Life: *The profession is also a contract by which the Brother freely pledges to observe the Rule of Life. The Congregation, in turn, is bound to provide the spiritual and material conditions necessary to the realization of his life and mission as a Brother. (Constitutions, # 8)*

Departed Brothers: 1996, Simon Bergeron (Florian Robert); 2000, Victor Dubourg (Louis Henri).

11 **Saturday of the 10th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Barnabas, Apostle.**
1924 Apostolic decree confirming the "reputation of holiness" of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Intention: Members (Laities and Brothers) of the Mennaisian Family.

Founder's Thought: God only asks of us what we

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Saturday of the 11th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Gregory Barbarigo [1697], Bishop, Doctor.

Novena Prayer for the Beatification of Father Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Intention: Members of the infirmary community at La Prairie, Quebec.

Founder's Thought: Is it not enough for you to know that nothing harms the Christian spirit more than malicious criticism? How, then, can you allow yourself to utter them?

Rule of Life: *To share more intimately the poverty of Christ, who chose to be poor with the poor, and to detach themselves from what they are and what they have, the Brothers make the vow of poverty. (Constitutions, # 15a)*

Departed Brothers: 1976, Mathias Gerbeau (Léonidas Joseph); 1988, Auguste Bergeron (Archange Marie); 1998, Pierre Marie Le Chevallier (Guérin Marie); 2008, Jean Paul Larocque (Gustave Marie); 2012, Pierre Tousignant).

19

Sunday. Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Corpus Christi. St. Romuald [1027], Abbot, Founder. St. Juliana de Falconieri [1341], Virgin, Foundress.

Intention: Members of the community at St. Romuald Atkinson, Quebec.

Founder's Thought: Let us not telescope the future onto the present lest we be overwhelmed.

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Lampron (Achille René).

13

Monday of the 11th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Anthony of Padua [1231], Priest, Religious, Doctor.

Founder's Thought: In order to become a saint, you need no less than to model yourself on the Holy of holies and become like him. Such likeness in you is only begun and ever imperfect on earth but is destined for completion and fulfillment in heaven.

Rule of Life: *Their consecrated celibacy anticipates the life of the Resurrection and evokes in a special way the union of the Church with its divine Spouse. "It liberates the human heart in a unique way and causes it to burn with greater love for God and for all mankind. (Constitutions, # 11b)*

Departed Brothers: 1979, Siro de Ambrosis (Augustin Cyr); 2002, Arsenio Bustamente Escalada (Estanislao); 2005, Maurice Blais (Victor Maurice).

14

Tuesday of the 11th Week of Ordinary Time. The holy prophet, Elisha [8th C BC]. Flag Day.

Intention: Members of the community at Kabojja, Uganda.

Founder's Thought: Let us keep before our eyes our divine Master; let us seek him; let us live in his Sacred Heart where we will find rest.

Rule of Life: *By the vow of chastity, the Brothers*

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commit themselves to the practice of the virtue of perfect chastity as celibates. (Constitutions, # 12)

Departed Brother: 1983, Vincent Jolivet (Jean Damascène); 2016, Gaston Manceau (Yves Alexandre).

15 Wednesday of the 11th Week of Ordinary Time. Sts. Modeste Andlauer and Remy Isore [1900], Priests, Religious, Martyrs. Father's Day.

Intentions: That the missionary spirit within our Congregation be rejuvenated.

Founder's Thought: Another brand of pride is that exaggerated thirst for learning, not to work more effectively for God's glory, but to glory in one's own achievements.

Rule of Life: Besides the renunciations demanded of all Christians, consecrated celibacy requires others, which prudent religious discover "by a kind of spiritual instinct." (*Constitutions, # 13*)

Departed Brothers: 1932, Ulysse Baron, Assistant from 1922 to 1927; 1969, Adélard Dupré (Épiphane).

16 Thursday of the 11th Week of Ordinary Time.
Intention: Our sick and infirm brothers.

Founder's Thought: When a religious feels entitled to complain about people and to seek com-

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fort for wrongs sustained, he need only turn to the example of Jesus Christ and gaze at his crucifix.

Rule of Life: *Since chastity has its source in intimacy with God, the Brothers assiduously beg for this grace through prayer and through the sacraments of Reconciliation and of the Eucharist. (Constitutions, # 14a)*

Departed Brother: 1995, Bernard Levesque (Richard).

17 Friday of the 11th Week of Ordinary Time.

Founder's Thought: Open wide your soul and God will pour into it a stream of graces, of light and of peace.

Rule of Life: *The approbation of the Congregation by the Holy See gives the Brothers' mission an official status. In fidelity to their calling and in loyalty to its Founders, the Brothers eagerly respond to the pastoral directives of the pope and of the bishops in whom is vested prime responsibility for the apostolate. (Directory, # 105b)*

Departed Brothers: 1981, Adrián Santos (Arturo José); 1997, Jean Pénarguéar (Paul Henri).



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24

Friday. Birth of St. John the Baptist. Special patron of the French Canadians.

Intention: Our brothers of Canada and of St. John the Baptist Province (France, England, Italy).

Founder's Thought: Become, at last, what you ought to be and want to be: a true religious. Then will you taste in the depths of your soul the comfort, the peace and all the joys of heaven.

Rule of Life: *At the latest before perpetual profession or when they acquire temporal goods, the Brothers dispose of their property by a legally valid will. (Constitutions, # 19)*

Departed Brother: **2004**, Arthur Sylvestre (Marcel Émile); **2012**, Corentin Cotonea (Yves Laurant); **2018**, Philippe Ozawa (Chusuke).

25

Saturday of the 12th Week of Ordinary Time.

Intention: Members of the Gabriel Deshayes community at Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

Founder's Thought: Because we yield too easily to sense impressions, we find it very hard to hear the Truth that teaches from within.

Rule of Life: *The Superior General's permission is required for any change in one's will or in the administration of one's property. In urgent cases, the Provincial's permission is sufficient. (Constitutions, # 20)*

Departed Brothers: **1980**, Pierre Verdon (Élie);

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Let us not foresee too far ahead; the Holy Spirit himself advises against it.

Rule of Life: *In the spirit of the Beatitudes, exemplified by the community of the apostles, the Brothers become more readily available to God and to their fellowmen, especially the neediest. (Constitutions, # 15b)*

Departed Brothers: **1981**, Laurent Rozon (Tite); **1995**, Franck D'Méza (Philippe Marie); **2013**, Evarist August Ngowi.

20

Monday of the 12th Week of Ordinary Time.

Intention: The spiritual success of our annual retreats..

Founder's Thought: Have no regrets! Do not pry anxiously into the future. Rest peacefully in the arms of divine Providence: that is the secret to happiness.

Rule of Life: *By the vow of poverty, the Brothers forego the free and independent use and disposition of temporal good having monetary value. (Constitutions, # 16)*

Departed Brothers: **1976**, Joseph Tonnerre (Tudy Joseph); **1981**, Yves Cabel (Yves Joseph); **1984**, Pierre Tanguy (Benjamin); **2003**, Godfrey Lule; **2014**, Louis Kèrival (Louis Armel).



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21

Tuesday. St. Aloysius Gonzaga [1591], Religious. Patron of our scholastics.

Intention: Our brothers of the St. Louis de Gonzague Province (Haiti),

Founder's Thought: What do you fear with Jesus Christ? His invisible protection surrounds, consoles and sustains you with grace. Again, what do you fear?

Rule of Life: *Perpetually professed Brothers may, if they choose, renounce their temporal goods in whole or in part. Brothers may renounce their temporal goods only after at least five years of perpetual vows and only with the permission of the Superior General with the assent of his council. Those making the renunciation take into account the situation of their family, the needs of the poor, and those of the Congregation and of the Church. (Constitutions, # 17a)*

Departed Brothers: 1971, Frédéric Perreault (Frédéric Marie); 1976, Charles Berthier (Charles Yves); 1992, Romain Bégarie (Cyriaque).

22

Wednesday of the 12th Week of Ordinary Time. Sts. John Fisher, Martyr, and Thomas More [1535], Martyrs. St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop.

Intention: Members of the Gabriel Deshayes community at Abidjam, Ivory Coast.

Founder's Thought: It is my earnest desire never to meet people who try to reconcile what is irreconcilable: the principles of the Gospel with the notions of the world.

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Rule of Life: *The Brothers who renounce all their property, present or future, surrender the right to acquire and to possess. Thereafter, any act contrary to their voluntary renunciation is null and void. All that they receive belongs to the Congregation. (Constitutions, # 17b)*

Departed Brother: 1987, Albert Gentric (Grégoire Joseph).

23

Thursday of the 12th Week of Ordinary Time.

Founder's Thought: When will you finally belong entirely to God? Why do you refuse to offer him the small sacrifices he asks of you?

Rule of Life: *The Brothers who do not renounce their goods retain the radical ownership of their patrimony and the right to acquire property by inheritance or gift, but they must transfer the administration, usufruct and use of their goods to someone else, even the Congregation if they so choose. This transfer should be made in writing, before the first profession if they already own goods, or otherwise, at the time of their acquisition. (Constitutions, # 18)*

Departed Brothers: 1976, Marcel De Serre (Mizaël); 1980, Louis Charles Maynard (Irénée Joseph); 1990, Ulysse Saint Martin (Jules Joseph); 1994, Alexandre Desrochers (Marc Alexandre); 2003, Joseph Milot (Simon Marie); 2004, Matthieu Kérouédan (Corentin Pierre); 2006, Lionel Morneau (Omer Marie); 2019, Juan Guimard (Barthélémy Joseph).

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Brothers belong to the Congregation and must be promptly and faithfully surrendered according to the norms of the region or province. (Constitutions, # 22)

Departed Brothers: 1986, Alphonse Lambert (Alphonse Maurice); 2003, Gérard Bourque (Auguste Eugène).

28 Tuesday of the 13th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Irenaeus [202], Bishop, Martyr.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Gabriel

Deshayes.

Founder's Thought: To will all that God wills and to will it in all things and without reserve, that is the Kingdom of God, for which we pray every time we pray the "Our Father."

Rule of Life: *Brothers may not dispose of money without accounting for it. For major expenditures, they request permission from the local superior and they consult him when recourse to higher authorities is necessary. They submit reports of current expenditures according to the norms established by Province or District. (Constitutions, # 23a)*

Departed Brothers: 1969, Joseph Gru (Salvius); 1976, Jules Le Métayer (Firmin); 1984, James O'Byrne (Columbkil Mary); 1991, Joseph Robin (Lucidas Joseph); 1997, Louis Scouarnec (Joachim Joseph); 2008, Luc Maynard (Luc Henri).

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29 Wednesday. Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles.

*Intentions: The Church and the Holy Father.
Our brothers of the Province of St. Paul
(Benin, Ivory Coast, Togo and Senegal).*

Founder's Thought: If the enemies of the Church pool their talents, their resources and their hatred, why shouldn't we oppose them with our concerted efforts and encourage one another to struggle for our Cause?

Rule of Life: *The spirit of poverty leads far beyond the formal matter of the vow. It frees the Brothers' hearts from the grip of temporal values: material comfort and amenities, statuses and careers, success and prestige, and even cultural fulfillment. (Constitutions, # 24)*

Departed Brothers: 1997, Gratien Des Lauriers (Ange Célestin); 2002, Louis Philippe Olivier (Raoul Étienne).

30 Thursday of the 13th Week of Ordinary Time. The first martyrs of the Church of Rome [1st C].

*Intention: Members of the community at
Bunia, Republic of the Congo.*

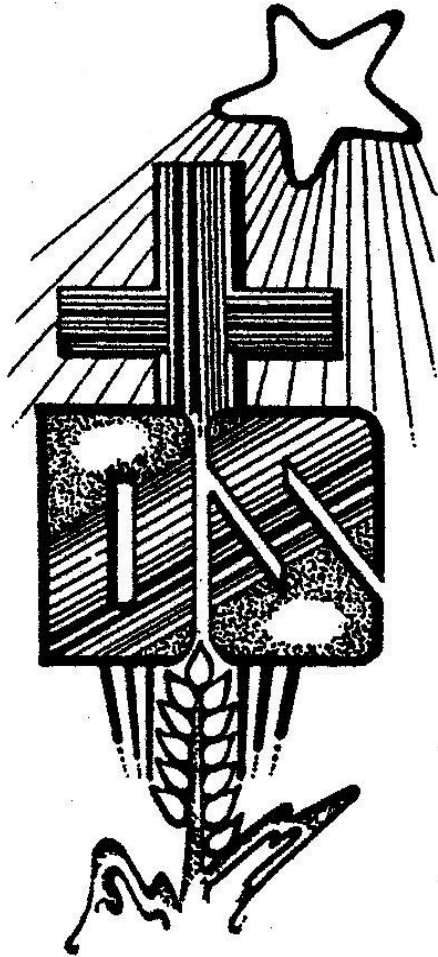
Founder's Thought: Brothers, be simple! By the simplicity of your life, you will please God and win the esteem and affection of all. (Father Deshayes)

Rule of Life: *The Brothers willingly submit to the universal law of work and thus contribute to the*

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resources of their communities and to the activities of the Congregation. (Constitutions, # 25)

Departed Brothers: 1997, Alexandre Chesnel (Louis Marie de Monfort); 2002, Jean Guégun (Edema Marie); 2014, Paul Quéguiner (Michel Paul).



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2008, Pius Kihuru.

26 Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. St. Josemariá Escriva de Belaguer [1975], Founder of Opus Dei. Bl. Marie Madeleine Fontaine and her companions [1794], Martyrs.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Founder's Thought: Do your utmost to ensure that perfect union and charity reign in your midst. (Father Deshayes)

Rule of Life: *Professed Brothers may fulfill all legal formalities with the permission of the Provincial. (Constitutions, # 21)*

Departed Brothers: 1972, Jean Pierre Gru (Hervé); 1976, Jean Marie Diascorn (Octavien Marie); 1981, Amédée Patenaude (Albertin Joseph); 1993, François Proulx (Victoric Marie); 2001, Hervé Lucas (Norbert Joseph); 2003, Henri Ézanno (Stanislas Pierre); 2013, Paul Charest (Benoît Émile).

27 Monday of the 13th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Cyril of Alexandria [444], Bishop, Doctor. Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Intention: Our Brothers in the United States.

Founder's Thought: You must remember that God often uses the weakest instruments to work for his glory. (Father Deshayes)

Rule of Life: *All salaries, stipends, pensions, gifts, insurance benefits or other income received by the*

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Intention:

For the elderly who represent the roots and memory of people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility,



**Consecrated to the Body and Blood of
Jesus**

Apostleship of Prayer

August

Intention:

For small and medium size businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving communities.



**Consecrated to the most pure
heart of Mary**

Apostleship of Prayer

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6

Tuesday of the 14th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Maria Goretti [1902], Virgin, Martyr.

2019 Erection of the Divina Providencia District . (Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, and Uruguay),

Triduum in honor of St. Joseph for Church vocations.

Intentions: That new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the mission of the Congregation. Members of the Divina Providencia District.

Founder's Thought: Our very failings become an advantage when they humble us and teach us to distrust our own spirit.

Rule of Life: *In a spirit of faith, the Brothers recognize the presence of the Lord in the imperfect persons in authority. (Constitutions, # 30b)*

Departed Brothers: 1971, Eugène Sère (Hubert Joseph); 1984, Sabin Larose (Maximin); 1986, Michael Mulabannaku (Aidan Michael); 2012, Joseph Mary Etuubire.

7

Wednesday of the 14th Week of Ordinary Time.

Founder's Thought: The beginnings of conversions are always difficult. You do not break your own spirit without pain.

Rule of Life: *Enlightened by the insights and the reflections of its members in which the Spirit speaks and acts, the community is an ideal place for discerning God's will. The superior participates in this*

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1

Friday of the 13th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Junipero Serra [1784], Franciscan Priest, Missionary. St. Oliver Plunket [1681], Bishop, Martyr.

Founder's Thought: Try to raise your soul and divest it of all earthly affection. To be attached to one position rather than another or to feel the loss of human consolation too keenly is deplorable.

Rule of Life: *The pooling of goods should not lead to affluence. The Brothers live like persons of modest means, especially in their housing, food, clothing, means of transportation, travel and entertainment. They avail themselves of the benefits to which they are legally entitled. (Constitutions, # 26)*

Departed Brothers: 1985, Arthur Lefrançois (Charles Albert); 1999, Jean Marie Grall (François Libermann).

2

Saturday of the 13th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Bernardino Realino [1616], Jesuit Priest.

Intention: The Superior General and his council.

Founder's Thought: During the retreat, let us converse with Jesus alone trustingly, simply, candidly, with the faith of simple children that he himself asked us to imitate.

Rule of Life: *Religious poverty and Christian charity are inseparable. Conscious of their solidarity with the poor, the Brothers treat them generously and strive especially to elimi-*

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nate the causes of destitution. (**Constitutions, # 27**)

Departed Brothers: 2004, Fernand Dussault (Léonce Marie); 2009, André Robert (André Corsini).

3

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. St. Thomas, Apostle.

1982 Opening of our mission in Togo.

Intention: Members of the community at Ogaro, Togo.

Founder's Thought: It was during the retreat that we have repeatedly seen God's power at work, enkindling and reviving souls and permeating them with heavenly sweetness. There it was that the tepid caught fire again, and the fervent became more so.

Rule of Life: *To have a loving communion into the obedient attitude of Christ, the Savior, to become more receptive to the will of God, to discern it more readily, to protect themselves against illusions of self-seeking and to make their apostolic action more fruitful, the Brothers make the vow of obedience. Thus, they make a total offering of their will as a sacrifice of themselves to God. (Constitutions, # 28)*

Departed Brothers: 1975, Hervé Lemay (Bertin); 1976, Joachim Le Texier (Francis Joseph); 1985, Fidel Martin (José Luis); 1998, Fidel Martin (José Luis); 1998, Jean Desmots (Stephane); 2002, Julien Collo (Aubert Julien).

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4

Monday of the 14th Week of Ordinary Time. Independence Day (USA).

Founder's Thought: In order that God may bless our Order and allow it to grow, we must be animated by the spirit of faith, humility, simplicity and obedience.

Rule of Life: *By the vow of obedience, the Brothers bind themselves to obey the orders of the legitimate authorities of the Congregation in all that conforms to the Rule of Life. (Constitutions, # 29a)*

Departed Brother: 1997, Gérard LaLande (Emilas).

5

Tuesday of the 14th Week in Ordinary Time. St. Anthony Zaccaria [1539], Founder of the Barnabites, Priest, St. Elizabeth of Portugal [1336], Widow.

Founder's Thought: It is easy to say that we want to belong entirely to God, but how rare is the unstinting commitment to it, never wavering between the hunger for heaven and the enticements against our faith.

Rule of Life: *When they enter the Congregation, the Brothers accept to submit their wills to human intermediaries. They find in the Rule of Life, rooted in the Gospel and approved by the Church, as well as in the authority of their superiors, authentic manifestations of God's will. (Constitutions, # 30a)*

Departed Brothers: 1989, Eugène Potier (André) 1995, Alexandre Raoult (Samson); 2000, Jean Bélanger (Marcel Adrien); 2015, Gerard Chatelier.

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Seek only his glory, not that which men give. Be suspicious of men's applause and praise. If any success comes your way, refer it to the One from whom it comes, the Source of all grace

Rule of Life: *The obligation to obey is more serious when the Superior General or his delegate commands "in virtue of holy obedience." Such orders are rare and should be given only when necessary, in writing, or in the presence of two witnesses. (Constitutions, # 29b)*

Departed Brother: 1981, Georges Pelland (Oscar Marie); 2007, Henri Denoual (Joseph Alexandre).

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Wednesday of the 15th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Henry [1024], King, Confessor. St. Eugene [6th C], Bishop.

Founder's Thought: Faith must comfort you ever more in your resolve to persevere to the end.

Rule of Life: *The superior has the primary responsibility for the fraternal life. He performs his ministry in fidelity to the purpose and spirit of the Congregation and in readiness to serve his Brothers and to consult with them. (Constitutions, # 36)*

Departed Brothers: 1987, René Chartrand (Orens) and Fritz Prosper (Éric Marie); 1998, Henri Bourdin (Lucidas Odile).

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common quest, but retains the right and duty to make necessary decisions. (Constitutions, # 31)

Departed Brother: 1978, Pierre Kernaflen (Félicis-sime Marie).

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Friday of the 14th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Edgar [975], King, Confessor. Sts. Aquila and Prisca [1st C], Tent Makers, Martyrs

1821 Bishop de Lesquen, after having approved the Rules and Constitutions of the Fathers of Saint Méen, names Father de la Mennais Superior General of that Congregation.

Creation of the Divina Providencia Province. (Argentina, Bolivia, Chili ans Uruguay)

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Founder's Thought: Obedience is the only path that never leads one astray.

Rule of Life: *In religious life, interaction between authority and obedience is not based on might, but on a spirit of collaboration in faith and love. It reflects the spirit of the Gospel, where the leader is like the one who serves, (Constitutions, # 32a)*

Departed Brothers: 1983, Ernest Rochette (Damase); 1997, Jean Naouennec (Alphonse); 2010, Paul Henri Thibaudeau (Jérôme André).

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Saturday of the 14th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Augustine Zhao Rong and 119 companions [1648-1930], Martyrs in China.

Intention: Persecuted Christians.

Founder's Thought: The slightest wounds of selflove soon become ulcers unless you hasten to heal them.

Rule of Life: *With the same level of cooperation, the Brothers, in all humility, docility and charity, make it their duty to enlighten their superiors, particularly when they believe that a proposed decision would be inopportune or inadequate. Yet, they remain ready to accept the final decision once made. (Constitutions, # 32b)*

Departed Brother: 2014, Eugène Hubon (Yves Armel).

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Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Founder's Thought: Your sentiments are right, and I do believe our Lord inspired them. However, I believe they may be too grandiose and I fear that you are lacking in calm, resignation and abandonment to God. Wait patiently for God's own good time.

Rule of Life: *Christ's prayer during his earthly life flowed from his intimate union with his Father. He prayed with his people in the temple, he prayed alone in the desert, even when crowds eagerly sought him. He prayed before the major deci-*

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sions of his public life, before the cruel ordeal of his Passion, and he prayed especially for the steadfastness of his followers in faith and unity. (Directory, # 75a)

Departed Brothers: 1966, Bernardin de Sienne Crépeau; 1981, René Roy (Conrad Marie); 1988, Edmond Aubin (John Leonard).

11

Monday of the 15th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Benedict [547], Abbot. Patriarch of Western Monasticism. Patron of Europe.

Intention: For the Church in Europe, particularly those diocese where the Brothers are present.

Founder's Thought: Your soul suffers much whereas you would enjoy profound peace if you had no other will than that of God, manifested by your superiors.

Rule of Life: *As participants in the life of God who is love and who is the mystical exemplar of personal relations, the Brothers are brought together in Christ's name, They delight in his presence as this unity is strengthened by his prayer to the Father: "May they be one in us." (Jn 17:21) (Constitutions, # 34)*

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Tuesday of the 15th Week in Ordinary Time. Sts. Louis Martin [1894] and Zélie Guéron [1877], parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

Founder's Thought: For now, I simply call on you to have God alone in view in every smallest action. Seek only his glory, not that which men give. Be

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Departed Brothers: 1975, Jean Hélias (Fabien); 1985, François Nédélec; 1992, Joseph Gendron (Charles Marie).

19 Tuesday of the 16th Week of Ordinary Time.

Intention: Members of the community at Rîmenze, South Sudan.

Founder's Thought: My worries are increasing day by day. Hope is deserting me. All that remains is prayer, but that is all powerful.

Rule of Life: *In response to God's call, the Brother quests for God in the very depths of his being, sustained by communal prayer as well as by his own personal prayer addressed to the Father "who sees in secret."* (**Constitutions, #42 c**)

Departed Brothers: 1997, Raymond Boursin (Samuel Joseph); 2010, Emmanuel Champalaune (Marcel Eugene) and Antoine Allain (Eugene Gilbert); 2013, Evarist Auguste Ngowi and Antonino Mayoral (Lorenzo).

20 Wednesday of the 16th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Margaret [257], Virgin, Martyr. St. Apollinaris [1st C], Bishop, Martyr. The holy prophet Elias [1st C, BC].

1951 Arrival in Japan of the first three brothers from the district of St. François Xavier (Point du Lac).

Intention: Members of the Rîmenze community in S. Sudan.

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14 Thursday. St. Kateri Tekak-witha [1680], Virgin. St. Francis Solano [1610], Franciscan Missionary, Priest.

Intention: The sick and the homeless.

Founder's Thought: The strong feeling of weakness you experience is good, provided that you do not give into discouragement, but rather turn to God with great trust and rely on his help.

Rule of Life: *In simplicity and joy, the Brothers willingly share what they are, what they do and what they have. Although they have not chosen their confreres, they try to know and love them with the heart of Christ. Through self-denial and the generous gift of self, they gradually build community.* (**Constitutions, # 37**)

Departed Brothers: 1897, CYPRIEN CHEVREAU, **Superior General from 1861 to 1897**, 2004, Ignacio Arberas Martinez (Victorino); 2018, Francisco Revilla García..

15 Friday. St. Bonaventure [1274], Franciscan, Bishop, Doctor. St. Roland [1200], Abbot. St. Donald of Ogilvy [8th C]. Bl. Anne Marie Javouhey [1851], Religious, Founder of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny .

Intention: That the missionary spirit within the Congregation be rejuvenated,.

Founder's Thought: Spiritual aridity is a very painful trial. God allows it in order to purify our virtue more and more and to increase our merit.

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Therefore, do not let it upset you, and, above all, do not become anxious over it.

Rule of Life: *Faithful to the Gospel precept and to the example of the Savior, the Brothers know how to forgive and forget grievances. In spite of inevitable conflicts, they seek to live together in peace. (Constitutions, # 38)*

Departed Brothers: 1988, René Poussin (Norbert); 1989, Abundio Matabuena (ireneo); 1990, Antoine Denis (Justinien).

16 Saturday of the 15th Week of Ordinary Time. Our Lady of Mount Carmel [13th C]

Intention: Members of the Santa Maria community at Portugalete, Spain.

Founder's Thought: Renew your dedication, as becomes a true religious. Submit with holy resignation to God's holy will.

Rule of Life: *The Brothers organize their houses and establish their schedules that facilitate prayer, ministry and community life. (Constitutions, # 39)*

Departed Brother: 1992, Joseph Rivard (Colman).

17 Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Intention: Members of the community at Nkozi, Uganda.

Founder's Thought: In painful moments, be more than ever faithful to your exercises. You may not

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find much consolation in them; still do them punctually and in a spirit of faith. Do not rely on emotional devotion: God denies you such feelings not out of displeasure but in order to form you more closely after the pattern of his divine Son. His soul was once weary, weary unto death.

Rule of Life: *As religious in the service of the Church, the Brothers are, by vocation, "delegate" to prayer. (Constitutions, # 42a)*

Departed Brothers: 2015, Pierre Joseph Laman-de (Celestin Pierre); 2018, Francisco Garcia Revilla.

18 Monday of the 18th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Camillus de Lellis [1614], Priest, Founder.

Intention: Members of the community at Moshi, Tanzania.

Novena prayer for the Beatification of Father Jean Marie de la Mennais.

2008 Foundation of the St. Michael Archangel Province (Tanzania, Kenya).

Founder's Thought: Never has the Congregation been healthier! We must humbly give thanks to God. This is most apt to comfort us in the face of contradictions.

Rule of Life: *Besides being a member of an apostolic community, the Brother is an unique person whom God calls by name to fulfill a role which no one else can assume. (Constitutions, # 42b)*

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Rule of Life: *The Brothers visit the Blessed Sacrament to express their love and gratitude, and to render to their Lord due homage and adoration. (Directory, # 84d)*

Departed Brother: 1995, Gallus Ndunguru.

26 Tuesday. Sts. Joachim and Ann, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In Quebec: St. Ann, Patron saint of the Province. Bl. Andrew of Phú Yên [1644], Martyr in Viet Nam.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Founder's Thought: It seems, at times, that pride has been eradicated, and the next moment one perceives it disguised and gloating over spiritual achievements. It no longer feeds on gross flattery, but on one's virtue and sometimes on one's humility.

Rule of Life: *The Brothers love to give daily affection to their veneration of the Virgin Mary, especially through the meditated recitation of the Rosary, a traditional prayer in the Congregation, (Constitutions, # 44)*

BIRTHDAY: BRO. WALTER ZWIERCHOWSKI (1957)

Departed Brothers: 1973, Lauréat Jolivet (Justin Jean); 1973, Lauréat Jolivet (Justin Jean); 1988, Paul Émile Allard (Bertrand Joseph).



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Founder's Thought: Our dedication must not be lukewarm and languid, but passionate and untiring and spurred on by everything that might contribute to God's glory.

Rule of Life: *Each day, unless it is impossible, the Brothers participate in the Eucharistic celebration, during which they love to receive the Sacred Body of Christ. (Constitutions, # 43a)*

Departed Brothers: 1989, Florent Dulude (Gilles); 1992, David Garcia De Miguel (Emeterio); 1993, Frank Casey (Gregory Mary).

21 Thursday of the 16th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Lawrence of Brindisi [1619], Franciscan Priest, Doctor. The holy prophet Daniel [5th C. BC].

Intention: Members of the community at Yokohama, Japan.

Founder's Thought: Dedication is often confused with a kind of jealousy of the good done by others. Even religious orders are not totally free of that feeling.

Rule of Life: *Twice a day, the community assembles for prayer: in the morning, for Lauds and a thirty-minute meditation, and in the evening a half-hour, for Vespers, the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and personal examen. (Constitutions, # 43b)*

Departed Brothers: 1987, Yves Maout (Bernard Hilarion); 2017, Charles Rubion.

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Friday. St. Mary Magdalene, Penitent.

Intention: Our students on vacation.

Founder's Thought: Nothing is so humbling for man than to need a lecture on humility in order to become really humble.

Rule of Life: *Each year the Brothers make a six-day spiritual retreat. (Constitutions, # 47b)*

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Departed Brothers: 1981, Thomas Sauvageau (Dorothée); 1989, Louis Naël (Grégoire Marie); 2006, Raymond Robin; 2013, Ladislao Aparicio y Gutiérrez (Ildefonso).

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Saturday of the 16th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Bridget of Sweden [1373], Widow, Founder of the Bridgettine Sisters.

1946 Favorable report of the Antepreparatory Commission in Rome concerning the virtues which Fr. de la Mennais practiced to a heroic degree.

Founder's Thought: It is easy to say we wish to belong entirely to God, but how rare it is to will it passionately without a vacillating will wavering from one side to the other.

Rule of Life: *The Brothers set aside a minimum of two hours each week for spiritual reading especially of the Scriptures. (Constitutions, #45)*

Departed Brothers: 2012, Jean Le Duff (Augustin

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Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Bl. Therese of St. Augustine and her companions [1794], Carmelite Martyrs. St. Sharbel Makhoul [1898], Carmelite Priest. Parent's Day.

Intention: Members of the St. Savio community at Kisubi, Uganda.

Founder's Thought: Do not grow tired of telling yourself daily: The reason I am here is to sanctify myself; to work for my salvation with greater assurance.

Rule of Life: For the conversion of their hearts to God, the Brothers frequently receive the sacrament of reconciliation, prepared by a daily examination of conscience. Superiors facilitate the Brothers' access to this sacrament, **(Constitutions, #46)**

Departed Brothers: 1985, Ange Roquier (Marcel Joseph); 1997, Stephen Lefevre (Cyprien Joseph).

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Monday of the 17th Week of Ordinary Time. St. James, the Greater [1st C], Apostle.

Intention: The bishops of the dioceses in which we are established.

Founder's Thought: I recommend to you in a special way the exercise of God's presence. None is more apt to keep one from temptation and to strengthen one in every religious virtue. God himself told Abraham, "Walk before me and be perfect."

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Departed Brothers: 1975, Léon Marin (Honorat); 1977, Victor Louâpre (Maurice Crémence); 1980, Josaphat Langlois (Yves Jean Marie); 2003, Lonel Belisle (Eugène Patrice)

29 Friday. St. Martha [1st C], Disciple of the Lord.

Intention: People working in our houses.

Founder's Thought: Often remind yourself of what our Lord suffered at the hands of men and rejoice that you have something to suffer for love of him.

Rule of Life: *The Congregation also has a missionary vocation bequeathed to it by its Founders. (Constitutions, # 49a)*

Departed Brothers: 1951, Ambrosius Meek; 1989, Horsmidas Gamelin (Horsmidas Marie)

30 Friday of the 17th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Peter Chrysologus [450], Bishop, Doctor.

Intention: The Brothers and laity involved in work and educational activities at summer camps.

Founder's Thought: Dear God, I wish to love you as the angels do and even as you do, for only you can love yourself as you deserve.

Rule of Life: *In response to the needs of local Churches, the Congregation sends forth Brothers to spread the Gospel outside their native land. Superiors carefully select Brothers in whom they discern a*

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special call from God, manifested by a serious desire and necessary aptitudes for missionary work, and provide them with an adequate preparation. (Constitutions, # 49b)

Departed Brothers: 1998, Donat Desjardins (Basilide Raymond); 2003, Roger Amiaut (Joseph André); 2013, Michel Gallon (Pierre Michel); 2015, Benedicto de Francisco Merino; 2018, Philippe Baillargeon (Louis Jean).

31 Saturday. St. Ignatius of Loyola [1556], Founder of the Company of Jesus, Bl. Solanus Casey [1957], Franciscan Priest.

1903 Opening of our first Spanish establishment at Lujua near Bilbao.

Intention: Members of the Berrio Otxoa community at Bilbao, Spain.

Founder's Thought: May God's holy will be done! I want to work for his glory until the last hour of my last day!

Rule of Life: *An aptitude for the Brother's life and an attraction which has withstood the test of time are signs of the Lord's call. Response to a vocation entails the total and loving gift of self; it is clarified and sustained with the help of others who serve as instruments of God's grace. (Constitutions, #51)*

Departed Brothers: 1971, Gérard Nadeau (Augustin Gérard); 2005, Cassian Kihuru; 2009, François Louis Fournier (Louis Angésile).

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Wednesday of the 17th Week of Ordinary Time.

Intention: The Superior General and his Council.

Founder's Thought: May God be the unique center in which we find ourselves at every moment. How everything else is fragile and fleeting!

Rule of Life: *The divine office, made in the name of all for the benefit of all, is a "source of piety and nourishment for prayer" and thus, an exceptionally fitting encounter with God. (Directory, # 85b)*

Departed Brothers: 1959, Théodore Gagnon; 1966, Basilien Trudel; 1977, Sylvio Vincent (Gaétan Joseph); 1980, Maurice Blais (Donatien); 1985, Joseph Caudal (Claudien Joseph); 2001, Jean Savary (Benjamin)

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Thursday of the 17th Week of Ordinary Time.

Intention: The members of the community at Kjtovu, Uganda.

Founder's Thought: You don't need a change of place. What you need is a change of character.

Rule of Life: *Taking into account the aptitudes of some Brothers, the Congregation may undertake other apostolates which are outside the academic framework, preferably in the broad area of education, (Constitutions # 48b)*

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5 Friday of the 18th Week in Ordinary Time. Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major. Bl. Frederic Jansoone [1916], Franciscan Priest.

Intention: Members of the community at El Alto, Bolivia.

Founder's Thought: I ardently hope that you will become a saint! Yes, a saint! What is this fear we have of deserving such a title on earth, seeing that one must be holy on earth if one wishes to live in heaven?

Rule of Life: Formation involves three major orientations: human and Christian culture, spiritual development, and preparation for educational and apostolic work. The close bonds among these orientations and their interdependence should be kept in mind. (**Constitutions, # 55**)

Departed Brothers: 1978, Noël Le Bot (Stanislas Louis); 1992, Joseph Guillaume (Gustavien); 2002, Théophane Pellerin (Dalmace Marie); 2007, Henri Blais (Canisius Joseph).

6 Saturday. The Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1900 *The body of Fr. de la Mennais is transferred from the cemetery to our chapel in Ploërmel.*

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Gabriel Deshayes.

Founder's Thought: You have a tendency to be sad and you must be aware of it. You often worry over small things and tend to exaggerate your

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1 Monday of the 18th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Alphonsus Liguori [1787], Founder of the Redemptorists, Bishop, Doctor.

1963 *Consecration of the chapel at Maison Saint Jean in Dolbeau by Bishop Marius Paré, Bishop of Chicoutimi.*

Intention: Members of the community at Santo Domingo, Spain..

Founder's Thought: Does it not happen that, having once given up the goods and praise, we seek to be well seen in our Congregation, to hold some important post, to enjoy a good name for talent and knowledge? Oh! Human weakness!

Rule of Life: *The awakening and nurture of vocations to the Congregation depend on the enlightened zeal and the prayers of each Brother and each community. (Constitutions, # 52a)*

Departed Brother: 1995, Albert Andouard (Bernard Michel); 2011, Rémi Brodeur (Rémi Gérard); 2014, Paul Émile Comeau (Eusèbe Marie).

2 Tuesday of the 18th Week in Ordinary Time. St. Eusebius [340], Bishop. St. Peter Julian Eymard [1868], Founder of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, Priest.

Founder's Thought: When shall we belong entirely to the Lord? Nothing is easier than to give him everything in a moment of fervor, but daily I

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experience how difficult it is not to take back our promises and belong entirely to him.

Rule of Life: *A religious is interested in all vocations, but he who values his own calling feels a legitimate need to foster the growth and vitality of his religious family. (Constitutions, # 52b)*

Departed Brother: 1974, Sylvester Molloy (Ambrose Joseph); 1983, José Saiz (Isidro); 2016, Romain Dudemaine; 2020, Léo Paul Cloutier.

3 Wednesday of the 18th Week of Ordinary Time.
1821 The novitiate is transferred from St. Brieuc and Auray to Josselin.

Triduum in honor of St. Joseph for Church vocations.

Intentions: That new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the mission of the Congregation. Our novices and their directors.

Founder's Thought: We rightly value the advice of friends and to disregard it would be considered as rash imprudence. Has God less wisdom or authority?

Rule of Life: *In the selection of candidates, the special calling of each person, the aim of the Congregation and the good and honor of the Church are the chief considerations. (Constitutions, # 53)*

Departed Brothers: 1929, Anastasius Meignen, Assistant from 1897 to 1909; 1977, Félicien

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Barsalou (Justin Marie); 1994, Julien Rouat (Joël Marie); 1995, Jean Le Bihan (Tharsicius Joseph); 2004, Benôit Mercier (René Paul); 2009, Marius Theaux (Matthieu Marie); 2012, Marcel Choquette (Fernard Marcel).

4 Thursday. St. John Vianney [1859], Curé of Ars.
1869 376 professed Brothers gather in Ploërmel to elect the Superior General and his council. They also decide on the formation of a General Chapter.

Intention: Our chaplains and the pastors of our parishes.

Founder's Thought: Do not neglect the study of human sciences, not for vain satisfaction, but to be of greater service to the children under your care.

Rule of Life: *Candidates must be Catholic, free from canonical impedimenta, prompted by the right intentions and acting of their own free will. They must have good moral habits and possess the following qualities: a genuine piety consistent with their age, an open firm and sociable character, sound judgment, adequate intelligence, interest in the education of youth and physical and psychological health rooted in a wholesome heredity.*

Departed Brothers: 1979, Adrien Chauvette (Amand); 1988, Antonio Sainz (Amancio); 2004, Ernest Borgat (Marc Henri).



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crated life, or have concealed the fact of having been thus bound; those who enter fraudulently or under the influence of great fear or duress or whom the superiors have admitted under similar constraints. All other provisions of Canon Law are scrupulously respected. (Constitutions, # 63)

Departed Brothers: 1983, Patrice Langlois (Pacôme Marie); 2001, Eugene Roberts (Eugene Edmond).

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Thursday. St. Clare [1253], Religious, Founder of the Order of Poor Ladies (Poor Clares), Virgin.

Founder's Thought: Be on guard against temptations of boredom or discouragement; they are dangerous. Your best remedy is praying, offering your actions to God and performing them for his greater glory.

Rule of Life: *Others who may not be validly admitted to the novitiate include those with debts which they cannot pay, those in financial or legal difficulties for which the Congregation could become liable, those who must support their parents or grandparents, or those whose presence is needed for the care of their children. (Constitutions, # 64)*

Departed Brothers: 1979, Joseph Champagne (Camille Joseph); 2011, Jean Paul LaForest (Donald Raphaël).

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troubles. Be more patient and especially more indulgent for yourself and for others.

Rule of Life: *Formation draws its inspiration from the Word God, the spirit of the Founders, the aims of the Congregation and the directives of the Church. It takes into consideration the family environment and the socio-cultural conditions which influence the life and the apostolate of the Brothers and it offers appropriate experience of the realities of human life. (Constitutions, # 56a)*

Departed Brothers: 1973, Henri Louis (Christophe Marie); 1979, Louis Georges Paquin (Rémi); 1991, Hector Bourassa (Boniface Marie); 2009, Edward Harrison (Edward Leo).

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Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. St. Sixtus II [258], Pope, and his six deacons, Martyrs. St. Cajetan [1547], Co-founder of the Theatine Priests.

Founder's Thought: Let us do everything calmly, not anxiously as if to subject God's will to ours.

Rule of Life: *Formation leads progressively towards full human and spiritual maturity, provided for the exercise of personal responsibility and initiates the candidates to prayer, community spirit and apostolic work. (Constitutions, # 56b)*

Departed Brothers: 2004, Étienne Doceul (Gilbert Joseph); 2007, Romeo Francoeur (Robert); 2016, Santiago De Miguel Rodriguez.

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8 Monday of the 19th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Dominic [1221], Founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Confessor.

1946 Reverend Brother Gustave Marie Hémerly is elected Superior General.

Intentions: The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Founder's Thought: Let us love one another as Brothers. Let nothing disturb our peace and union. That union will not come to an end until death; it will remain eternally, like God.

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Rule of Life: *The dedication of one's life to God and to his people in a consecrated state is a demanding ideal. That is why serious information requires several years in well articulated stages. (Constitutions, # 58)*

Departed Brothers: 2005, Percy Villemure (Gabriel); 2017, Joseph Bourgeois.

9 Tuesday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time. St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) [1942] (Discalced Carmelite), Virgin, Martyr, Patroness of Europe.

Founder's Thought: We need mature persons, capable of making decisions, and who, once they have recognized the right way, can go ahead unshaken by contradictions or imprudent advice.

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Rule of Life: *The postulate provides a more direct preparation to the novitiate through a deeper experience of the Christian life and a finer discernment of the Lord's call. Preferably, it takes place in a house other than the novitiate, but its director keeps in touch with the master of novices. (Constitutions, # 61a)*

Departed Brothers: 1972, Gustave Le Mut (Odilon Marie); 2014, Emmanuel Pédrone (Bernard Vincent); 2015, Dominique Prescott (Ernest Émile).

10 Wednesday of the 19th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Lawrence [258], Deacon, Martyr.

1890 First public profession of the three vows of religion in the Institute at La Prairie, Canada.

1909 Reverend Brother Jean Joseph Quirion is elected Superior General.

1946 Creation of Notre Dame District (United States).

Intention: Members of the Notre Dame community at Alfred, Me.

Founder's Thought: Who among us, when comparing what he has become today with what he was yesterday, should not feel humbled, distressed, frightened?

Rule of life: *The following may not be validly admitted to the novitiate: those who are less than seventeen years old, those bound by marriage, or those*

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Departed Brother: 1971, Raymond Lebeau (Rene Marie).

17 Wednesday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time.

Intention: The Postulant and Novitiate communities at Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

Founder's Thought: Learn to become detached from everything and rely on God alone; he never fails us.

Rule of Life: A novice seeks to develop his knowledge of Christ and his intimacy with him, to acquire a deeper appreciation of his Mennaisian vocation and to assess its requirements. **(Constitutions, # 67a)**

Departed Brothers: 2005, Michel Piron (Charles Félix); 2015, Paul Gicquel (Eugène Félix).

18 Thursday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time. St. Jane Frances Fremiot de Chantal [1641], Founder of the Visitation Order,

Religious, Virgin. St. Helen [330], Mother of St. Constantine.

Novena Prayer for the Beatification of Father Jean Marie de la Mennais.

1922 Transfer of the novitiate from Bitterne, England, to Jersey. Opening of Bon Secours house (Highlands College), the residence of the Superior General and his assistants until 1972.

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12 Friday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time. Bl. Isidore Bakanja [1909], Catechist, Martyr.

Intention: Our brothers in the Congo.

1890 Under the leadership of the Superior General and his assistants, 110 Brothers pronounce the three perpetual vows of religion at Ploërmel.

Founder's Thought: Let us not lose heart! Let us help one another to walk firmly along the way shown by God, a way that leads to him.

Rule of Life: A novice seeks to develop his knowledge of Christ and his intimacy with him, to acquire a deeper appreciation of his Mennaisian vocation and assess its requirements. In order to obtain a greater love of God, he strives to practice the evangelical counsels and to integrate into his being the contemplative and the active dimensions of the apostolic religious life. **(Constitutions, #67a)**

Departed Brothers: 1978, Joseph Le Saux (Joseph René); 2002, Gérard Drouin (Raynald Marie); 2006, Robert Hervé (Hervé François); 2015, Raymond Guillemet (Louis Julien).



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Saturday of the 19th Week in Ordinary Time. St. Pontian [235], Pope, Martyr. St. Hippolytus, Martyr. St. Benilde Romançon, FSC [1862],

Religious.

1933 Reverend Brother Étienne Barbier is elected Superior General.

Intention: Children on vacation.

Founder's Thought: Do not look back any more. Be calm, resigned and even full of joy for God's will is clear and your only task is to carry it out.

Rule of Life: *Attentive to the events and to the ideas of their time, the Brothers use the means of social communication to enrich their culture, enlighten their ministry and improve their teaching. The readily avail themselves of "whatever fosters virtue, knowledge or art."* (Directory, # 72)

Departed Brothers: 1975, Paul Yvon Boucher (Albert Jean); 1988, Germain Le Page (Maurice André); 1998, Raymond Hamelin (Cyprien).

14

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time. St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe [1941], Franciscan Priest, Martyr.

1865 Reverend Brother Cyprian solemnly consecrates the Institute to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Intention: Members of the community at Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

Founder's Thought: We must pity the evildoers and pray for them, without being irritated at their injustice and ingratitude.

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Rule of Life: *The Brothers observe Sunday as the Lord's day and periodically schedule for themselves times for spiritual renewal.* (Directory, # 63c)

Departed Brother: 2006, Jean Guy Gosselin (Léo Marie).

15

Monday. Solemnity of the Assumption.

1968 Two Canadian Brothers leave Oka to open a mission in Rwanda, Central Africa.

Intention: That the missionary spirit within our Congregation be rejuvenated.

Founder's Thought: Now more than ever, give loving service to the One whom you have bound yourselves to by unbreakable promises.

Rule of Life: *The Rule of Life, inspired by the Gospel and the intuition of the Founders is for each Brother a sure guide along the way he has chosen.* (Directory, # 190a)

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Tuesday of the 20th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Stephen I of Hungary [1308], King, Confessor.

Founder's Thought: Learn to become detached from everything and rely on God alone; he never fails us.

Rule of Life: *The Rule of Life, inspired by the Gospel and the intuition of the Founders, is for each Brother a sure guide along the way he has chosen.* (Constitutions, # 190a)

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23

Tuesday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time. St. Rose of Lima [1617], Virgin.

Intention: Members of the community at Culiprán, Chili.

1827 For the first time in the Congregation, 13 brothers pronounce the perpetual vow of obedience.

Founder's Thought: A Christian, and, all the more so, a religious must see everything and judge everything in the light of faith.

Rule of Life: *Young Brothers continue their spiritual formation and their studies, particularly in theology and catechetics. They acquaint themselves with the apostolic and professional activities of the Congregation and strive to acquire an adequate critical understanding of the values and norms which govern the thoughts and actions in their society. (Constitutions, # 78b)*

Departed Brothers: 1986, Germain Lalanne (Léontin Jean); 2003, Gerard Ajuang (Gerard Celestine).

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Wednesday. St. Bartholomew [1st C], Apostle.

Intention: members of the community at Ibanda, Uganda.

Founder's Thought: I think you are not watchful enough against your imagination and you are too sensitive. You would be the happiest of men if

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Founder's Thought: I trust you will emerge from this retreat as the apostles did from the supper room, full of courage, piety, fervor and zeal.

Rule of Life: *In order to obtain a greater love of God, the novice strives to practice the evangelical counsels and to integrate into the unity of his being the contemplative and the active dimensions of the apostolic religious life. (Constitutions, # 67b)*

Departed Brothers: 1999, Paul Cueff, **Assistant from 1947 to 1970;** 1979, Alfred Michaud (Auguste François); 1989, Gabriel Wilberforce Lule; 2020, Joaquín Blanco Rodríguez.

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Thursday of the 20th Week in Ordinary Time. St. John Eudes [1680], Founder, Confessor.

Founder's Thought: Your last letter sounded gloomy. I hope that small cloud will soon disappear and, like the Prophet, you will exult: "After the storm, you brought great calm, Lord."

Rule of Life: *At the novitiate, the study of Scripture and of doctrine is not directed toward a degree, but towards a better formation by a deepening of the life of faith and by the contribution which such studies make to a fuller knowledge and love of God. (Constitutions, # 68)*

Departed Brothers: 1973, Édouard Ménegent (Stanislas Marie); 2000, Joseph Pédrón (Fernand Jules); 2001, Pierre Robic (Edbert) and Vincent Raguénès (Casimir Joseph); 2004, Henri Gourmelen (Henri Raphaël).

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Departed Brothers: (1973, Édouard Ménegent (Stanislas Marie); **2000**, Joseph Pédrón (Fernand Jules); **2001**, Pierre Robic and Vincent Raguénès (Casimir Joseph); **2004**, Henri Gourmelen.

20 **Saturday. St. Bernard [1153], Abbot, Doctor.**

Intention: Members of the Mennaisian Family (both Brothers and Laity).

Founder's Thought: Observe silence, less as it were because it is required, but more because you feel the need of entering into yourself to hear God's voice and to converse with him alone.

Rule of Life: *The master of novices may, if he deems it useful, propose to a novice or to an entire group of one or more periods of probation away from the novitiate. Such stages must involve experiences in keeping with the character of the Congregation. The novices remain under the responsibility of the master, who makes sure that the norms of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life are followed. (Constitutions, # 70a)*

Departed Brother: **2003**, Wilfrid Paquin (Léon Victor).

21 **Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time. St. Pius X [1914], Pope.**

Intention: The Superior General and his council.

Founder's Thought: From now on, let us seek only the knowledge of Jesus, of Jesus crucified.

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Whether we are despised or insulted or persecuted doesn't really matter, or rather such treatment becomes a cause for rejoicing.

Rule of Life: *Probationary stages are not intended to provide the novices with professional training, but rather to help them to discover more realistically the demands of their vocation and the means of preserving union with God in the normal circumstances of a Brother's life. (Constitutions, # 70b)*

Departed Brothers: **1985**, Robert Gelley (Edmond Joseph); **2009**, Léon Herrouin (René Alain); **2016**, Gabriel Goudreau; **2019**, Jean Paul Boisvert (Bernard Antoine).

22 **Monday of the 21st Week of Ordinary Time. The Queenship of Mary [est. 1954].**

Founder's Thought: One cannot resist the influence of bad example and false teaching without intimate union with God through prayer.

Rule of Life: *Throughout the Congregation, the initial formation must, according to ecclesial norms, be continued until the perpetual profession. (Constitutions, # 78a)*

Departed Brothers: **1985**, Arthur Lacroix (Abel); **1991**, Jean Louis Kerviel (Raphaël Eugène); **2005**, Émile Michel (Canisius Marie); **2014**, Florian L'Écuyer (Rémi Vincent); **2020**, André Millette (Roger).



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Rule of Life: *Religious poverty makes one share his temporal goods, place his talents in the service of others and submit to the universal law of work. Obedience involves dependence on others and community discernment of God's will. (Directory, #62b)*

Departed Brothers: 1981, Émile Giroux (Adelphe Joseph); 2008, André Morvan (Felix) and Paul Remillard (Arthur Émile).

30

Tuesday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time.

1968 Arrival of our first four brothers in Zaire.

Intention: Members of the community at Dungu, Republic of the Congo..

Founder's Thought: I thank almighty God for the graces he is giving you. Be courageous and may his glory

graces he is giving you. Be courageous and may his glory be your sole objective.

Rule of Life: *Together, the Brothers bear the responsibility for their prayer life; together they meditate the Word of God, celebrate the divine office and participate in the Eucharist. (Directory, # 63b)*

Departed Brothers: 1984, Henri Granger (Cécilius); 1988, Joseph Lecomte (Léontien Ma-

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you dealt with everyone with greater simplicity and always in a spirit of faith.

Rule of Life: *The beauty, the soundness and the fecundity of the Congregation depend largely on the selection and the formation of its members, The Brothers assigned to the formation work help candidate discern whether he is really called to be a Brother of Christian Instruction. Their vital role requires the support of all the Brothers. (Constitutions, # 50)*

Departed Brother: 2009, Jacques Poulin (Amédée Victor).

25

Thursday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time. St. Louis IX [1270], King. St. Joseph Calasanz [1648], Religious, Founder.

Founder's Thought: Humble yourself and enter into the depths of your nothingness. From the bottom of that abyss, you will find God's peace.

Rule of Life: *The beauty, the soundness and the fecundity of the Congregation depend largely on the selection and the formation of its members. (Constitutions, # 50a)*

Departed Brother: 2006, Luis Fernández Martínez (Laurentino).

26

Friday of the 21st Week in Ordinary Time.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais.

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Founder's Thought: Nowhere will you be safer than where obedience calls you. If that does not suit your tastes, you have more reason to trust that God will grant you special graces.

Rule of Life: *Having received God's gratuitous love, the Brother strives to grow in charity. He loves his religious family whose members seek to have but "one heart and one soul."* (**Directory, # 9a**)

Departed Brothers: **1985**, Henri Viel (Anastase Marie); **1987**, Bonifacio Sainz Perez (Laurencio); **1990**, Michel Béasse (Joseph Victor); **2009**, Roger Le Marc.

27

Saturday. St. Monica [387], Widow.

Intention: Members of the Tilleuls community at Nantes, France.

Founder's Thought: Our freedom, our body, and our life all belong to God. We no longer belong to ourselves but to God alone.

Rule of Life: *Like Christ's love for mankind, the Brother's charity is active, alert, imaginative, efficacious and respectful, without expectation of profit or gratitude.* (**Directory, # 9b**)

Departed Brothers: **1994**, Joseph Breton (Blaise) and Roger Louis (Félix Joseph).



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Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time. St. Augustine [430], Bishop, Doctor.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Gabriel Deshayes.

Founder's Thought: Be courageous, Brother! The crown is costly. What reward would you have if you did not have to suffer? I repeat: be courageous! Long live the Cross!

Rule of Life: *The Brothers' religious consecration creates a closer intimacy with the Lord present in the midst of the community. Chastity amplifies the capacity to love, rendering one available for the apostolate.* (**Directory, # 62a**)

Departed Brothers: **1984**, Juan Ramón Rizzo (Carmelo), **Assistant from 1970 to 1982**; **1972**, Henri Crenn (Arthur François); **1978**, Aurèle Hébert (Richard Marie); **1985**, Juan Saez y Villanuova (Padro Maria); **1993**, Joachim Le Marec (Emmanuel Henri); **1995**, Michel Derégnaucourt (Floribert Joseph).

29

Monday of the 22nd Week of Ordinary Time. The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist.

Intention: Members of the community at Culiprán, Chile.

1908 First investiture at the novitiate of Dancharinea in Spain.

Founder's Thought: I can't recommend too strongly the exact observance of your holy Rule. That is

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rie); **1992**, Eduardo Merino Lopez (Emilio Celestino); **2006**, Jean Le Gall (Gonzague Christophe); **2012**, Louis Souchet (Louis Florent).

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Wednesday of the 22nd Week of Ordinary Time.

Intention: Members of the Br. Aloysius Lutaya community at Kjsubi, Uganda.

Founder's Thought: Yes, let us belong entirely to God. Let us do everything for God. God alone! Should not God be enough?

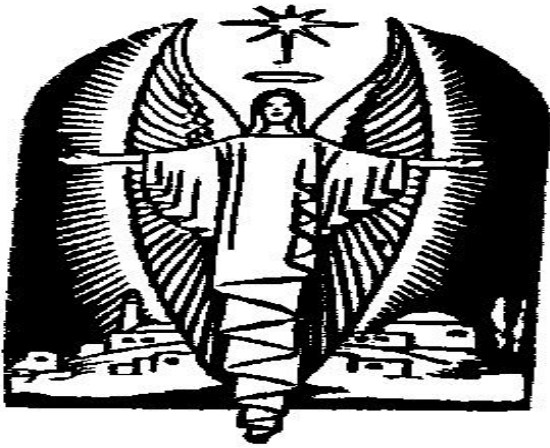
Rule of Life: *With the laity, the community discerns the mission and deepens the spirituality and sense of mission, and involves itself in the experiences of communion and collaboration, while respecting the requirements proper to the different lifestyles. (Directory, # 107b)*

Departed Brothers: **1972**, Gratien Fournier (Alcime Marie); **1992**, Albert Penvern (Aristide); **1999**, Yosefu Lutaya (Aloysius Mary) and Guillermo Hurtado Lopez (Pascual María); **2000**, Pierre Bolloré (Pierre Alain); **2010**, Lévi Fortier (Raoul Joseph).

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Intention:

That the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.



**Consecrated to the Archangel,
Michael, and all the Holy Angels**

Apostleship of Prayer

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Intention:

For the Church ever faithful to and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality.



**Consecrated to Mary, Queen of the
Rosary.**

Apostleship of Prayer

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6 Tuesday of the 23rd Week of Ordinary Time.

Intention: The superiors of our communities.

Founder's Thought: Salvation is assured to those who labor anonymously at lowly, hidden tasks. They have chosen the better part.

Rule of Life: *The principle of subsidiarity is applied at all levels, so that responsible persons make the decisions within their areas of competence. Intervention by higher authorities occurs only in case of special need of deficiency. (Constitutions, # 87)*

Departed Brothers: 1987, Élie Guyot (Élie Marie); 1992, Ernest Alarie (Gustave Albert); 1994, Camille Bourassa (Longin).

7 Wednesday of the 23rd Week of Ordinary Time.

Triduum in honor of St. Joseph for Church vocations.

Intentions: That new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the mission of the Congregation.

Founder's Thought: I fear that in your daily activities you may let pride, presumption and vainglory dominate your actions and rob you of every merit.

Rule of Life: *The local community is the basic unit of the Congregation. In it the Brothers are gathered together by the competent authority to live their religious life and ordinarily to share a common apostolic undertaking. (Constitutions, # 88)*

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1 Thursday of the 22nd Week of Ordinary Time.

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

Founder's Thought: You are right to look upon your vocation as a graced gift, for God has called you to carry on the very mission which his Son achieved while on earth.

Rule of Life: *Personal formation is an unending process. Throughout their lives, the Brothers try to progress in the service of God, the Church and society.*

Departed Brothers: 1983, Émile Bélanger (Victor); 1985, Charles Édouard Delorme (Edgar Marie); 1995, Joseph Touchette (David Joseph); 2003, Pierre Hamon (Pierre Yves); 2011, René Demers (Antoine Charles).

2 Friday of the 22nd Week of Ordinary Time. St. Solomone Leclercq, FSC [1792], Religious, Martyr.

Founder's Thought: With all my heart I pray God to bless your work. Your purpose is his glory and the salvation of children. I am confident that you will succeed more and more and that your apostolate will become more and more fruitful.

Rule of Life: *Whenever possible, the superiors and the communities provide the Brothers with periodic opportunities to acquire a deeper understanding of their religious and apostolic lives, to*

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broaden their knowledge and to improve their professional skills. (Constitutions, # 81b)

Departed Brothers: 1979, Marcel Milon (Adolphe Émile); 1982, François Uguen (François Goulven); 1992, Gabriel Lecointre (Georges Gabriel); 2004, Gabriel Asensio Rojo; 2005, Rogatien Bordeau (Hermann Étienne).

3 **Saturday. St. Gregory the Great [604], Pope, Doctor.**

Intention: Members of the community at Mubende, Uganda.

Founder's Thought: Unreserved religious obedience is necessary for order, charity, and peace to thrive in community.

Rule of Life: *In each community, a duly appointed local superior exercises authority. (Constitutions, # 85)*

Departed Brothers: 1971, Arthur Chauvette (Léopold Joseph); 1981, Eugène Gosselin (Octave); 1984, Paul Le Commandeur (Patrice Marie); 2001, François Cloitre (Xavier); 2005, Vincent Ssenkandwa; 2007, Camille Bournival (Stanislas Étienne).

4 **Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time. Bl. Dina Bélanger [1929], Religious, Musician.**

World Day of Charity.

1889 The General Chapter unanimously votes for the public profession of the three

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vows of religion, and charges the Superior General to seek canonical approbation of the Institute.

Founder's Thought: Carefully avoid anything that could disturb peace. It is the most valuable treasure and no sacrifice is too great to preserve it.

Rule of Life: *Superiors carry out their ministry in view of the common good according to the common and proper Laws. They willingly seek the advice of the Brothers, especially their councilors. (Constitutions, # 86a)*

Departed Brothers: 1980, Rosario Laberge (Fortunat); 2001, Gérard Clément (Charles Henri).

5 **Monday of the 23rd Week of Ordinary Time. St. Teresa of Calcutta, Founder. Labor Day**

Founder's Thought: Are a few years of patience and trial too much if we wish to deserve to see God face to face?

Rule of Life: *The primary purpose of religious authority is not the material or administrative life of the Congregation; it is the fidelity of all to the spirit willed by the Founders and to the mission confided to them by the Church. (Constitutions, # 86b)*

Departed Brother: 1978, Jean Bétrom (Jean Hervé).



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12

Monday of the 24th Week of Ordinary Time. The Holy Name of Mary.

1968 Arrival of our first brothers in Rwanda.

Intention: Members of the community at Gisenyi, Rwanda.

Founder's Thought: I note with pleasure to see your students' progress in the human sciences. What I desire above all, though, is to learn that they advance even more in the science of the saints. You have not only to instruct them, but also to give them a Christian education. Let that be the main purpose of your care and work.

Rule of Life: *At the beginning of the school year, the superior organizes with all the Brothers the community project, he assigns the various responsibilities, and he schedules the prescribed time for prayers. The major decisions taken by the community are conveyed to the Major Superior for ratification. (Constitutions, # 93b)*

Departed Brothers: 1981, Adélarde Laliberté (Alexandre Louis); 1991, Guy Jolicoeur (Florentien Marie); 1992, Eugène Bédard (Paul André).

13

Monday of the 24th Week of Ordinary Time. St. John Chrysostom [407], Bishop. Doctor.

1980 Arrival of our first brothers in the Ivory Coast.

Intention: Lay Mennaisians involved in missionary activity.

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Departed Brothers: 1980, Alexis Jain (Alexis Yves); 1996, Antoine Gourmelon (Marcel Antoine); 2001, Yves Riou (Marcellin Yves).

8

Thursday. The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

1780 Birth of Father de la Mennais at Saint Malo.

1851 First mass said in the chapel at Ploërmel. It was celebrated by Fr. De la Mennais on his 74th birthday.

1987 Opening of our mission in the Philippines.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais. The Brothers of the Philippines.

Founder's Thought: Oh my God, I have chosen you as my portion, and that shall not be denied me. You alone mean something to me. You alone will always be my all.

Rule of Life: *The Brother, like his patroness, the Virgin Mary, like the saintly Founders and a multitude of predecessors in the Congregation, strives to exemplify in his life the virtues of faith and charity, abnegation and humility, in other words, the spirit of the Beatitudes, so necessary for the transformation of the world. (Directory, # 29b)*

Departed Brothers: 1979, Alberto Imatz (Justo); 2001, Robert Deschênes; 2007, Réal Dion (Donat).

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9 Friday of the 23rd Week of Ordinary Time. St. Peter Claver [1654], Jesuit Priest.

1820 *The brothers, meeting at Auray for the annual retreat, receive the name of **BROTHERS OF CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTION** with their motto, **GOD ALONE!** The rule is promulgated.*

Founder's Thought: I wish that the Lord's peace be with you in all you do and that the desire to serve him and have him served increase in you as time goes by and the years bring you imperceptibly to eternity. (Father Deshayes)

Rule of Life: *The Brothers lead community life in regularly constituted houses. For brief absences they obtain the permission of the local superior. For extended absences, they seek permission from the Provincial or Visitor. (**Constitutions, # 89**)*

Departed Brothers: **2000**, René Mochet (Natalis); **2013**, Eugène Trihan (Gervais).

10 Saturday of the 23rd Week of Ordinary Time.

1856 *Bishop Jaquemot, of Nantes, assisted by Father Richard, consecrates the chapel of the mother-house in Ploërmel.*

1968 *Arrival of our first four brothers in Burundi.*

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Founder's Thought: Having renounced the enjoyment of pleasure, honor and wealth, we sometimes take satisfaction in our own selves, but that enjoyment is no less vain and empty.

Rule of Life: *In general terms, the vocation ministry is a concerted animation among the people of God in view of helping every individual to commit their lives freely and deliberately in the state to which God invites them, (**Directory, # 139a**)*

Departed Brothers: **1904**, Jean Baptiste Nédélec (Alarius); **1983**, Paul Émile Bleau (Marien); **2000**, Paul Bolduc (Paul Joseph) and Léo Garceau (Louis François); **2006**, Albert Geffray (Stanislas).

11 **Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time.**
Intention: Missionary volunteers

Founder's Thought: Even though our Lord himself preached and performed miracles, he did not convert all of the Jews. Do not cease, therefore, to carry out with great zeal everything you have been appointed to do.

Rule of Life: *The local superior is the community's principal animator. He organizes periodic meetings. (**Constitutions, # 93a**)*

Departed Brothers: **1978**, Moïse Roussel (Bertrand); **2008**, Roland Vigeant (Roland Alphonse); **2014**, Hervé Le Coz (Hervé Jean); **2021**, Albert Castel.



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Departed Brothers: **1975**, Louis Sicot (Jean Baptiste); **1976**, Julián Fernández de Larrea (Bonifacio); **1979**, Henri Gingras (Achille); **2000**, Cresente Fernández Ruiz (Heliodoro); **2012**, Moïse Friot (Philippe); **2018**, Henri Diquelou (Gilbert Gabriel).

18 **Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time. St. Joseph of Copertino [1663], Franciscan, Priest.**

Novena Prayer for the Beatification of Father Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Founder's Thought: Let us strive to save souls even more mightily than others strive to mislead them; this is no small task!

Rule of Life: *In the school, the community exerts its influence to create an authentic Christian community. Brothers working in communities give their support and encouragement to those who may be engaged in other activities. (Directory, # 64b)*

Departed Brothers: **1983**, Camille Robert (Léon Jean); **1987**, Louis Guillé (Fernand Marie); **1990**, Louis Divanac'h (Louis); **2014**, Jean Marie Le Brie (Georges Aimé).

19 **Monday of the 25th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Januarius and his companions [305], Martyrs. St. Alanso de Orozco[1591], Augustinian Priest, Religious.**

Intention: Members of the scholastic community at Kisiubi, Uganda.

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Founder's Thought: Encourage one another to work zealously for the salvation of souls and for the glory of the divine Master.

Rule of Life: *The superior brings to the Brothers' attention the documents dealing with the life and work of the community, especially communications from Major Superiors. He makes sure that the quarters designated for the Brothers' exclusive use are indeed reserved for them. (Constitutions, # 93c)*

Departed Brothers: **1997**, Remo Carnir (Constantino); **2006**, Marcel Hubert (Hubert); **2014**, Henri Riviere (Guy Léon).

14 **Wednesday. The Exaltation of the Cross.**

Founder's Thought: The Cross, the Cross, let that be your eloquence! It is convincing enough since it has persuaded both the wise and the ignorant; it is strong enough since it has conquered the world.

Rule of Life: *With the Brothers, the superior determines the practical means by which the community is to give its religious witness. He sees to the periodic reading of the Rule of Life in community. (Constitutions, # 93c)*

Departed Brothers: **1958**, Michael Roger Priputen; **1978**, Henri Laroche (Marcel); **1985**, Herménégilde Delisle (Aristide Joseph); **1988**, Leo Barnaby (Michael Ernest); **1996**, André Terrienne (Donatien Francis); **1997**, Valmore Antaya (Damien Joseph).



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Thursday. Our Lady of Sorrows.

Intentions: That the missionary spirit within our Congregation be rejuvenated. For the members of the Jean de la Mennais community at Abidjan, Ivory Coast.

1851 Father de la Mennais solemnly blesses the cornerstone of our chapel in Ploëmel.

Founder's Thought: Yes, you have a beautiful mission and I thank God for having given it to you; because in working for the sanctification of the children entrusted to you, you are working for your own sanctification.

Rule of Life: The superior brings to the Brothers' attention the documents dealing with the life and work of the community, especially communications from Major Superiors. He makes sure that the quarters designated for the Brothers' exclusive use are indeed reserved for them, **(Constitutions, # 93d)**

Departed Brothers: 1993, Gérard Lafontaine (Andronic); 2013, Maurice Passard (Maurice Léon)

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Thursday. St. Cornelius [253], Pope, Martyr. St. Cyprian [258], Bishop, Martyr.

Intention: Members of the Postulant community at Kisubi, Uganda. The Superior General and his council.

Founder's Thought: Let the brothers keep in mind that they are called to spread, not so much

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worldly instruction, as the science and love of Jesus Christ.

Rule of Life: The local superior may be different from the director of the school or other apostolic project staffed by the Brothers; nevertheless, the superior is concerned with their apostolic and professional activity and with all other aspects of their religious life. **(Constitutions, # 94)**

Departed Brothers: 1971, Joseph Delisle (Urbain Marie); 1986, Joseph Hamel (Joseph); 1988, Paulino Rodrigues Fernández (Constancio); 1994, Hector Lacroix (Philibert); 1996, Ferdinand Frappier (Elric Joseph).

17

Friday of the 24th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Robert Bellarmine [1621], Jesuit, Bishop, Doctor.

Intention: Provincials and Visitors.

Founder's Thought: After having tested you, God blesses your school admirably. By all means, thank him but do not fail to refer to him, too, all the glory of your success, and do not be carried away by vanity: that would rob you of the merit or any good you may be doing.

Rule of Life: Dedicated to the common task of evangelization, the Brothers of the community know that they must constantly work at its implementation. With humility and realism, the community adjusts its orientations, revises its approaches and evaluates the effectiveness of its witness. **(Directory, # 64a)**

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Founder's Thought: Let us see our divine Master in everything. Let us seek him alone and abide in his adorable heart: there is our home and our repose.

Rule of Life: *Before all else, the Provincial is the animator of the religious and apostolic life of the Brothers and the promoter of an ever necessary renewal. The organization and animation or retreats and recollections is the object of his special attention. (Constitutions, # 101a)*

Departed Brother: 1955, Archange Penhouët, **Assistant from 1927 to 1952.**

20 Tuesday. Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Paul Chong Hasang, and companions, Martyrs.

Intention: All members, Brothers and laity, of the Mennaisian family.

Founder's Thought: Let the glory of Jesus Christ be our only purpose, and let us support, by our efforts, all who work for that same goal.

Rule of Life: *The Provincial considers the judicious assignment of Brothers one of his most important duties. As much as possible, he frees himself from tasks which could prevent his closeness with the Brothers or his sharing their life. (Constitutions, # 101b)*

Departed Brothers: 1974, Louis Cadoret (Léophane); 1994, Alphonse Querard (Alphonse Marie); 1996, Nicolas Courtay (Armel Charles); 2009, Marcellinus Luwaga.

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24

Saturday of the 25th Week of Ordinary Time. Our Lady of Mercy.

1803 Father de la Mennais is ordained deacon by Bishop de Maillé at Rennes.

Founder's Thought: You are messengers of love and peace who seem to have come down from heaven in order to teach mankind to know and love God.

Rule of Life: *The assistant provincial helps the Provincial and performs the duties which the latter assigns to him. He replaces the Provincial in case of absence or disability. Should the Provincial die, he replaces him until a successor is appointed. He is by right a member of the provincial council and of the provincial chapter. (Constitutions, # 106)*

Departed Brothers: 1924, Pascal Joseph Libault **Assistant from 1909 to 1921;** 1957, Chrysanthé Marie Paubert, **Assistant from 1933 to 1939;** 1984, Arthur Lambert, **Assistant from 1946 to 1958;** 1981, Évence Malledant (Vital); 2009, Normand Simoneau (Benjamin Felix).

25

Saturday of the 25th Week of Ordinary Time.

Founder's Thought: Once again, I recommend that you be most kind and understanding for your brothers, all without exception including those you feel justified to complain about.

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Rule of Life: *The Provincial frequently reminds the Brothers of their vital role in the awakening of religious and priestly vocations. He gives special support to those engaged in vocational ministry, and pays particular attention to aspirants to religious life. (Constitutions, # 103)*

Departed Brothers: 2007, Joseph Eon (Marcel Bernard); 2014, Florian L'Ecuyer (Rémi Vincent).

23 **Friday of the 25th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Franciscan Priest. Bl. Emily Tavernier.**

Founder's Thought: The trials you undergo should humble you but not crush you. Pray God for deliverance, beg for his grace, trust in him; neither your prayer nor your hope will be in vain.

Rule of Life: *Guided in the administration of goods by the evangelical spirit of poverty and showing a concern for judicious adaptation, the Provincial tries to meet the needs of the communities and the activities; he pays attention to the fraternal sharing of resources. (Constitutions, # 104b)*

Departed Brothers: 1991, Joseph Kumalaki (Bernardine); 1996, Louis Le Pape (Albert Louis); 2009, Julio Marroquin Miranda (Feliciano).



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21 **Wednesday. St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist. St. Herman Contract [1054], Monk, Musician, Inventor.**

Founder's Thought: Let us often remember in the midst of our trials, how brief they are and how great will be the happiness that will reward them.

Rule of Life: *The Provincial visits each community twice a year. One of the visitations is canonical. On this occasion, he interviews each Brother and studies with the entire community means of promoting religious and apostolic life. (Constitutions, # 102)*

Departed Brothers: 1958, Hippolyte Victor Géroux, **Assistant from 1933 to 1946;** 1973, Pierre Stéphan (Sylvestre Joseph); 1996, Lawrence Mutabazi; 2001, Frederick Sserunkuuma.

22 **Thursday of the 25th Week of Ordinary Time.**
Day of prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

1990 Arrival of our Brothers in Benin.

Intention: Members of the Postulant community at Thian, Benin.

Founder's Thought: Do not give way to discouragement. Always remember these words of our divine Master: "Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows; but rejoice for I have overcome the world." (Jn 16:33)

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Friday of the 26th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Jerome [420], Priest, Doctor.

Intention: Charitable works directed towards the poor and destitute.

Founder's Thought: May each day add something to your humility, your charity and your zeal for the salvation of souls. (Father Deshayes)

Rule of Life: *The Superior General's mission is to foster in the Congregation:*

- a greater vitality achieved through the solid formation of aspirants.
- fraternal life which strengthens the bonds among all Brothers. (**Constitutions, # 131d**)

Departed Brother: 2017, Georges Pencolé



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Rule of Life: *Under the authority of the Provincial and the control of his council, the treasurer manages the financial affairs of the province, sees to the proper keeping and verification of accounts, and administers the personal and real property of the province. (**Constitutions, # 108a**)*

Departed Brothers: 1992, Pierre Bourges (Gildas); 1993, Marcel Godin (Alfred Marcel).

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Monday of the 26th Week of Ordinary Time. Sts. Cosmas and Damian [305], Martyrs St. Paul VI [1978], Pope.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais. Young, voiceless and vulnerable migrants.

Founder's Thought: Pray constantly for your students; if their parents do not support your efforts, ask God to multiply his grace in proportion to the needs of these dear children..

Rule of Life: *The Superior General is the supreme ordinary authority in the Congregation. He has over provinces, districts, communities and individual Brothers direct and immediate authority which he must exercise according to the proper law of the Congregation. (**Constitutions, # 129a**)*

Departed Brothers: 1984, Teófilo Calderón (José Marie); 1993, Emiliano Hernando Hernando (Miguel Angel) and Maurice Delorme (Aimé Marie); 2005, Auguste Marguerie (Guy Joseph).



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Tuesday. St. Vincent de Paul [1660], Priest, Founder Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul and Congregation of the

Missions.

Intention: The Brothers of Senegal.

Founder's Thought: Remain calm in all your undertakings and be kind in all your words, whatever wrongs you may complain about. Learn to suffer as a true Christian.

Rule of Life: *The Superior General's mission is to foster in the Congregation:*

- *the quest for evangelical perfection through a more deeply lived consecration and through a greater apostolic spirit.*
- *compliance with the Church's teaching and with the directives of its hierarchy. (Constitutions, # 131a)*

Departed Brother: 1996, Louis Duhoux.

28

Wednesday of the 26th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Wenceslaus [935], King, Confessor. St. Lawrence Ruiz and his companions,

Martyrs.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Gabriel Deshayes. Brothers of the Pointe du Lac community.

Founder's Thought: It is a great consolation to see the union and the perfect harmony that prevails among us. (Father Deshayes)

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Rule of Life: *The Superior General's mission is to foster in the Congregation:*

- *fidelity to the spirit of the Founders.*
- *respect for the special mission of the Congregation.*
- *Observance of the Constitutions, the Directory, Chapter orientations and decisions. (Constitutions, # 131b)*

Departed Brother: 2001, Jules Sawyer (Pierre Nolasque); 2009, François Nogr   (  douard Berchmans); 2012, Gilles Guay (Andr   Gilles).

29

Thursday. Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels.

1908 Solemn inauguration of the house of Dancharrinea (Spain).

Founder's Thought: Be most discreet in whatsoever you say. (Father Deshayes)

Rule of Life: *The Superior General's mission is to foster in the Congregation:*

- *complementarity of cultures.*
- *adaptation to the needs of the times in view of greater effectiveness in the Church. (Constitutions, # 131c)*
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Departed Brother: 1988, Alexandre Le Gras (Delphin).

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Vitality through new vocations.

Intention: Our Brothers in studies.

Founder's Thought: To accomplish the holy will of God in us and in all things must our only desire.

Rule of Life: *When circumstances prevent a Brother from participating in community prayer, he tries to compensate privately. The community, on the other hand, includes absent Brothers in its intentions. (Directory, # 83b)*

Departed Brothers: 1985, Hervé Méar (Francis); 1988, Onil Hamel (Louis Bertrand); 2016, Roger Provost (Auguste Louis).

6 Thursday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time. St. Bruno [1101], Abbot, Founder of the Carthusians. Bl. Marie Rose Durocher [1849], Foundress.

Intentions: The beatification of Fr. Gabriel Deshayes. Our Brothers in studies.

Founder's Thought: My brothers, you seek a high regard for what you are and what you do? Are you really ready to forsake the promised rewards of heaven in order to feed on deceptive illusions and glory?

Rule of Life: *With faith and realism, the General Council studies questions concerning the Congregation, especially those dealing with its personnel and its works. (Constitutions, # 146a)*

Departed Brother: 1993, André Fontaine (Émery Marie).

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1 Saturday. St. Theresa of the Child Jesus [1897], Virgin, Doctor.

Intention: Our brothers of the St. Theresa of the child Jesus Province (Uganda and South Sudan).

Founder's Thought: When you feel upset, look at your crucifix and at the thought of what Christ suffered for you, encourage yourself to suffer something for his love.

Rule of Life: *Regularly, the Brother finds time to study "the teaching of the faith and the good doctrine." This intellectual depth enables him to better proclaim Jesus Christ. (Directory, # 87b)*

Departed Brothers: 1979, Jean Drageon (Edmond Marie); 1997, Albert Le Compte (Paterne René); 2011, Rémi Brodeur (Rémi Gérard); 2004, Gabriel Loric (Victor Henri); 2017, Donald Lapointe (Jean Albert).

2 Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time. The Holy Guardian Angels.
1993 Arrival of our first brothers in Bolivia.

Intention: The protection of the holy angels on our students. Members of the community at San Borja, Bolivia.

Founder's Thought: My God, I want to love you with all the angels. I want to love you as you love yourself for you alone can love yourself as you deserve.

Rule of Life: *The Assistants' role consists in giv-*

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the validity of certain decisions of the Superior General and to help him in the government and animation of the Congregation by their fraternal collaboration, information and suggestions. (Constitutions, # 137)

Departed Brothers: 1971, Donat Lambert (Alfred Marie); 1977, François Mathieu (Honorat Joseph); 1984, Rufino Ruiz (Fernando Maria); 2001, Clément Bellamy (Clément Dominique); 2004, Eugenio Arenas Macho (Roberto); 2006, Gaston Dauphinais (Emilien Joseph); 2007, Abundio Poza Ramos (Antonio); 2008, Henri Dugast (Donatien Jules); 2016, Raúl Panozzo (Bernardo Raúl).

3 **Monday of the 27th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Theodora Guerin [1856], Religious, Foundress.**

1864 Benediction by Bishop de Cosquer of our first establishment in Haiti.

Intention: Members of the community at Zamora, Spain..

Founder's Thought: On God alone do we rely for the success of our undertaking. We know that he always uses what is weakest to confound the strongest.

Rule of Life: *The First Assistant, elected by a special vote of the General Chapter, is the immediate collaborator of the Superior General and fulfills the responsibilities assigned by the latter. (Constitutions, # 143)*

Departed Brothers: 1981, Francois Etcheverry

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(Gerardo Maria); 1984, Albert Eveno (André Bernard); 1986, François Gélébert (Anatole Joseph); 2018, Julien Lesieur (Jean d'Avila) and Richard Tremblay (Antonin Marie).

4 **Tuesday. St. Francis of Assisi [1226], Religious, Founder. Bl. Francis Xavier See-los [1867], Redemptorist Priest.**

1848 Fr. de la Mennais asks his holiness, Pius IX, for the first promulgation of our Institute.

Intention: Members of the St. Francis of Assisi community at Papeete, Tahiti.

Founder's Thought: Humility is the mother of obedience. Mother and daughter are inseparable; thus, if obedience is to subsist among us, we must be humble.

Rule of Life: *All the Brothers, regardless of their age or health, share the common mission of the Congregation through their prayer, their work, their sufferings and the holiness of their lives. (Constitutions, # 48c)*

Departed Brother: 1978, François Kerneur (Elphège Lucien).

5 **Wednesday of the 27th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Mary Faustina Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament [1938], Virgin, Religious.**

Triduum in honor of St. Joseph for Church vocations.

Intentions: That the vitality of the Congregation is given a new

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Rule of Life: *The General Conference is a consultative assembly designed to maintain close ties among the different parts of the Congregation and to strengthen its unity. (Congregation, # 162)*

Departed Brothers: 1988, David Guindon (Bernard); 1996, Lucien Laillet (Claude [Claudius]); 1999, Donat La Pierre; 2014, Hervé La Coz (Hervé Jean).

12 Wednesday of the 28th Week of Ordinary Time. Nuestra Señora del Pilar.

1978 Celebration at Bilbao of the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the brothers in Spain.

Intention: Our brothers of the Nuestra Señora del Pilar Province (Spain).

Founder's Thought: God! Eternity! At times it seems that I grasp those two words, and the next moment it seems that I am unworthy even to pronounce them!

Rule of Life: *By his apostolic mission, the Brother actualizes the charism of the Founders, Jean Marie de la Mennais and Gabriel Deshayes, making himself available to serve the needs of the Church and of the world in the field of education. (Directory, # 1b)*

Departed Brothers: 1985, François Xavier Boul-erice (Michael) and René Le Roy (René Yves); 2006, Alain Louchouarn.

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7 Friday. Our Lady of the Rosary.

1899 Bishop Latieule, of Vannes, forms in the chapel of the motherhouse, the Tribunal that will initiate the process of Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God, Jean Marie Robert de la Mennais.

Intention: Members of the community at Isiro, Republic of the Congo.

Founder's Thought: God's works thrive in the shadows; it is during the night that heavenly dew falls.

Rule of Life: *The General Council sets general orientations and, in conformity to the Constitutions, makes the decisions needed to foster the proper functioning and unity of the Congregation. It pays special attention to questions of spirituality, recruitment, apostolate and government. (Constitutions, # 146b)*

Departed Brother: 1987, Léon Blanchet (Maxime Marie).

8 Saturday of the 27th Week in Ordinary Time.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Founder's Thought: Since our undertaking is good, we are certainly allowed to hope that it take root, grow and develop. In fact, we should make every effort for that purpose.

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Rule of Life: *The General Chapter is an assembly of ex-officio and elected members from the various parts of the Congregation. (Constitutions, # 157)*

Departed Brothers: 1988, Thomas Farrell (Thomas Stephen); 1990, Maurice Kervarec (Jude).

9 **Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time. St. John Leonardi [1609], Priest Founder of the Clerks Regular of the Mother of God. St. Denis, Bishop, and his companions [3rd C], Martyrs.**

Intention: Members of the St. Mary's community at Kisubi, Uganda.

Founder's Thought: We who pass so rapidly on earth can hardly wait to harvest what we have sown. God does not rush matters. His delays, which seem so long to us, are a proof even of his power.

Rule of Life: *The General Chapter is convened:*

- *ordinarily, every six years, by the Superior General*
- *extraordinarily when with his Council's consent, he deems it necessary*
- *exceptionally by the General Council, as stipulated in Article 142 (Constitutions, # 158)*

Departed Brothers: 1991, Hervé Quéré (Hervé Joseph); 2002, Yves Le Gall (Guillaume Marie).

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10 **Monday of the 28th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Francis Borgia [1572], Jesuit Priest, Confessor. St. Daniel Comboni, Bishop, Founder of the Comboni Missionary of the Heart of Jesus. Columbus Day.**

Intention: Members of the community at Zombo, Uganda.

Founder's Thought: Oh! How I wish that you would cut off now what will be snatched away from you in an instant and that you would begin to live eternal life.

Rule of Life: *Since the General Chapter concerns all the members of the Congregation, the Brothers, collaborating with superiors, use their initiative in its preparation which may include meetings, consultations, pools and postulations. The postulations may have more than one author, but must bear the signature of each co-author or sponsor. Guidelines for the preparation of postulations are provided by the Superior General and his Council. (Constitutions, # 161)*

Departed Brothers: 1975, Pierre Guérin (Arthur); 1983, Jean Didailler (Ange Gabriel).

11 **Tuesday of the 28th Week of Ordinary Time. St. John XXIII [1963], Pope. St. Maria Soledad [1887], Virgin, Founder of the Servants of Mary.**

Founder's Thought: Gentleness is the best method of obtaining what you want from your children. Too much scolding and punishment will turn them against you and only embitter them.

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1860 Four brothers, who left Ploërmel on September 3, 1859, arrive in Tahiti, the last mission opened by Fr. de la Mennais.

Day of the Universal Mission of the Church.

World Day for the rejection of misery.

Founder's Thought: Take the habit, by renewing your holy resolve, of referring all your deeds to God's glory. Unite them to those of Jesus Christ so that they may earn an infinite value from his merits.

Rule of Life: *With the Laity, the Community discerns the mission, shares and deepens the spirituality and sense of mission, and involves itself in the experiences of communion and collaboration, while respecting the requirements to the different lifestyles. (Directory, # 107c)*

Departed Brother: 1976, Félix Moreno (Evaristo); 1998, Adelinus Kinga.

18 Tuesday. St. Luke [84], Evangelist.
1983 Decree approving the revised text of our Constitutions.

Novena Prayer for the Beatification of Father Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Intention: Catechists in mission countries.

Founder's Thought: The more fully you give yourself to God, the happier you should be and shall be.

Rule of Life: *As members of a united family, the Brothers are attentive to the quality of their interac-*

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13 Thursday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time. St. Edward [1066], King, Confessor. Sts. Cirilo Bertran, Marciano José, Inocencio de la Inmaculada and Companions [1934], Martyrs.

Intention: Our Brothers in England.

Founder's Thought: Pay no attention to gossip reported to you, and do not take to task those who are alleged to have shared in it. God will reward this little sacrifice of yours.

Rule of Life: *Living with men whose company he has not chosen and whom he calls Brothers, the Brother witnesses to the new and universal Brotherhood instituted by Christ. This unity is a special sign of the Kingdom and a powerful source of energy in the realization of his mission. (Directory, # 6b)*

Departed Brothers: 2011, Gerard Majella Nsubuga; 2014, Henri Riviere (Guy Léon).

14 Friday of the 28th Week in Ordinary Time. St. Callixtus [223], Pope, Martyr.

Intention: Members of the community at Nyundo, Rwanda

Founder's Thought: If we feel depressed at our lack of virtue, it may be based on hidden pride, irritated at its inability to reach perfection in a short time and take delight in itself and admire itself.

Rule of Life: The community and apostolic aspect of the Brother's life gives the Brother a sure guide in

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his quest for God. It assures true freedom and authenticity in the choice of ministries. (**Directory, # 6c**)

Departed Brothers: 1995, René Boursier (Cléonice Joseph); 2008, Ildefonso Garcia Bácones (Aureliano).

15 Saturday. St. Theresa of Avila [1582], Carmelite, Virgin, Doctor.

1851 The brothers in Normandy are established at Tinchebray. Bishop Rousselet, bishop of Sées Names Father de la Mennais honorary canon of his cathedral.

Intention: Carmelites and contemplative religious. That our missionary spirit be rejuvenated.

Founder's Thought: My Brothers! Your glory, understand it well, is to make Christians of these children who without you would never be so; these children who can only become Christian if you teach them, not by word, but by your example, to be humble of heart.

Rule of Life: *In order to preserve the full impetus of his initial consecration, the Brother frequently renews the joyful offering of his entire being. He calls on the Holy Spirit to open his heart to the faith that makes him see the world, people and events as Christ sees them. (Directory, # 8b)*

Departed Brother: 2002, Octave Gosselin (Mathias)



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16 Twenty-ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time. St. Hedwig [1243], Widow. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque [1690], Visitation Sister, Virgin. St. Gerard Magella [1755], Redemptorist Brother. St. Marguerite d'Youville [1771], Foundress, Widow.

1790 First communion and confirmation of Fr. de la Mennais.

Intention: Members of the community at Montreal, Quebec.

Founder's Thought: What a splendid calling is ours! How glorious that we should be compelled, in some manner, to always do better than the day before!

Rule of Life: *Confronted with the many duties of his religious apostolate and distrustful of his own powers, the Brother puts all his confidence in God alone, "as if he saw the invisible." He accepts with serenity the mysterious and often bewildering development of a life of service animated by an active charity. (Directory, # 8c)*

Departed Brother: 1976, Félicien Cormier (Étienne Marie); 2018, Joseph Le Goff.

17 Monday of the 29th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Ignatius of Antioch [107], Bishop, Martyr.

1848 Fr. de la Mennais agrees to take charge of the establishments of the Brothers of Christian Instruction of the Midi.

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23 Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time. St. John of Capistrano [1456], Franciscan Priest. Bl. Arnold, FSC [1890], Religious. Bl. Marie Clotilde and her eleven Ursuline companions [1794], Religious, Martyrs.

Intention: Persons suffering from hunger.

Founder's Thought: Never forgive yourself for breaking the Rule on the pretext that others do. Always guide yourself by those in front of you, not those in back of you.

Rule of Life: *The Brothers unite their prayer to that of God's people which interceded for the salvation of the world for the hopes, the joys and the distress of mankind. (Directory, # 78b)*

Departed Brothers: 1994, Julien François Larmet (Joachim); 2016, Clemente Garcia Gonzalez.

24 Monday of the 30th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Anthony Mary Claret [1870], Bishop, Founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Intention: Members of the community at Babati, Tanzania.

Founder's Thought: Do not consider yourself a lay teacher, but a missionary assigned to establish God's reign in souls. Such, in fact, is your vocation, and it is by fostering holiness in others that you will be sanctifying yourself.

Rule of Life: *The Brothers' prayer assures them of strength and discernment "to be witnesses to Christ*

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tion. They are open to the younger Brothers and willingly help them, and show special concern for the aging, the sick and others who are burdened. (Directory, # 66b)

Departed Brothers: 1975, Maurice Belliot (Paul Antoine); 1989, Joachim Le Cheviller (Joachim Dominique); 1991, Julien Potier (Gabriel Henri); 2010, Germain Bigras (Philippe Henri) and André Poisson; 2014, Jean Marie Labri (Georges Aimé).

19 Wednesday of the 29th Week of Ordinary Time. The North American Martyrs. St. Peter Alcantara [1562], Franciscan Priest. Bl. Thomas of Biville [1257], Priest.

1985 Celebration in La Prairie of the opening of the centennial year of the arrival of the brothers in Canada.

Intention: Members of the motherhouse community at La Prairie, Quebec.

Founder's Thought: You can be sure that thoughts that discourage and trouble you and weaken your strength and diminish your zeal do not come from God and cannot lead to him.

Rule of Life: *Fraternal life in no way excludes friendship, an important factor in emotional balance and apostolic service. (Directory, # 66c)*

Departed Brothers: 1975, Pierre Rousselot (Anatolien Méven); 1995, Louis Dansereau (Gonsalès Joseph); 2011, Cyril Power (Joseph Mary).

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Thursday of the 29th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Paul of the Cross [1775], Founder of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ.

Founder's Thought: It is especially at the end of such a splendid and holy career that your joy in the Lord will overflow. You will go to him full of confidence as servants fearlessly coming into the presence of their master after generous work after long and difficult battles, endured for his interest and glory.

Rule of Life: *By their assiduous prayer, their serenity, their readiness to serve, the Brothers often contribute effectively to the harmonious unity of the community, and manifest their faithfulness to the God who received the first fruits of their consecration. (Directory, # 67b)*

Departed Brothers: 1987, JEAN RANNOU (ÉLISÉE), *Superior General from 1952 to 1970, 1986, Henry Roberts (Benedict Joseph); 1999, Denis Beaupré; 2004, Jules Champalaune (Emmanuel Constant); 2015, Gabriel Gélinas.*

21

Friday of the 29th Week of Ordinary Time.

1821 Death of Mademoiselle Marie Anne Cartel, foundress of the House of Providence in St. Brieuc.

Intention: Our sick and infirm Brothers..

Founder's Thought: God will give us, hour by hour, the strength we need to bear our burden. What do

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Rule of Life: *Jesus taught his disciples the greatest of prayers and urged them to pray relentlessly with the assurance of being heard when, in faith, they sought the Kingdom of God and its justice. (Directory, # 75b)*

Departed Brothers: 2021, ALBERT TREMBLAY (Léonard Albert), Superior General from 1970 to 1982, 1972, Henri Gailloux (Sylvestre).

22

Saturday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time. St. John Paul II [2005], Pope.

Intention: Members of the St. John Paul II District (Rwanda and the Republic of the Congo)

Founder's Thought: Today, cling more than ever to your holy Rule; to do otherwise would be leaving the path along which God wants me to lead you.

Rule of Life: *United in response to the Spirit's call and working together in the Father's vineyard, the Brothers share the same ideal. Their community participation in prayer and liturgical worship, the mutual support which they bring to their spiritual lives are the bonds of brotherhood that unite them with Christ "present among them." (Directory, # 77)*

Departed Brothers: 1984, Louis Truffaut (Raphaël René); 1988, Jean Caugant (Pierre d'Alcantara); 1995, Aristide Noël (Marie François); 1998, Roméo Laroche (Évariste) 2008, Loïc LeFeuvre.



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Such texts can provide excellent subject matter for community meetings. (Directory, # 87c)

Departed Brothers: 1986, Joseph Le Béon (Jean Léon); 2003, Louis Bordier (Rogatien Louis); 2018, Vincent Kirangwa (Vincent Anthony).

30 **Thirty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time. St. Alphonsus Rodriguez [1617], Jesuit Brother.**

Founder's Thought: If, under the Old Covenant, prayer was so powerful, how much more potent must it be under the New Covenant, since Jesus Christ has consecrated it in a special way, since our voices are now one with his!

Rule of Life: *To avoid becoming too engrossed in his many tasks, the Brother reserves certain times for prayer, which he needs to stay united with Christ in his daily occupations. (Directory, # 94b)*

Departed Brothers: 1974, Louis Le Gal (Vincente Maria); 1990, Joseph Soulard (Benoît Lâbre).

31 **Monday of the 31st Week of Ordinary Time.**

Intention: Members of the Etchemin community at St. Romuald, Quebec.

Founder's Thought: It is in union with God, source of all light, of all wisdom and of all life, that we will find our consolation, our joy and our strength.

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in all things in the midst of human society" and thus recapitulate all the effort as religious working to educate youth who are the future and hope of the world. (Directory, # 78c)

Departed Brothers: 1992, Paul Gaudreau (Sylvère Paul); 2002, Gregorio Cabria Fernández (Virgilio); 2010, Jean Marc Bedard (Marc Henri); 2014, Alphonse Cobigo (Félicissime Joseph).

25 **Tuesday of the 30th Week in Ordinary Time. St. Richard Gwyn [1584], Educator, Martyr.**

1983 Arrival of our first brothers

in Chile.

Intention: Our Brothers in Chile.

Founder's Thought: Be on guard against gloomy thoughts that occasionally torment you and could cause you to waver; they are very dangerous temptations.

Rule of Life: *The Eucharistic worship unites the Brothers in the sacrifice of Christ. At Mass, the Brothers renew their consecration which unites them with the supreme and ongoing sacrifice of the Redeemer. (Directory, # 84b)*

BIRTHDAY: BRO. DANIEL CARON (1943)

Departed Brothers: 1989, Gérard Rivard (Stanislaus Alphonse); 1998, Raymond Boisvert (Gérard Marie); 2004, Joseph Loxq (Joseph Félix).

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Wednesday of the 30th Week of Ordinary Time.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Founder's Thought: On entering the heart, truth first upsets it. Only when truth rules in the depths of a soul does God's peace come to live with it.

Rule of Life: *When the community finds it impossible to participate in the Mass, the Brothers are urged to join in the liturgy of the Word and in sacramental communion. (Directory, # 84c)*

Departed Brothers: 1995, Guy Parrot (Omer); 1996, Emmanuel Moal (Dizier); 2017, Wenceslao Molina.

27

Thursday of the 30th Week of Ordinary Time.

Founder's Thought: Trusting in mercy is reason enough to obtain mercy.

Rule of Life: The Brothers visit the Blessed Sacrament to express their love and gratitude, and to render to their Lord due homage and adoration. (Directory, # 84d)

Departed Brother: 1964, Denis Le May (Dacien).



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Friday. Sts. Simon and Jude, [1st C] Apostles.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Gabriel Deshayes. The bishops in whose dioceses we are established.

Founder's Thought: Do all in your power to foster perfect union and charity in your midst. (Father Deshayes)

Rule of Life: *This prayer (the Divine Office), made in the name of all for the benefit of all, is a "source of piety and nourishment for personal prayer" and thus an exceptionally fitting encounter with God. (Directory, # 85b)*

Departed Brothers: 1956, Adérit Joseph Murray; 2010, Léo Martin (Hervé Georges).

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Saturday of the 30th Week of Ordinary Time. St. Michael Rua [1910], Salesian Priest

1897 Reverend Brother Abel Gaudichon is elected Superior General.

1931 Opening of Sant'Ivo in Rome.

Intention: The members of the community at St. Ivo, Rome, Italy.

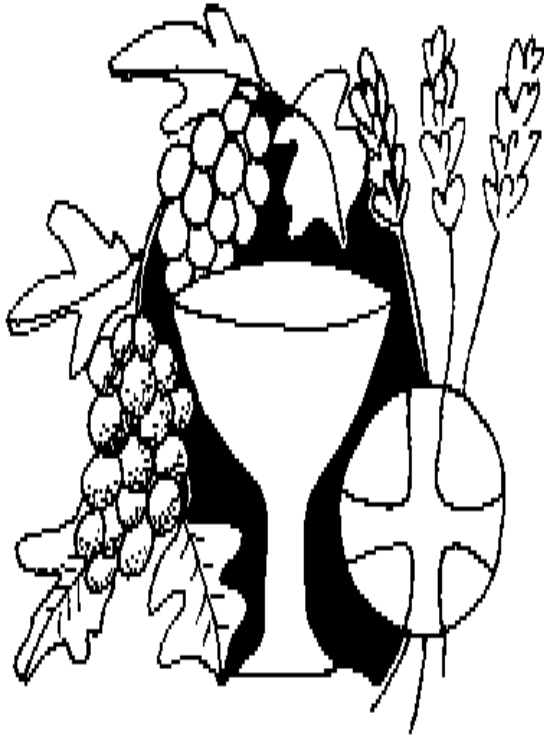
Founder's Thought: To will what God wills is a sublime motto, which should not be on your lips only, but within your hearts.

Rule of Life: *To foster community awareness of the major documents of the Church and of the Congregation, it is desirable that they be read in community.*

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Rule of Life: In actual life, the competing demands of his dual calling present difficult choices, particularly on tiresome and stressful days when prayer may become less appealing. It is then especially that the Brother remembers that God never fails those who seek him. (**Directory, # 94c**)

Departed Brothers: **1996**, Clément Couët; **2000**, Walter Dessureault (Maurice); **2012**, Réal Duval (Alexandre Eugène); **2020**, Camille Léger (Camille Guillaume).



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Intention:

For children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



**Consecrated to the Souls
In Purgatory
Apostleship of Prayer**

December

Intention:

That volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international co-operation.



**Consecrated to the Immaculate
Conception of the virgin, Mary
Apostleship of Prayer**

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Thirty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time.

*Intentions: The beatification of Fr. Gabriel Deshayes.
The members of the community at Duluti, Tanzania.*

Founder's Thought: How many guardians we have at God's throne! How many saints intercede for us! May we add to their numbers one day!

Rule of Life: *Since the temporary possession of worldly goods comes from God, the Brother, in submission to his superiors and in cooperation with his confreres, learns how to use material goods without attaching himself to them. (Directory, # 43b)*

Departed Brothers: 1951, GUSTAVE MARIE HÉ-MERY, **Superior General from 1946 to 1951**; 1924, Ange Gabriel Godard, **Assistant from 1918 to 1921**; 1953, Natalis Joseph Savatte, **Assistant from 1927 to 1946**; 1985, José Martinez Fernandez (Benigno José).

7

Monday of the 32nd Week of Ordinary Time. St. Ernest [1148], Martyr.

Founder's Thought: I can become a saint only in as much as I imitate Jesus Christ and faithfully put into practice the truths he has taught me and the virtues he showed by his example.

Rule of Life: *The community of goods is an essential element of religious poverty. It allows Brothers who are aware of their close ties to all the members of the Congregation, to provide for their sick and elderly confreres, for the upkeep of the houses of formation and for confreres, and for special help given to communities, Provinces and Districts which may be in need of it. (Directory, # 46b)*

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Tuesday. Feast of All Saints.

1950 Solemn definition of the dogma of the Assumption of Mary.

Founder's Thought: A bad night is soon over. And when we think that the first rays of dawn will illuminate the sky, that after a short restless sleep we shall awaken to find ourselves in heaven where all is peace, safety, light, love endless, undiluted, we wonder how we can be so sensitive to temporal troubles!

Rule of Life: *Accepting these inevitable tensions, the Brother insures his fidelity through an ever closer union with Christ, the source of his being and the goal of his existence. (Directory, # 94d)*

Departed Brothers: 2007, Ramón Gomez Junquero (Alberto), Assistant from 1982 to 1988; 1974, Jean Rondeau (Raymond Louis); 1982, Yves Pichon (Nicandre); 1993, Yves St. Onge (Yves René); 1996, Réal. Dupont (Réal Jean).

2

Wednesday. All Souls Day – Commemoration of our Faithful Departed. Election Day.

Triduum in honor of St. Joseph for Church vocations.

Intentions: That the vitality of the Congregation is given a new vitality to the mission of the Congregation. Our departed Brothers, parents, relatives, benefactors and former students.

Founder's Thought: Be prepared, and far from being depressed at the thought of death, rejoice with the prophet to see the end of your wretchedness approaching, the moment when you will enter the

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Rule of Life: *In their daily community prayers, the Brothers commend to the Lord their departed confreres, relatives and benefactors. They faithfully perform the prayers prescribed for the deceased. (Constitutions, # 41)*

Departed Brothers: 1980, Léon Paul Paquette (Ferdinand Léon); 1988, Marcel Sauv   (B  nigne); 2007, Paul   mile Lalanne (S  bastien Eug  ne); 2009, Jean Marie LeM  tayer (Beno  t Eug  ne).

3 Thursday of the 31st Week of Ordinary Time. St. Martin de Porres [1639], Dominican, Confessor.

1803 Father de la Mennais is named vicar of St. Malo.

1824 The novitiate is transferred from Josselin to Plo  rmel.

Intention: Members of the community at St. Malo, France.

Founder's Thought: Since you left, we have lost many brothers. Their death was as holy as their life. I am confident that they have left this world in order to receive their reward in the next.

Rule of Life: *Community living entails inevitable constraints which the Brother willingly accepts so that others may be happier. Thus, he tries to understand his confreres and dialogues with them, he accepts extra work when it presents itself, and he tries to be pleasant to all. (Directory, # 99a)*

Departed Brother: 1992, No  l Guay (  mery Joseph).

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4 Friday. St. Charles Borromeo [1584], Bishop.

Intention: Members of the community at An  ho, Togo.

Founder's Thought: Let us go to heaven where so many holy friends have preceded us and are waiting for us.

Rule of Life: *The community adopts a lifestyle of people of modest means for food and clothing, lodging and travel. By avoiding luxury and superficiality it chooses simplicity in everything. (Directory, # 99b)*

Departed Brothers: 1985, Julien Rob   (  milien Andr  ); 2006, Andr   C  libert (Laurant Joseph).

5 Saturday of the 31st Week of Ordinary Time. Sts. Zachary and Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist.

Intention: Young Mennaisian volunteers

Founder's Thought: May you all love our dear Lord more and more every day and become more and more faithful to the vocation you have received.

Rule of Life: *The Brother belongs to God in a new way, as a living parable of the love relationship between God and a regenerated mankind: "I will espouse you to me forever, ... I will espouse you in fidelity." (Directory, # 24b)*

Departed Brothers: 2001, Enrique Berganza Perea (Jaime); 2014, Jesus Rodriguez Morante; 2016, Raymond Lortie (L  onis).

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13

Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini [1917], Founder of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Virgin. St. Stanislaus Kostka [1568], Patron of Novices.

Intention: Members of our alumni associations.

Founder's Thought: My child, it is unto death, death on the cross, that Jesus Christ, our Lord, has worked for our salvation. Let us not forget it.

Rule of Life: *In this most intimate communion with the paschal mystery of Christ, the Brother acquires, like him, an eternal greatness. "Being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names." (Directory, # 61b)*

Departed Brother: 1977, Gabriel Loho (Aubin); 2006, Marshal Ndyomugenyi; 2011, Jean Jacques Campagna.

14

Monday of the 33rd Week of Ordinary Time. St. Laurence O'Toole [1180], Bishop.

Intention: Members of the community at Velin-gara, Senegal.

Founder's Thought: When the good Lord turns his back to us, he is, nonetheless, close to us. True, we do not see him, but he is by our side to defend and help us.

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Departed Brothers: 1961, Edward Mary Malpasse; 1994, Jacques Delgue (Anastasius Marie); 2008, Roland Couture (Henri François).

8

Tuesday of the 32nd Week of Ordinary Time. St. Ernest [1148], Martyr. St. John Gabriel Perboyre [1840], Priest, Missionary, Martyr.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Founder's Thought: For you perfection consists in carrying out with love, simplicity, and unalterable peace all that is in accordance with obedience.

Rule of Life: *The community of goods also allows some Brothers, with the Major Superior's permission, to devote themselves to worthwhile unsalaried work. (Directory, # 46c)*

Departed Brothers: 1959, Lawrence Mary Higgins; 1997, Jean Baptiste Caradec (Alexis Paul); 2003, Francisco Goikoetxea (Celestino).

9

Wednesday. Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran. St. Theodore [303], Soldier, Martyr. St. Elizabeth of the Trinity [1906], Discalced Carmelite, Virgin.

1820 Fr. de la Mennais is named vicar general of the "Grande Aumônerie" of France.

Intention: The Church and our Holy Father.

Founder's Thought: Let us ask God to fill our hearts with his love, leaving no place for selfishness.

Rule of Life: *To make their poverty real, the Broth-*

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ers avoid appropriating objects meant for community use. (**Directory, # 46d**)

Departed Brothers: 1972, Jules Côté (Gabriel); 2005, Noël Duval (Herman Joseph); 2006, John Keating (Valentine Aiden); 2016, Raymond Eugène Labbé (Yves Jean); 2019, Toussaint Chaussée (Bernard Gabriel).

10

Thursday. St. Leo the Great [461], Pope, Doctor.

Intention: Members of the community at Pandan, Philippines.

Founder's Thought: When God says he wants our sanctification, it is as if he were saying he wants to find the perfection of his Son in us.

Rule of Life: *The Brothers are kept informed of the financial situation of the community and of the province and thus share a sense of responsibility for their resources. (Directory, # 46e)*

Departed Brother: 1999, Donat Lapierre (Engelbert Marie).

11

Friday. St. Martin of Tours [397], Bishop. Veteran's Day.

Intention: World peace. Members of the community at Josselin, France.

Founder's Thought: My children, I call on you once more to strive more than you have done up to now, to become holy religious, completely dead to yourselves and to the world

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Rule of Life: *The Brothers help one another in the practice of personal and communal poverty and all, especially superiors, challenging whatever could, even unwittingly, offer a counter-witness in matters of poverty. (Directory, # 49c)*

Departed Brothers: 1989, Léon Dublanc (Florien Albert) and Eugène Le Doujet (Armand Marie); 2003, Louis St. Pierre; 2004, Michel Ernest Bourget (Michel Léon); 2012, René Quélard (Christophe Laurant); 2014, Mathurin Joseph Le Port (Joseph Stanislas).

12

Saturday. St. Josaphat [1623], Bishop, Martyr. St. René [5th C], Bishop.

Intention: The members of the community at La Vallée, Haiti.

Founder's Thought: Is it not insane to shut one's eyes and imagine that after willfully deceiving ourselves, we can also deceive God?

Rule of Life: *The Brothers' sharing is done mostly through the intermediary of the community and of the Congregation. Occasionally, the Brothers reflect together on what they can give and how they can share more generously, keeping in mind that their charitable deeds take on added meaning when they involve personal deprivation. (Directory, 52b)*

Departed Brothers: 1986, Lionel Gauvin (Gaston Adrien), **Assistant from 1958 to 1964**; 1982, Alonso Mediavilla (Alfonso Maria); 2003, Émile Le Borgne (André de Candie).

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Founder's Thought: Beware of giving into depression. Place your trust in Divine Providence who tests you occasionally, but always acts like a good mother

Rule of Life: *The Brothers fulfill their mission "as fellow workers with God" who is always active among men. "The apostolate is carried on through faith, hope and charity which the Holy Spirit diffuses in the hearts of all members of the Church." Accordingly, the Brothers lead an intensely spiritual life, which is the basis of sanctification for themselves and others. To succeed in their mission, they use human means, without forgetting that it is God who gives their work its fecundity. (Directory, # 104b)*

Departed Brother: 2008, Emile Geffroy (Louis de Gonzague)

19

Saturday of the 33rd Week of Ordinary Time. Bl. Raphael Kalinowski [1907], Teacher, Engineer, Dis-calced Carmelite Priest.

Intention: The Brothers and laity engaged in the Mennaisian educational missionary activity.

Founder's Thought: Be very fervent, very exact in the observance of the Rule, and very zealous in teaching the children entrusted to you.

Rule of Life: *The Brothers' work is essentially ec-clesial and therefore integrated into the comprehensive pastoral effort of the Church on behalf of God's people. (Directory, # 104c)*

Departed Brothers: 1974, Pierre Toutous (Zéphirin Louis); 1983, Joseph Thomas (Ambroise Joseph);

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Rule of Life: *Evangelical poverty is expressed by the pooling of resources for apostolic work. The spirit of detachment facilitates true dialogue and moves the Brother to share the benefits of his cultural achievements with others, especially the less fortunate. (Directory, # 109b)*

Departed Brothers: 1990, Jean Guiriec (Laurent Justinien); 1994, Louis Delabouère (Maximin Joseph); 2012, Andrés Perez Millan.

15

Tuesday of the 33rd Week of Ordinary Time. St. Albert the Great [1280], Dominican, Bishop, Doctor.

Intention: For a new missionary spirit to be born in the Congregation..

Founder's Thought: Be brave and patient. You will see that God will help you in a very special way, provided you place your trust in him.

Rule of Life: *The Superior remembers that "the subject and goal of all such institutions is and must always be the human person" and considers each member of his community in the totality of his being, not merely in terms of professional or apostolic tasks to be carried out. (Directory, # 59b)*

Departed Brothers: 1981, Joseph Jacob (Josaphat Marie); 1995, Jean Picard (Jean Stanislas); 1996, Auguste Uguen (Charles Jean); 2002, Frédéric Marteil (Frédéric Yves).



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16

Wednesday of the 33rd Week of Ordinary Time. St. Margaret [1093], Queen. St. Gertrude [1302], Abbess, Virgin.

Intention: Members of the Gabriel Deshayes community at Petion-ville, Haiti

Founder's Thought: My sons, be humble and simple like little children. Like them, be flexible and docile for it is the children that were blessed by the Lord and to them that his kingdom was promised.

Rule of Life: *In countries where Christians are in minority, the school can be an effective means of evangelization, the Brothers' central objective in such situations. Using the traditional religious culture as their starting point, they try to create in their schools an environment likely to elicit interest in the Christian faith. They instill in their non-Christian students a desire to know the person and message of Jesus Christ, the Church and its history. They offer to all students, through formal courses and other means, opportunities to become acquainted with the Christian religion. (Directory, # 135a)*

Departed Brothers 1993, Armand Noël (Alberic Marie); 2015, Marcel Vierron (Théophane Marcel).



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17

Thursday of the 33rd Week of Ordinary Time. St. Elizabeth of Hungary [1231], Widow.

1819 *After having completed the duties of capitular vicar at St. Brieuc for five years, Father de la Mennais becomes vicar general for Bishop de la Romagère.*

Intention: The Daughters of Providence

Founder's Thought: Do you not admit a secret desire, not only to be perfect but to know that you are and to see yourself spotless and without blemish in your own eyes?

Rule of Life: *Religious obedience, far from diminishing human dignity, leads the religious to maturity, enhancing his freedom as a child of God. (Directory, # 57b)*

Departed Brothers: 1978, Guillaume Carrière (Benoît Joseph); 2004, Valeriano Basconcillos; 2020, Jean Charron (Jean Thomas)

18

Friday of the 33rd Week of Ordinary Time. St. Rose Philippine Duchesne [1852], Virgin. Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul.

Beginning of the preparatory novena to the "Day of our Venerable Founder."

1840 *Brother Ambroise leaves for Martinique with the title of director general of the Antilles.*

Intention: The Brothers' communities throughout the world.

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Departed Brothers: 1982, Juan Goyenaga (Augustin); 1991, Dominique Iriart (Dominique Bertrand); 2014, Marcel Crete (Sylvestre Marie); 2018, Gustave Sérot (Charles Auguste).

25 Thursday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time. St. Catherine Labouré [1876], Religious, Virgin. Thanksgiving Day.

Intention: The sick who recommend themselves through the intercession of Father de la Mennais.

Founder's Thought: How beautiful our vocation is! How great our happiness that we should constantly be reminded by our Rule, our spiritual exercises and the example of our brothers to fulfill the duties of our holy state!

Rule of Life: *The Brother never ends his doctrinal and catechetical formation. He collaborates closely with other members of the Christian community involved in the same apostolate.* (Directory, # 116b)

26 Friday of the 34th Week in Ordinary Time. St. Conrad [976], Bishop. Bl. James Alberione [1971], Priest, Founder. St. John Berchmans [1621], Jesuit Scholastic, Patron of Juniors and Postulants.

FOUNDER'S DAY: *Offering of the Mass and of the day's work for the beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais.*

Intention: Brothers in Jean de la Mennais Province (Canada).

Founder's Thought: Religious obedience consists

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1989, Adélarde Quévillon (Camille de Lellis); 1998, Jean Claude Deschênes (Gabriel Bertrand); 2001, Pierre Lizeul (Gabriel René); 2013, Gilles Gauthier (Gérard Louis).

20 Sunday. Solemnity of Christ the King. (also: 34th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

Intention: Lay Mennaisians and all who seek to engage themselves in the Mennaisian family.

Founder's Thought: Times are difficult, but we are not discouraged. The good Lord looks on us working fervently for his glory.

Rule of Life: *The Congregation fulfills its apostolic mission primarily by the human and Christian education and instruction of youth, especially of the lowly and the poor. This specialization increases efficiency, prevents the dispersal of efforts and provides the Brothers with the benefit of an ever-growing experience.* (Directory, # 105b)

Departed Brothers: 1982, Napoléon Hamelin (Geoffroy); 1999, Denis Beaupré (Roger Claude).

21 Sunday. The Solemnity of our Lord, Jesus Christ the King. The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

World Day of the Poor. Invitation to renew our religious vows.

1820 *The first Daughters of Providence are invested at St. Brieuc.*

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1949 Arrival of the first two brothers in the Seychelles.

1983 Celebration at Biale Massé, Argentina, of the 50th anniversary of the brothers' arrival in South America

Intention: The youth in various Mennaisian groups in the Congregation.

Founder's Thought: God really favors you when he shows you your feelings and moves you to work to correct them.

Rule of Life: Just as Mary, through her obedience gave birth to the Son of God, so the Brother contributes to the birth and growth of Christ in the souls confided to him. In carrying out this noble assignment, the Brother generously cooperates with others in the pastoral mission of the Church to which he has been assigned by his superiors. (**Directory, # 58b**)

Departed Brothers: 1978, Joseph Lavrilloux (Didier Joseph); 1994, Germain Lafontaine (Grégoire Jean); 2005, Antoine Melanson; 2007, Roger Monfette, (Dominique Roger); 2017, Emmanuel Kyemwa (Anthony Joseph); 2019, Joachim Le Tohic (Berchmans Marie).

22

Monday. St. Cecilia [2nd or 3rdC], Virgin, Martyr.

Intention: The young in formation and their mentors.

Founder's Thought: The Congregation can live and to do good only inasmuch as you are edifying and

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23

Tuesday. St. Clement I [99], Pope, Martyr. St. Columban [415], Abbot. Bl. Miguel Augustin Pro [1927], Jesuit Priest, Martyr.

Intention: The vocation of Brothers and of the lay Mennaisian,

Founder's Thought: I love Divine Providence so dearly. I want to let her consume me. In life and death, I bless her.

Rule of Life: *Having centered his life on God's Kingdom, which even now is a reality of history, and yet engaged in temporal activities, the Brother gives priority to eternal values as he pursues his educational work. (Directory, # 110b)*

Departed Brothers: 1989, Albert Picard (Félix Albert); 2000, Omer Poulin (Candidien Marie) and Oscar Gagné (Isidore Jean).

24

Wednesday. St. Andrew Dung-Lac [1839] (Priest), and his companions,

Martyrs.

Intention: The Superior General, his Council and all major superiors..

Founder's Thought: Ask God for that missionary zeal which will prompt you to repeat Jesus Christ's beautiful words: "I have come to cast fire upon the earth." (Lk 12:49)

Rule of Life: *The Brother strives to make his message convincing to men of good will, to hearts that are straightforward and receptive. He does this main-*

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will of the superior.

Rule of Life: *The Brother sensitizes his students to the major problems of the world and to the great aspirations of his fellowmen for peace, justice, freedom and truth. (Directory, # 120)*

Departed Brothers: 1958, Cassien St. Georges; 1972, Maximiano Doce (José de la Cruz); 1982, Jean Baptiste Latxague (Claude).

27 Saturday of the 34th Week of Ordinary Time.

1837 *Five brothers leave Ploërmel to establish our mission in Guadeloupe.*

1972 *Transfer of the Generalate from Jersey to Rome.*

Intention: Our Brothers in the missions.

Founder's Thought: Be on your guard lest fervor weaken in your soul. Do your best to allow it to grow. Keep only one thing in mind: God and heaven!

Rule of Life: *Baptism makes every Christian share in his responsibility which stems from the very nature of the Church. The religious consecration, itself rooted in Baptism, gives it a special completeness and leads the Brother to participate more fully in his missionary calling. (Directory, # 123b)*

Departed Brothers: 1979, Philippe Langlois (Clément Marie); 1984, Élisée Tousignant (Jean Marie); 1987, Jean Etcheverry (Éphrem Joseph); 1999,

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Jules Bétrom (Laurentin Joseph).

28

First Sunday of Advent.

Intention: The beatification of Fr. Gabriel Deshayes. The community at Kirambo, Rwanda.

Founder's Thought: Love one another; live together in perfect unity; have but one heart and one soul.

Rule of Life: *The Brothers work with special zeal at forming youth in civic virtues of the highest order so that they will want to promote the common good of their people, using the social teachings of the Church as their guides. Yet, the Brothers refrain from political activity. (Directory, # 135)*

Departed Brothers: 1998, Jean Luc Hudon (Bernardin Jean); 1999, Pierre Émile Podeur (Léry Marie); 2001, Joseph Corniquel (Achille Eugène); 2009, François Marcel Le Pape; 2010, Léo Martin (Hervé Georges).

29

Monday of the 1st Week of Advent. St. Vincent Romano [1831], Priest.

Intention: Our brothers and students experiencing difficulties.

Founder's Thought: In your actions, I urge you to have only God in mind. Seek only his glory, not that which comes from men.

Rule of Life: *The Brothers offer more detailed instruction to those who want it and they carefully prepare for Baptism those who have received the gift of faith*

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faith. (Directory, # 136b)

Departed Brothers: 1979, Oswald Messier (Noël Jean); 1992, Félix Gauthier (Théodorit) and François Cardinal; 1994, François Le Juge (Laurentin); 1996, Euximio Garcia Gutierrez (Fermin); 2002, Émile Levaque (Aurèle Marie); 2005, René Colin (Théophane Pierre).

30

Tuesday. St. Andrew [60 A.D.], Apostle.

Intention: Members of the community at Nzega, Tanzania.

Founder's Thought: Like true brothers and closely united children, let us help one another to walk firmly along the way our heavenly Father is calling us. It leads to him.

Rule of Life: *The Brothers impart an especially solid religious formation to their Catholic students and try to prepare them to live their faith generously in the relative isolation of their society. (Directory, # 136c)*

Departed Brother: 1982, André Ménez; 1994, Adrien Piché (Théophane Henri).



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6

Tuesday of the 2nd Week of Advent. St. Nicholas [324], Bishop. St. Peter Pascal, Bishop, Martyr.

1767 Birth of Father Gabriel Deshayes at Beignon.

Intentions: The beatification of Fr. Gabriel Deshayes.

Founder's Thought: The best way to prove your attachment and please me is to give the satisfaction of knowing that you edify those with whom you work and that you live as a true religious. (Father Deshayes)

Rule of Life: *The Brother seeks life conditions conducive to wholesome psychological and emotional balance. He is not presumptuous of his strengths. He practices self-control and , through asceticism he gradually acquires the personal discipline which allows him to integrate his celibacy into the development of his personality. (Directory, # 37c)*

Departed Brothers: **1961**, Denis Antoine Gélinas, **Assistant from 1939 to 1946**; **1981**, Louis Fournier (Louis Olivier); **1987**, Adrien Pertuisel (Colomban Joseph); **2001**, Luis del Vigo Fernandez (Eusebio); **2003**, Paul Émile Bergeron (Augustin Félix); **2004**, Auguste Abjean (Protonne Marie); **2015**, Roger Henri. (Louis Charles); **2020**, Ernest Kerfourn.



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1

Thursday of the 1st Week of Advent. Sts. Edmund Campion and Alexander Briant [1581], Jesuits, Martyrs. Bl. Anuarite Nengapeta [1964], Sister of the Holy Family, Virgin, Martyr. Bl. Philip Rinaldi [1931], Salesian.

Intention: Members of the community at Bibwa, Republic of the Congo.

Founder's Thought: Some people are forever dreaming of changes and consider every one of them an improvement even though they discard one day what they embraced the day before.

Rule of Life: *Communities willingly open their homes to men considering a religious vocation. The community receives them with simplicity and trust to share the common life. (Directory, # 146b)*

BIRTHDAY: BRO. MARK COUTURE (1934)

Departed Brothers: **1972**, Gervasio Lopez (Fausto); **1991**; Philippe Poulin (Théodose Marie); **1995**, Conrad Therrien (Omer Louis); **2000**, Louis Berthelin (Césaire Marie); **2003**, Armand Bruched (Gabriel d'Addolorata); **2019**, Gerald Michaud (Robert Louis).

2

Friday of the 1st Week of Advent.

Intention: Men and women persecuted for their religious opinions.

Founder's Thought: For God to bless our work and be part of it somehow, we must first establish his rule within us and become ever more closely united with him.

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Rule of Life: *The Brothers, superiors especially, give to those who are studying the spiritual and community support which their fraternal charity, dedication and understanding suggest. (Directory, # 150b)*

Departed Brothers: 1999, Roger Quennesson. (Jean Stanislas); 2002, André Le Bail (Paschal); 2014, Albert Métayer (Cyprien Marie).

3 **Saturday. St. Francis Xavier [1552], Jesuit Priest, Apostle to the Indies and Japan; Patron of missionaries.**

Intention: The brothers in the St. Francis Xavier District. (Japan, the Philippines and Indonesia)

Founder's Thought: I know how delicate your position is and how much vigilance and precaution it requires, but I also see God's defending and sustaining arm stretched above you.

Rule of Life: *Whenever possible, the Student-Brothers participate in the life and apostolic mission of a community. (Directory, # 150c)*

Departed Brothers: 1984, Andrés Goicoechea (Victor Luis); 1996, Paul André Hébert (Dacien Marie); 1997, Valentin Aostri Ugarte (Florencio); 2020, Angel de Luis Teruelo.

4 **Second Sunday of Advent. St. John Damascene [749], Religious, Priest, Doctor.**

Intention: Members of the community at Nzega, Tanzania.

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Founder's Thought: I urge you to be punctual in rising at the appointed time. If this little sacrifice is beyond you, then what are you capable of?

Rule of Life: *Consecrated chastity, a decidedly positive virtue, "witnesses to a preferential love for the Lord." It reaches, transforms and imbues with a mysterious likeness to Christ man's being in its most hidden depths." (Directory, # 36b)*

Departed Brothers: 1989, Yves Glinec (Dominique Yves); 1998, Jesús Eguiluz Robredo (Paulino); 2005, Roland Gaudette (Vincent Louis); 2015, Léon Quérel (Ange Victor).

5 **Monday of the 2nd Week of Advent.**

Founder's Thought: The real dangers are not those that we fear, but those we close our eyes to and defy.

Rule of Life: *An informed and serene acceptance of his sexuality and temperament helps the Brother in the gradual achievement of the mastery of his heart and of his mind without which self-control is impossible. (Directory, # 37b)*

Departed Brothers: 1986, François Berrou (Raphaël Joseph) and Albert Saint Michel (Maximin Marie); 1990, Georges Fortier (Ladislas Marie); 2000, Antonio Bilodeau (Gérard).



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vowed chastity has neither depressed nor frustrated, but has enriched and fulfilled. (**Directory, # 40c**)

Departed Brothers: 1975, Pierre Moreau (Pierre Gabriel); 1994, Georges Étienne Boucher (Célestin Émile); 2019, Marcel Denicourt (David Thomas).

12 Monday of the 3rd Week of Advent. Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

Intention: Members of the communities of the Americas.

Founder's Thought: A superior must always be calm and "not break a bruised reed or quench a smoldering wick" (Mt 12:20).

Rule of Life: *The Rule of Life* clearly traces the orientations of the Brother's spiritual life and precisely defines the aims of his religious life. It is the application of the Gospel to his own particular state and mission. (**Directory, # 190b**)

Departed Brothers: 1990, Guillaume Abiven (Alain Joseph); 1991, Louis Georges Gélinas (Louis Célestin); 2009, Michel Blin (Michel Augustin); 2010, Yves Le Borgne (Stanislas Kostka) and Lucien Ruel (Antoine Eugène).

13 Monday. St. Lucy [304], Virgin, Martyr.

Intention: Our sick and infirm brothers.

Founder's Thought: If we judge the future according to our fears, there is no doubt that our troubles are not at an end. Is it not better to en-

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7 Wednesday of the 2nd Week of Advent.

Triduum in honor of St. Joseph for Church Vocations
Intentions: That the vitality of the Congregation is given a new vitality to the mission of the Congregation. Members of the community at Bukyumi, Uganda.

Founder's Thought: Cast out every disquieting thought and renew within yourself the spirit of faith through meditation and prayer.

Rule of Life: *Bearing in mind that one cannot live without love and that self-absorption is unproductive, the Brother gladly offers to others the resources of his unfettered heart. (Directory, # 39b)*

Departed Brothers: 1982, René Laframboise (Roger); 1986, Robert Gagné (Isidore François); 1996, Luis Rodriguez Chaves (Alfonso); 1999, Alphonse Bourse (Armel); 2019, Daniel Bouche; 2020, Peter Lyimo.

8 Thursday. Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary.

Intention: Our brothers of the Immaculada Concepción Province (Argentina and Uruguay.) Our brothers of the Notre Dame Province (Patronal feast of the United States). The beatification of Fr. Jean Marie de la Mennais.

1942 His Holiness, Pius XII, consecrates the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Founder's Thought: My children, do you wish to escape the snares of the devil? Place yourselves under the protection of the holy Virgin, our Patroness and Mother.

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Rule of Life: *The Brother has a great love and veneration for the Virgin Mary. In the Scriptures, he meditates on her role in salvation history and in the liturgy, he relives with her the mysteries of her divine Son's life. (Directory, # 93a)*

Departed Brothers: **1993**, Vincent Séité (Méloir); **1994**, Louis Caradec (Xavier Louis); **1995**, François Bergeron (Stéphane Marie); **1999**, Jean Raguénès (Alphonse René); **2010**, David Vigeant (Albin Joseph).

9 **Friday of the 2nd Week of Advent. St. Juan Diego Cuahtlatatzin, Hermit.**

Founder's Thought: If only you would remind yourselves at every moment that God sees you, and that you must seek his glory in all your deeds, none of them would be unworthy of a religious.

Rule of Life: *The Brother's preferential love for the Lord confers a special quality to his love for his family and relatives and makes him more available for apostolic and professional activities. (Directory, # 39d)*

Departed Brothers: **1977**, Andrés Fernández (Jacinto); **1980**, François le Hénaff (Alain); **1987**, Guillermo Gutiérrez (Tarsicio).

10 **Saturday of the 2nd Week of Advent.**
1907 *The Sacred Congregation of Rites issues its "Nihil obstat" relative to the writings of Father de la Mennais.*

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1948 Proclamation of the Rights of Man by the United Nations.

Intention: Respect for human rights

Founder's Thought: If you keep striving to correct your faults and asking God for help in this holy war, I have no doubt that you will carry the day.

Rule of Life: *The Brothers help one another generously as all, superiors especially, bear in mind "that chastity has stronger safeguards in a community when true fraternal love thrives among its members". They know how to offer timely help to those experiencing special problems. (Directory, # 40b)*

Departed Brothers: **1973**, Ernest Beauchamp (Désiré Marie); **1987**, Gabriel Labelle (Edmond Joseph); **1999**, Émile Charest (Armand Paul); **2001**, Gilles Parent (Stanislas André); **2007**, Roland St. Pierre (Edgar); **2018**, Pierre David (Pierre Pascal); **2019**, Jacques Guay (André Louis) and Charles Auguste Lampron (Jean Charles).

11 **Third Sunday of Advent. St. Damasus I [384], Pope.**

Intention: Members, Brothers and Laity, of the Mennaisian Family.

Founder's Thought: Do you sincerely want to grow ever more perfect? Let your weaknesses humble you, not depress you. Do not think of mere change as remedy.

Rule of Life: *To the world which questions the possibility of perfect continence, a united community offers the convincing witness of a group of men whom*

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- *welcome certain forms of austerity, privations imposed by circumstances, or even destitution. (Directory, # 44a)*

Departed Brothers: 1980, Eugène Moro (Silas); 1987, Henri Croteau (Eugénus); 2006, Charles St. James (Edmond); 2009, Adrien Tardif (Odilon Joseph); 2012, Paul Fréneau (Emilien François).

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Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Novena Prayer for the Beatification of Father Jean Marie de la Mennais.

Founder's Thought: God has his own views which differ from ours. Let us do all that depends upon us and then let us remain at peace.

Rule of Life: *The Brother knows that there are many ways to extend his practice of personal poverty so as to become "poor in fact and in spirit:"*

- *eliminate the tendency to appropriate things and excessive concern for the future.*
- *willingly devote time and talents to the poor. (Directory, # 44b)*

Departed Brothers: 1969, Louis Ledroit (Gonzague Marie); 1991, Joseph Édouard Lacasse (Camille Marie); 1996, Yves Picard (Yves Marie); 2013, Jean Louis Laz (Louis Lucidas).



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joy the sweet sleep of faith, love and trust in Providence?

Rule of Life: *The Brother strives to grasp the meaning of the Rule and absorb its richness and spirit through diligent study and frequent meditation. (Directory, # 196c)*

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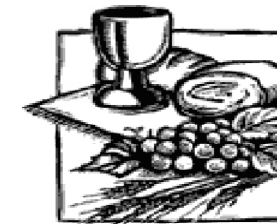
Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Advent. St. John of the Cross [1591], Carmelite Priest, Doctor.

Intention: Members of the community at Cape Haitien, Haiti.

Founder's Thought: Where, among us, can we find those religious who, like the saints, never prefer themselves to anyone, have no high opinion of themselves and accept to be reprimanded for their failings?

Rule of Life: *The Brother makes the Rule an integral part of his life because he knows that by being faithful to his Rule, he is following and serving Jesus Christ. (Directory, # 196d)*

Departed Brothers: 1977, Jean Louis Méhault (Flavien); 1980, François Jouquand (Chrysostome) 2011, Léodomir Barakagendana; 2013, Raymond Drouin (Edmond Gabriel); 2014, Gilles Jutras (Gilles Raymond); 2017, Jean LeJeune (Pascal Joseph).



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Thursday of the 3rd Week of Advent. St. Charles Steeb [1856], Convert, Priest, Founder of the Sisters of Mercy of Verona.

1914 Benediction of the novitiate at Nanclares by Bishop Melo, bishop of Vitoria. The Balnerio becomes the provincial house of Spain.

1966 His Holiness, Pope Paul VI, issues the decree attesting that Father de la Mennais practiced virtue to a heroic degree.

Intention: That the missionary spirit within the Congregation be rejuvenated.

Founder's Thought: If you are not completely detached from yourself, every word of contradiction will hurt your feelings.

Rule of Life: Personal discipline is an effective means of interior liberation. Daily punctual rising, real effort to pray, observance of the times of silence, self-discipline to promote physical and mental fitness, the lucid acceptance of one's shortcomings. (*Directory*, # 98a)

Departed Brother: 1979, Donat Legault (Laurent Auguste); 2008, Alexis Champalaune (Alexis Julien); 2010, Pierre Le Mat (Ephrem Eugène).

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Friday of the 3rd Week of Advent.

1847 Father de la Mennais suffers a cerebral hemorrhage as he begins to say Mass at Guingamp.

Intention: Members of the community at Théis, Senegal.

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Founder's Thought: We must continue our incessant war on pride. It would be unreasonable to give up doing good lest vanity result from the little we may achieve.

Rule of Life: Resistance to the constant attraction of comfort and selfishness, moderation or even abstinence from tobacco and alcohol, in brief, all that favors mastery of self, helps the Brother achieve that penance-conversion that the Lord asks of him. (*Directory*, # 98b)

Departed Brothers: 1989, Joaquin Elguézabal (Victoriano); 2014, Charles Pilon (Georges Arthur).

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Friday of the 3rd Week of Advent.

1819 Father Deshayes is named assistant to the Superior General of the Missionaries of Mary and of the Daughters of Wisdom.

Intention: Our Holy Father.

Founder's Thought: There is another very real sacrifice that we must renew daily, although it always tears us apart. I refer to the poverty of spirit given by our Lord as the first beatitude, and which is characteristic of religious life.

Rule of Life: The Brother knows that there are many ways to extend his practice of personal poverty so as to become "poor in fact and in spirit:"

- exclude not only the superfluous but occasionally what is useful or pleasant.

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obedience, and to associate himself more intimately to his work of salvation. (Constitutions, # 6)

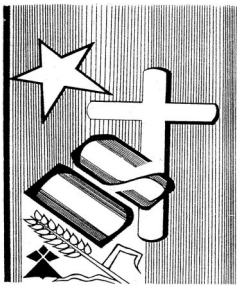
Departed Brother: 1986, François Alonder (Clément Joseph); 2011, Richard Ledoux (Raphaël Mary).

24 **Saturday of the 4th Week of Advent.**
Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord.
1847 Father de la Mennais receives in Ploërmel the first five English postulants sent by the future Cardinal Wiseman.

Founder's Thought: Often think of God while conversing with men. Stay recollected and pray in the secret of your soul, without constraint or painful effort. Strive for the simplicity of true love.

Rule of Life: *The Brothers participate in the work of evangelization and salvation accomplished by Christ by living their religious life generously and by dedicating themselves wholeheartedly to Christian education and instruction. (Directory, # 124)*

Departed Brothers: 1981, Jean Marie Kernec (Léonor); 1983, Dionisio Gutierrez (Ladislao); 1986, Henri Gauthier (Émeric); 1994, Antoine Corrigan (Michel Albert).



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19 **Monday of the 4th Week of Advent.**

Intention: Our chaplains and the pastors of our parishes.

Founder's Thought: Broaden your heart and avoid yielding to panic; it would only shrink your heart and keep it from enjoying God's favor.

Rule of Life: *The Brother hears the voice of God who calls him by name. Responding to the Lord's pressing invitation, he joins a religious family which attracts him. (Directory, # 19a)*

Departed Brothers: 1981, Pierre Le Poder (Lucien Joseph); 1988, Claude Mainguy (Paul Alfred); 2004, Louis Cherruau (Leandre); 2013, Gilles Gauthier (Gérard Louis).

20 **Tuesday of the 4th Week of Advent.**
The holy patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Founder's Thought: Try to have but one heart and one soul and be motivated by true charity.

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Departed Brothers: 2008, André Launay (Armél Clair); 2014, Melaine Poirier (Melaine Joseph); 2017, Herman Deshaies (Herman Alphonse).

21

Wednesday of the 4th Week of Advent. St. Peter Canisius [1597], Jesuit Priest, Doctor.

1801 Father de la Mennais is ordained subdeacon in Paris by Bishop de Pressigny.

1860 Father Lagrée, parish priest of Ploërmel, administers the last rites to Father de la Mennais.

Intention: The Catechists of our schools.

Founder's Thought: I prefer to suffer rather than become involved in the struggle to defend myself against unjust accusations.

Rule of Life: *Between the Brother's religious state and his educational mission there is profound unity and reciprocal influence. His religious consecration finds expression in apostolic action and gives it a specific character. The interaction permeates all aspects of the Brother's life. (Directory, # 108)*

Departed Brothers: 1981, Jean Le Gat (Vincent Marie); 1992, Georges Godbout (Fulgence); 2007, René Le Borgne (Corentin Jean).



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Thursday of the 4th Week of Advent.

Intention: Members of the Novitiate community at Dapaong, Togo.

Founder's Thought: Be humble. Have the simplicity of little children for they are the ones that our Lord blessed and to whom he promised his kingdom.

Rule of Life: *In his community, the Brother develops a spirit of understanding and collaboration which disposes him to cooperate within his educational and parish communities. In turn, the Brother's apostolate enhances the unity and dynamism of the fraternal community. (Directory, # 111)*

Departed Brothers: 1979, Honorius Brissette (Emmanuel), **Assistant from 1946 to 1958; 1987,** Joseph Bureau (Donatien Louis); 1999, Jean Charles Bertrand (Eugène Albert); 2009, Patrice Ayotte (Maudan Marie); 2011, Roland Barthe (Yves Albert).

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Friday of the 4th Week of Advent. St. John of Kanty [1473], Presbyter,

Intention: Members of the community at Buhungiro, Uganda.

Founder's Thought: God will bless your surrender and you will later congratulate yourself on having put all your trust in Divine Providence.

Rule of Life: *Already consecrated at Baptism, the Brother, captivated by Christ, commits himself to imitate Christ's earthly life of chastity, poverty and*

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proclaim the Good News to all creation ... Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you.” (Directory, # 104a)

Departed Brothers: 1992, Henri Villeneuve (Justinus); 2003, Benoît Croteau (Ignace Louis); 2017, Henry Kyewalyanga and Herman Deshayes (Herman Alphonse).

29 **Thursday. Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas. St. Thomas Becket [1170], Bishop, Martyr. The holy King David.**

Founder’s Thought: Whatever happens, however annoying, never get upset. Let us do our best, and remain at peace in God’s hands.

Rule of Life: *The spirit of poverty requires a modest living standard. Lavishness or prodigality would be a scandal to people who often have to worry about the cost of living or who experience insecurity. (Directory, # 172b)*

Departed Brothers: 1983, Marcel Pérais (Herblain); 1986, Jean Tillon (Léon Louis); 2016, Gilbert Ollivier (Pierre André).

30 **Friday. Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas.**

Founder’s Thought: Be genuinely humble and do not hide your failings from yourself. However, do not just admit them and be sorry. You must also renew your resolution daily not to fall again.

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25 **Sunday. Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Christmas Day.**

1818 Consecration in the chapel of Our Lady of Refuge in St. Brieuc of the three first Daughters of Providence: Mademoiselles Cartel, Conan, and Chaplain.

Founder’s Thought: I lie asleep on the bosom of Providence like a little child. On awakening, I shall sincerely say to my good Mother, “Here I am to carry out your will.”

Rule of Life: *Religious poverty has its source in the basic attitude of Jesus. “His state was divine, yet he did not cling to this equality with God, but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are. Renouncing all will to power, he accepted his dependence on God the Father. Similarly, in an analogous emptying, the Brother, in all humility, commits himself to follow Christ more closely in his poverty. (Directory, # 42)*

Departed Brothers: 11987, Jean Paul Grall (Jean Michel); 1996, Fernand Gauthier (Germain Eugène); 2015, Martin Manyangwa.

26 **Monday. Feast of the Holy Family. St. Stephen [34], First Martyr.**

1860 Death of Father JEAN MARIE DE LA MENNAIS, Founder and first Superior General of our Institute and of the Daughters of Providence of St. Brieuc.

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Intention: The Beatification of Father Jean Robert de la Menais.

Founder's Thought: Expectation of death should not sadden us. Rather we should say with the Prophet King, "I rejoiced when I was told, Let us go to the house of the Lord." In truth, we shall all be reunited in heaven and shall praise and thank the divine Jesus whose disciples and faithful servants we shall have been on earth.

Rule of Life: Holiness can flourish in all states of life. It is rooted in charity, which is the "supreme law" and "bond of perfection." As he strives towards it by the particularly effective means available, the Religious does not glory in his special status. Enriched by the support of all those around him, like the Apostle Paul, he boasts of nothing but his weakness. **(Directory, # 27)**

Departed Brothers: 1962, Alexis Guilbault; 1984, Donald Mestemaker (Donald Joseph); 1998, Aime Houle (Didace); 2001, Pierre Le Foulgoc (Clarence); 2012, Joseph Moisan (Auguste Joseph); 2015, Martin Manyangwa.

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Tuesday. St. John, Apostle, Evangelist.

Intention: Members of the community at Meru, Kenya.

Founder's Thought: Read the beloved disciple's divine Gospel over and over again with real faith and love.

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Rule of Life: Placed by his consecration at the very heart of the Church, the Brother nevertheless remains a member of the earthly city whose hopes and anxieties he shares. In cooperation with others, along with his community, he adapts to the needs of an evolving society, drawing from his resources "things old and new." Thus he participates in the ongoing dialogue between the Church and the world. **(Directory, # 32)**

Departed Brothers: 1994, Guillaume Barré (Guénolé Marie); 2004, Jean Sallaberry (Sixte); 2019, G. Acacio Herrero (José Ignacio).

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Wednesday. The Holy Innocents, Martyrs.

1841 Death of Father GABRIEL DESHAYES at Saint Laurent sur Sèvre.

He was co-founder of our Institute, founder of the Sisters of Saint Gildas, and Superior General of the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit.

Founder's Thought: Reverend and saintly friend, both of us have reached the end of our careers. Soon we shall have vanished from the company of these children, but from our graves, we shall be able to guide them. A little later they shall rejoin us. Let us give them rendezvous in heaven. (Father de la Menais to Father Deshayes)

Rule of Life: Their baptismal and their religious consecrations associate the Brothers closely with the redemptive mission of Christ as they work towards the realization of God's plan for the world by proclaiming the Gospel. "Go out to the whole world;

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Rule of Life: *The meaning of the Brothers' community life is to attempt the realization — always fragile in a world which is still vulnerable to the forces of evil — of the perfect community of the heavenly Jerusalem "where all are one."* (**Directory, # 30**)

Departed Brothers: 1971, Lionel Legendre (Victoric), **Assistant from 1958 to 1964, 1986**, Paul Lavanant (Martial); 1994, Jean Louis Stéphan (Savinien); 2002, Nicolás Mediavilla; 2014, Étienne Georgelin (Laurant Yves); 2018, José Luis Lopez Lopez (Benito).

31 **Saturday. Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas. St. Sylvester I [335], Pope. New Year's Eve.**

Day of gratitude for the favors we have received from God and of reparation for the offenses we have committed during the past year.

Recitation or singing of the "Miserere" and of the "Te Deum" in common.

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Intention: The Superior General and his Council.

Founder's Thought: Let us not be satisfied with just a few empty words of gratitude to God. Overwhelmed with God's kindness, we must be determined to serve him with ever greater fidelity and zeal.

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Friday of the 3rd Week of Lent.

Intention: Members of the community at Valladolid, Spain.

Founder's Thought: More and more, I hope we help each other to serve God more faithfully. May his divine Spirit embrace us and may our hearts be ablaze with charity.

Rule of Life: *Jesus Christ "comes into the life of married Christians through the sacrament of Matrimony," thus restoring the original dignity of marriage and making it a participation in the covenant of love which binds him and his Church. (Directory, # 35a)*

Deceased Brother : 1960, Irénée Marie Caron.

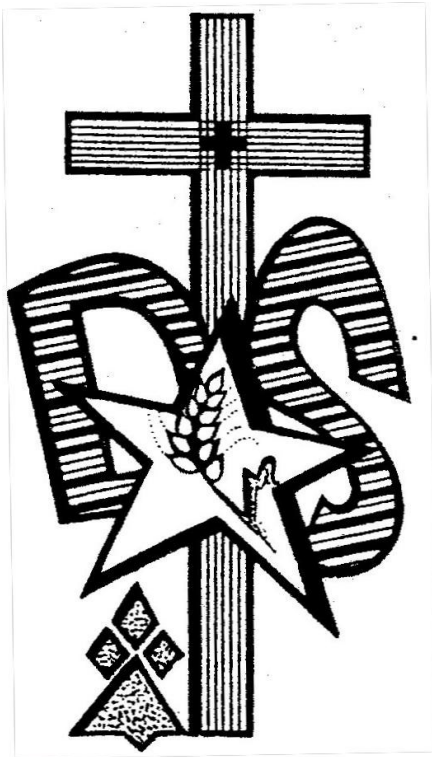
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Rule of Life: *Each fraternity strives to become an evangelical community, witnessing to the already present Kingdom, where charity breaks down barriers, reconciles all men, sons of the same Father and brothers of Jesus Christ, who calls them together in one body. (Constitutions, # 35)*

Departed Brothers: 1989, Albert Nouvel (Constantin); 1998, Raymond Maillard (Théodore Joseph); 2004, Jean Baptiste Huet (Auguste Roger); 2008, Henri Goupil (Hermias); 2011, Bitanako Simon (Raphael Mary); 2015, Santiago José Arberas Martinez (José Antonio).



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