

A Heart That Knew No Bounds: Recaps of the Summary Slides

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1. The Montagne Experience: a window into the man and his spirit.

What caused Marcellin to begin the Marist Brothers? Concern for evangelizing youth. The Founder's love for young people in need motivated him to act.

Reflection Questions

1. It has been said that Marcellin Champagnat probably saw himself in Jean-Baptiste Montagne and many of the young people in Lavalla.
 2. What made the difference in Marcellin's life? How did this realization affect his sense of urgency?
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2. St. Marcellin's Spirituality: Three elements fueled his passion for life and shaped his spirituality:

1. An awareness of God's presence,
2. An unwavering confidence in Mary and her protection,
3. The two virtues of simplicity and humility.

Reflection Questions

1. Marcellin's spirituality was rooted in a deep faith lived out in action.
 2. How do you live out your faith?
 3. What elements fuel your passion for life and shape your spirituality?
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3. The Memorare in the Snow: opens another window on the man and his spirituality.

What caused Marcellin to set out on his journey in the first place? Concern for a sick brother. The founder's great love for the early brothers was one of his most memorable qualities. He lived a "practical Christianity"- love always translated itself into concrete action.

Reflection Question

1. How do you live out a "practical Christianity"?

4. The Spiritual Testament of St. Marcellin Champagnat

Practice the presence of God – it is the soul of prayer, meditation, and all the virtues.

Let humility and simplicity be the characteristics that distinguish you from others.

Maintain always a spirit of poverty and detachment.

Have a filial and tender devotion to Mary.

Love and be faithful to your vocation, and persevere in it courageously.

I beg of you, dear Brothers, with all the affection of my soul, and by all the love you have for me, do all you can to ensure that charity is always maintained among you.

Let it be said of you as of the first Christians, See how they love one another.

Reflection Questions

1. Do any of these elements from Marcellin's Spiritual Testament describe your lived Christianity? Which ones?

2. At this point in your life, what would you write in your Spiritual Testament?

5. Saint Marcellin Champagnat: an ordinary man, who did extraordinary things, because he did the ordinary things with an extraordinary amount of love.

Reflection Question

1. What do you do that makes a difference in people's lives?

6. Saint Marcellin Champagnat: Priest of the Society of Mary.... Superior and Founder of the Little Brothers of Mary.... An example of "practical Christianity...." A man our Church calls a very modern-day saint.... An apostle to youth.

Marcellin Champagnat was all this for his time in history; he is no less for ours today.

Reflection Question

1. Marcellin Champagnat is "timeless" in some ways. What makes him as relevant today as he was in his own time?