

“HUMILITY IS THE DOOR TO FRATERNITY”



*“I have
given you
an example
so that you
may copy
what I have
done to you.”*

(Jn 13,15)

*“Humility is
the most
necessary of all
the virtues,
but it is also
the most difficult
to acquire
and to keep;
unfortunately
it is the rarest
in the very bosom
of religion
and among her
ministers.*

*It is the most
necessary,
since it is the
foundation of all
the other virtues.*

*Without it,
we cannot have
any trace of
resemblance
to Jesus Christ
whose birth,
life and death
were, so to say,
but one great act
of humility.”*

(S. VIII, 2509)

Thoughts from our Founder



2.- “Nothing is so humiliating for a man as to find it necessary to preach humility to him in order that he may be humble. Our reason must be indeed very weak since it cannot put into our heart the conviction of our nothingness.” (M. 12)

3.- “Be led by the hand of God, like little children who are very humble, docile, simple, who let themselves be carried, taken back, raised, laid down, who are flexible and ready for any kind of movement, and God will enlighten you, bless you.” (S. VII, 2232)

4.- “The saints understood this truth, and that is why they so carefully avoided making noise in the world, to attract attention. They always preferred, in as much as it depended on them, the obscure works to those that had lustre.” (S. VIII, 2458)

5.- “The Most Holy Virgin, speaking of herself, has said: He has looked upon his lowly handmaid and the Almighty has done great things for me. So if we want the Lord to work great things in us and by us, it is necessary that he sees at the bottom of our heart a true and sincere humility.” (S. VIII, 2508 bis)

6.- “Simplicity and abandonment are the things that please and charm me. We feel at ease from the first encounter with a man who speaks from the heart; we open up ours, and we feel as one. That is delightful.” (M. 8)

7.- “My Brothers, believe me; hide the good that you do; a hidden virtue becomes a genuine treasure; and vanity is like a domestic thief who makes away with all that he sets his eyes on.” (To the Brothers, S VII, 2331-32)

8.- “If humility is necessary to all Christians, how much more so to the religious? Could we doubt that? Even the world understands it, for nothing would shock or scandalize the world more than to find us vain, proud, attached to our own opinions, greedy for praises, haughty, jealous, or ambitious.” (S. VIII, 2509)

INTENTIONS

- + *Let's pray that we may be gentle and humble of heart as Jesus.*
- + *Let's pray that by our actions we seek only God's glory and not ours.*
- + *Let's pray that our Father Founder be soon declared blessed.*

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- 1.- *Teresa Nélica Saucedo, Villa Gbdor Gálvez, Argentina.*
- 2.- *José A. García Martínez, Bilbao, Spain.*
- 3.- *Natalia Cubillo, Madrid, Spain.*
- 4.- *Br. Miguel Ángel Merino, Madrid, Spain.*
- 5.- *Janet Vignoli, Montevideo, Uruguay.*
- 6.- *Clara García Roig, Buenos Aires, Argentina.*
- 7.- *Leticia Calcagno, Buenos Aires, Argentina.*
- 8.- *Julián Castro, Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza, Argentina.*
- 9.- *Fernando Nogales, San Borja, Bolivia.*
- 10.- *Br. Louis Le Guichet, Nantes, France.*
- 11.- *Patrick Lebeau, France.*
- 12.- *Jeannine Robert, sister of Br. Jean Malo, France.*
- 13.- *M^a del Valle García Pérez, niece of Br. Floren, Palencia, Spain.*
- 14.- *Pablo González García, Reinosa, Spain.*
- 15.- *M. Godin, at the request of Br. Albert Côté, Canada.*
- 16.- *Eric YAO, Pappete, Tahiti.*
- 17.- *Brandon CADOUSTEAU, Papeete, Tahiti.*
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- 20.- *John Melody, ex – Bro, Park Place, Hampshire, England.*
- 21.- *Scholastica Bonabaana, Fort – Portal, Uganda.*
- 22.- *Luisa Aresti, sister of Br. Pietro, Rome, Italy.*
- 23.- *Khalid Sid Imorou, Parakou, Benin.*
- 24.- *Christine Kola, Sister of the Providence, Sotouboa, Togo.*
- 25.- *M. Kazuo Hasegawa, Yokohama, Japan.*
- 26.- *Sangiorgi Serafino, Brother-in-law of Bro. Eugenio, Viterbo, Italy.*
- 27.- *Alice Martel, Sept-Îles, Québec, Canada.*
- 28.- *Patricia Vázquez, Montevideo, Uruguay.*
- 29.- *María Noel Pérez, Montevideo, Uruguay.*



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

O God, our Father!

You have given
John Mary de la Mennais
a generous heart
and untiring zeal
to make your Son Jesus Christ
known and loved
especially by the children
and youth.

As we venerate him
as the Founder
of two religious congregations
devoted to Christian education,
we pray to you
that he may soon
be recognised as Blessed.

Help us follow his example
at the service of truth,
and grant us through
his intercession,
the favours
we are now asking ...

(pause)

***Through Jesus-Christ
our Lord. Amen.***

9. - *"I recommend you
again the spirit of
religious simplicity that is
nothing else but the spirit
of faith; thus, simplicity
in your tastes, in your
language, in all your
relations with the world."*

(A III, 385)



***O Lord Jesus,
glorify your servant,
Venerable
John Mary
de la Mennais!***

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