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The Hermitage about 1830

The new *Marist Brothers' Rule of Life* includes four colourful drawings by Sérgio Ceron. The image on the front cover of this booklet is the logo for the *Rule of Life*. The other three images (p.4; p.20; Back Cover) are linked to each of the three Chapters in the *Rule of Life*. Each picture is appropriately labelled. We are grateful for permission to use these beautiful images.



OUR VOCATION: BEING BROTHER

SALVE REGINA and INVOCATIONS

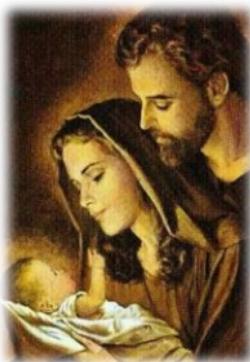
HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail, holy queen, mother of mercy; hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us. And after this our exile, show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

In 1830, a period of revolution broke out in France. Faced with hostility against the Church, many priests and seminarians decided not to wear any distinctive clothing or symbols in public. Father Champagnat decided on only one protective measure for the community at the Hermitage: from then on they would sing the Salve Regina at the start of morning prayer. Such was his confidence in the protection of Mary.

SALVE REGINA

Salve Regina, mater misericordiae;
vita, dulcedo et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus, exsules filii Hevae,
ad te suspiramus gementes et flentes
in hac lacrimarum valle.
Eia, ergo, advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos
ad nos converte;
et Jesum benedictum fructum ventris tui
nobis post hoc exsilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria. (11th Century)



HAIL BLESSED LADY (*Melody: Salve Regina*)

Hail Blessed Lady, mother most kind and merciful,
fountain of goodness, hope of life immortal.

We are but sinners, children of Eve still in exile.

To you we send our sighs, the trials that befall us
passing through this vale of sorrow.

Hear then our plea as our intercessor.

Turn then to us those loving eyes compassionate
to give us comfort.

Then holy maid, when our exile here on earth is ended,
lead us to Jesus Christ, your Son in glory.

O gentle, O loving, O gracious, O Virgin Mary.

In 1867, our Institute sent a group of Brothers on mission outside Europe for the first time. On this occasion, Brother Louis-Marie, our second Superior General, invited the whole Institute to pray a set of invocations daily to support the pioneers destined for far-away Cape Town.

INVOCATIONS

Sacred Heart of Jesus	<i>have mercy on us.</i>
Immaculate Heart of Mary	<i>pray for us.</i>
St Joseph	<i>pray for us.</i>
St Michael and all you holy angels	<i>pray for us.</i>
St Marcellin and all you Marist saints	<i>pray for us.</i>
.....	<i>pray for us.</i>
All you holy men and women saints of God	<i>intercede for us.</i>
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.	<i>Amen.</i>

MORNING PRAYER



1. Divine Heart of Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we offer you our prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for the coming of your kingdom. We pray especially for the monthly intentions of the Holy Father: Amen.
2. Gracious God, I know you have given me everything I really need. Help me to face the day's challenges with confidence that you will never leave me to struggle alone. Open my heart to your truth and guide me in your way so that I may serve you joyfully in everything I do. Amen.
3. Gracious Creator, the rising of the sun holds the promise of new beginnings Help me to surrender the cares of yesterday and increase my awareness of your goodness and mercy throughout this day. Help me to be welcoming to all whom I meet, especially those I find challenging. Amen
4. God of us all, we come before you to make a simple offering of our lives to you. In the events of this day, may we be attuned to receive your Word and respond generously as Mary did. May the gifts that you continue to give us be a source of new life and hope to all we meet. Amen.



5. We give you sincere thanks for the rest of the past night and for the gift of a new day, with its opportunities of pleasing you. Grant that we may so pass its hours in the perfect freedom of your service, that at evening, we may again give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

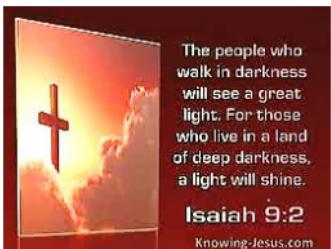
6. God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Help me to live one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that he will make all things right as I surrender to his will. Amen. (*Reinhold Niebuhr †1971*)

7. God, we offer you today, our prayers, works, joys and sufferings, whatever they may be. We offer them in particular for the monthly intentions of our Holy Father: Amen.



8. Dear God, during this day, grant us in all our duties, your help; in all our perplexities, your guidance; in all our dangers, your protection; and in all our sorrows, your peace. Amen. (*St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo 354-430*)

9. Dear Lord, three things I pray:
to see you more clearly,
to love you more dearly,
and to follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.
(St Richard of Chichester 1197-1253)



10. Lord, I trust in your unfailing love, in your promises. I give this day and all that it holds to you. May I walk in your goodness, knowing your gentle hand will guide me and keep me. Amen.

11. Lord, we ask you to direct and guide us through the day. Be on our lips that we may speak no evil word. Be in our eyes that we may see your image in all those we meet. Be with our hands that we may eagerly serve the needs of others. Be in our hearts that they may be warm with love for you and everyone we meet today. Amen.



12. Loving God, thank you for the dawn of another day. Guide me today, leading me so that I might respond to every person I meet with love and compassion, alert to your presence in every encounter. Amen.

FOR THE SPREAD OF THE GOOD NEWS

(Suggestion – To make use of all 31 prayers over time, choose them on the corresponding date of each month)

1st For the Spread of the Gospel in Africa

Mother Mary, your Son Jesus would still say today: *The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few.* We beg you, Our Lady of Africa, to send us workers to labour in the fields of your Son. May we, the Marist Brothers on this continent, continue to work diligently and thus bring in the harvest so desired by your Son. Amen.



2nd For a Spirit of Generosity in Families

Heavenly Father we ask you to preserve the unity of families in our times. Inspire parents to foster a spirit of generosity in their children. And from such homes may young people emerge who will commit themselves to service of their sisters and brothers in need. Amen.

3rd Living in the Way of the Mary



Lord, we thank you for giving us Mary as our Mother. As a young woman, she listened to your angel announcing a very special vocation for her life. Strong in faith and courageous in generosity she answered YES. May more young men and women of our time respond to your calls to spread the good news of Jesus Christ through lives of service to your people. Amen.

4th For the Wise Use of ICT

Lord, help us to use our phones wisely, and to help young people to do the same. Let us not give greater importance to our cell phones than to persons around us. Help us to avoid addiction to material that is trivial or potentially harmful. Amen.



5th Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you, Lord, for the tranquil night.

Thank you for the stars,
and thank you for the silence.

Thank you for the time you have given me.

Thank you for life, and thank you for grace.

Thank you for being there, Lord.

Thank you for listening to me,
and for taking me seriously.

Thank you for my Brothers, my family, and my friends.

Thank you, Lord. *Amen.*



*Give thanks
to the Lord for he is good.*

6th For Ministers of the Gospel

Loving and generous God, you have called us by name. Help us to continue making Jesus known and loved as we serve within your Church. Grant us a new generation of leaders to spread your kingdom to the ends of the earth. Amen.



7th For Safeguarding Children

Father God, look with favour on the children entrusted to us. Send your blessing that we may play our part in helping them to grow in faith, hope and love. We beg your pardon for the

times we have failed in this ministry. We pray for those who have been hurt and those who are still hurting. May your healing be a source of strength and comfort to them and their families. Amen.



8th For Brothers of the Future

Lord Jesus, we pray for men and women you are calling to live *Marcellin's dream* to bring your Good News to children and young people especially those most in need. In a special way, we lift up in prayer the young men you are calling to be Marist Brothers. As they listen to your call, may they be inspired to be daring in following you with passion and generosity. Amen.

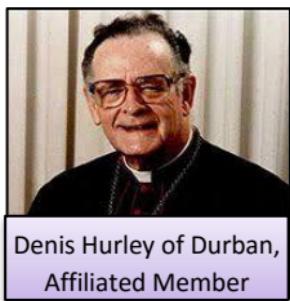
9th For Parents as Educators of their Children

Lord Jesus, you were raised by Mary and Joseph to grow in wisdom and in favour with God and his people. Bless all parents that they may form their children in the values of your gospel. May they nurture young people ready to commit themselves to life-long service of others, particularly in the Church. Amen.



10th Archbishop Hurley's Prayer for Vocations

Lord, we praise you for your servant, Marcellin, for the work so nobly done. And we pray you heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ your Son, that the workers be not wanting in the ages yet to come. Amen. (*Hymn composed by DH when Marcellin Champagnat was declared "Blessed" in 1955*)



Denis Hurley of Durban,
Affiliated Member

11th Franciscan Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me sow love,
where there is injury let me sow pardon,
where there is doubt let me sow faith,
where there is despair let me sow hope,
where there is darkness let me sow light,
where there is sadness let me sow joy.



O Divine Master, grant

that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

(*A 19th century prayer, often ascribed to St Francis of Assisi*)

12th For our Superiors and all our Collaborators

Mary, our Good Mother, "you have done everything for us." This foundation is your work. Bless now those who lead, animate, administer, or serve in other ways to foster Marist life and mission. May their efforts help to make Jesus known and loved, especially to young people, and the needy. Amen.



13th For Young People

*(The Leader begins each line – then others respond with
LORD, graciously hear us)*

For young people whose family life is hard. LORD ...
For those who feel betrayed by friends and peers. LORD...
For young people exploring relationships. LORD ...
For young people when temptation to excess is strong. LORD...
For young people who struggle at school. LORD...
For young people who cannot find employment. LORD...
For young people who lack confidence in their gifts. LORD ...
For those in need of someone to listen to their concerns. LORD ...
For young people searching for meaning in life. LORD ...
For young people who hope to change the world. LORD ...

14th Caring for the Frail and Elderly

Remember our parents, O Lord, and our Brothers, especially those to whom you have given the gift of a long life. Reward them now for the good they have done in the past; forgive them for their failings. Give patience and strength to those who care for them. Bring them, with all your children, to everlasting life with you. Amen.

**15th For Generosity**

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous,
teach me to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing that I do your will. Amen.

(A 20th c prayer, often attributed to St Ignatius of Loyola)

16th For the Spirit of St Joseph

Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus, and spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, help us to be “*just*” and obedient to the will of God. May your concern for Mary inspire men: ... to respect the dignity of women; ... to be faithful to their spouses; ... and to protect their families. Let your toil as a carpenter help us to appreciate the value of ordinary work. And may we too have the privilege of living and dying in the company of Jesus and his mother. Amen.



17th For Formators and Mentors of Young People

Lord, bless all those who are responsible for the formation of religious, priests, and other ministers of the gospel. May they learn how to listen to and encourage them. May their work of accompaniment be done with wisdom, patience and prayer. And may their houses become places of prayer, of study, and of sound community living. Amen.

18th Prayer for Brothers and Lay Marists

Lord, thank you for the charism of Saint Marcellin Champagnat shared today by Marist Brothers and laypersons throughout the world. Help us to keep alive Marcellin’s dream of bringing young people closer to Jesus and Mary. Guide us in the ministry of forming youth in the values of the gospel. Inspire us to find ways of taking care of the neediest among them. Amen.



19th Prayer for the Leaders of our Province

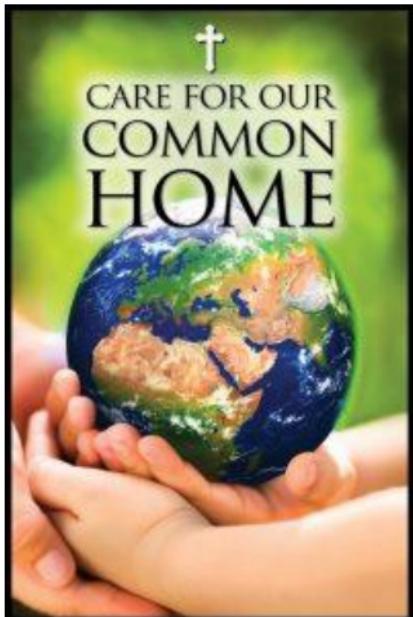
Loving Father, we pray for our Provincial and the Brothers who currently serve on the Council. Thank you for their willingness to work as a team for the benefit of Marist life and ministry in our Province. Give them the ability to discern with wisdom, as well as courage and perseverance to carry out their decisions. Amen.

**20th For our International Communities**

Lord, we ask you to bless our Lay Marists and Brothers who together seek to take the good news to needy young people, often in places far from their native lands. In discerning their ministry, may they be attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. We pray that their loving presence in foreign lands promote the brotherhood of all humankind. Amen.

21st Pope Francis' Prayer for "Our Common Home"

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and



in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Amen.

22nd For Leaders of our Country

Today, O God. we hold before you the rulers of our nation, and those appointed to lead on the local level. Put wise councillors around them. Deepen their sense of duty and concern for all our people so that decisions be made for the common good. Having seen your light, give them the courage to walk in that light. Amen.

23rd To Foster Marist Ethos in our Schools

God of hope, keep us true to our mission in the manner of Saint Marcellin. Help us to **love** all our students and to love them equally. Let your Spirit inspire us: to find ways to be **present** to our learners and their needs; to build relationships that are **simple** and genuine; to develop a **family spirit** within the school community; to foster the value of **hard work**; and to follow Jesus **in the way of Mary**. Amen.

24th For Deepening our Relationship with Jesus

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds, hide me.

Never let me be separated from you.

From the wicked enemy, defend me.

At the hour of death, call me;
and bid me come to you,
that with your saints I may praise you
forever and ever. Amen. (14th century)



25th For Volunteers and their Ministry

Lord, we thank you for inspiring young persons to offer their time and talents to serve the needs of others, sometimes far away from their own countries. We thank you especially for those involved in a Marist ministry. Bless them for their generosity, and may their personal experience of learning from the poor lead some of them to choose a life-long ministry to the needy.



Amen.

26th Keeping Our Children Safe from Harm

Lord, thank you for the gift of our children; they are our light and our joy. Give us wisdom to guide them, patience to teach them, and a desire to encourage them. As we seek to love them, may we never betray their trust, dampen their hope, or discourage their spirit. Let us create safe environments where we can freely minister to them, and may we be open to learn from these little ones. Amen.

27th For Users of the Internet and Social Media

Thank you, Lord, for the marvels of the internet and social media through which we can create, communicate, learn, and glorify you. We thank you for the ways you have blessed our world and made lives easier because of the Internet. In our weakness, however, we can abuse the tools of technology and use them improperly. Let us not idolize our gadgets or allow them to prevent us from relating to others in love. And finally guide us when we share our experience in these matters with our students. Amen.



28th Hebrew Prayer for Peace

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
and give you peace. (*Numbers 6: 24-26*)



29th A Prayer for the Holy Father

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to our Holy Father a spirit of courage and right judgement, a spirit of knowledge and love. By his example and teaching, may he encourage all followers of Jesus to grow in zeal for the spread of the gospel, and so promote unity among all peoples. Amen.

30th Champagnat's Prayer for Vocations

Lord of the harvest, raise up men and women who will tend and garner it. O Mary, our Mother, you are the superior and guardian of this Institute. You have gathered us under your banner to promote the glory of your Divine Son. If you do not come to our aid we shall fail and, like a lamp without oil, become extinguished. But if this work should perish, it is not our work that fails, but yours, for you have done everything for us. We therefore trust in your powerful protection and we shall trust in it always. Amen.

31st The Spirituality of Marist School Ministry

Help us, Lord, to keep the deeper meaning of our efforts in mind: to form good citizens and good Christians. Amid the daily routine of our work, move us to be present to the young people in our care by listening to and encouraging them. As part of our ministry, we intercede for them today, Lord, and also for their parents, guardians, and wider families. Amen.





OUR WAY: LIVING IN COMMUNITY

MARIAL PRAYERS

THE ANGELUS (Outside Paschal Time)

- V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
 R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. *Hail Mary*
- V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
 R. Be it done to me according to your word. *Hail Mary*
- V. And the Word was made flesh.
 R. And dwelt among us. *Hail Mary*
- V. Pray for us, holy Mother of God.
 R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



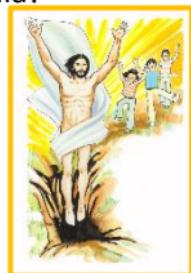
Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

REGINA CAELI (Within Paschal Time)

- V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia!
 R. For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia!
- V. Has risen as he promised, alleluia!
 R. Pray for us to God, alleluia!
- V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!
 R. For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia!

Let us pray.



Lord God, you brought joy to the world through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Grant that, through his Virgin Mother, we may come to the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

REGINA CAELI

- V. Regina Caeli, laetare, alleluia.
- R. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
- V. Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia.
- R. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.



ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Joyful Mysteries

1. The angel announces the birth of Jesus to Mary
2. Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth
3. The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem
4. Joseph and Mary present Jesus in the temple
5. Joseph and Mary find Jesus in the temple

Mysteries of Light (Pope John Paul II, 2002)

1. Jesus is baptised by John
2. Jesus reveals his glory at Cana
3. Jesus proclaims the kingdom of God and calls people to repent and believe
4. Jesus is transfigured before three disciples
5. Jesus institutes the Eucharist



Sorrowful Mysteries

1. Jesus' agony in the garden of Gethsemane
2. Jesus is scourged by Roman soldiers
3. Jesus is mocked and crowned with thorns
4. Jesus carries his cross to Calvary
5. Jesus is crucified and dies on the cross

Glorious Mysteries

1. Jesus rises from the dead
2. Jesus ascends into heaven
3. The Holy Spirit descends on the disciples
4. At the end of her life, Mary is taken up into heaven
5. Mary is glorified in heaven with all the saints

Mysteries of Hope (Br Charles Howard Sup. Gen. 1990)

1. The baptism of Jesus
2. Jesus promises to send the Paraclete
3. The gift of Mary
4. The women visit the tomb of Jesus
5. Jesus on the road to Emmaus

**WE FLY TO YOUR PATRONAGE (*Sub Tuum Praesidium*)**

We fly to your patronage, holy mother of God. Despise not our prayers in our necessities, but deliver us from every evil, O glorious and blessed Virgin. (*3rd century Coptic prayer*)

MEMORARE

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that never was it known in any age that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, therefore, I turn to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand sinful and sorrowful. Do not, O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise my prayers but graciously hear and grant them. Amen. (*16th century*)

In February 1823, on hearing that Brother Jean-Baptiste was seriously ill 20 km away, Marcellin set out with Br Stanislas across rough countryside to visit him. On their return, the two men were caught in a fierce snowstorm. Both were young and energetic, but hours of wandering lost on the slopes eventually led to Stanislas' utter exhaustion. Night set in; the possibility of death loomed large. Both men turned to Mary for help and prayed the *Memorare*. Within a short while, they spied lamplight, not too far away. A local farmer, Mr. Donnet, had left his house to check on his stable by going outside into the storm instead of using the convenient separating door within the house. For reasons that can be explained only by faith, this particular night he braved wind and snow with his lantern. For the rest of his days, Marcellin saw their deliverance as an act of Providence. (*Memorare in the Snow*)

EVENING PRAYER

Review of the Day

Be still and ask the Holy Spirit to be your guide.

*Let the experiences of the day come to mind
and allow them to touch your heart.*

*Thank the Lord for having helped you to do good,
and humbly ask pardon for any failings.*

Place tomorrow and its needs in the hands of God.

Suggested Prayers

1. Lord Jesus, thank you for your support this day. Forgive me for the times I resisted and turned away from your help. You promised to give rest to those who come to you with their burdens. Take the day's weariness from me so that I can relax and repose. May the gift of sleep restore me and prepare me to walk with you once again. Amen.

2. Lord, support us all the day long,
until the shadows lengthen,
and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then in your mercy,
grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest,
and peace at the last. Amen.

(*St John Henry Newman, 1801-1890*)



A REFLECTION ON MINISTRY



It helps us now and then to step back and take the long view.
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts:
it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying
that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that can be said.

No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection.

No programme accomplishes
the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives
includes everything.



This is what we are about.

We plant the seed that one day will grow.
We water seeds that are already planted,
knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations
that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces effects
beyond our capabilities.



We cannot do everything,
and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete but it is a beginning,
a step along the way,
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference between
the master builder and the worker.

We are workers not master builders,
ministers not messiahs.

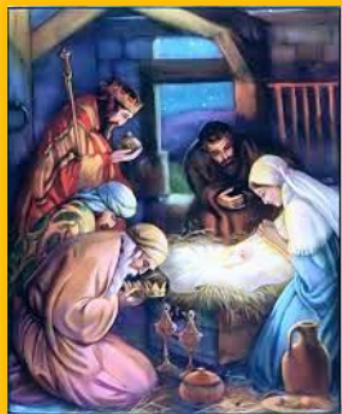
We are prophets of a future not our own.

*(Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw, Michigan, USA †2004,
mistakenly ascribed to St Oscar Romero †1980)*

**We are workers, not master
builders, ministers, not
messiahs. We are prophets of
a future not our own.**

NOVENA to ST MARCELLIN CHAMPAGNAT*(The Leader announces the HEADING. Then All respond)***1st Day (28 May): "MARCELLIN'S LOVE OF THE CRIB"**

All: Father God, out of love for us, you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary so that we may have life. Grant us a share in Marcellin's devotion to the newly-born Jesus. Amen.



Leader: Glory be to the Father ...

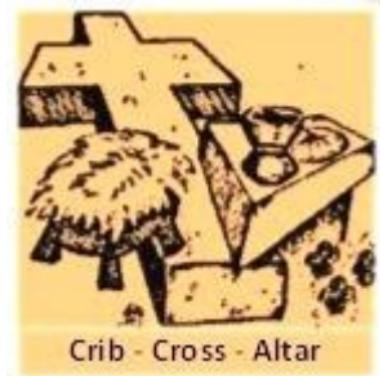
All: As it was ...

Leader: Mary, our Good Mother

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat

All: Pray for us.

2nd Day (29 May): "MARCELLIN AND THE CROSS"

All: Saint Marcellin, you often meditated on the sufferings of Jesus and invited the first Brothers to look to the cross for courage, fidelity and love. Pray for us, that we may be willing to take the Lord's yoke upon our shoulders. Amen.

Leader: Glory be to the Father ...

All: As it was ...

Leader: Mary, our Good Mother

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat

All: Pray for us.

3rd Day (30 May): “MARCELLIN AND THE ALTAR”

All: Lord, you drew Marcellin into intimacy by giving him a lively awareness of your presence in the Eucharist. Inspire in us the same reverence of your sacramental presence. And may we all recognise that all things created bear your trace. Amen.

Leader: Glory be to the Father ...

All: As it was ...

Leader: Mary, our Good Mother

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat

All: Pray for us.

4th Day (31 May): “MARCELLIN AND THE SICK”

All: Saint Marcellin, nothing would deter you from visiting the sick and the dying - not bad weather, nor long distances over steep mountain paths. May your example inspire those who care for the sick. Help us to appreciate the blessings that come from caring for those who need special attention. Amen.

Leader: Glory be to the Father ...

All: As it was ...

Leader: Mary, our Good Mother

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat

All: Pray for us.

5th Day (1 June): “MARCELLIN’S LOVE OF PRAYER”

All: Saint Marcellin, your constant awareness of the presence of God reminds us that unless the Lord builds the house we labour in vain. May we entrust whatever we do to the Lord and so build up the kingdom of God. Amen.



Leader: Glory be to the Father ... **All:** As it was ...

Leader: Mary, our Good Mother **All:** Pray for us.

Leader: St Marcellin Champagnat **All:** Pray for us.

6th Day (2 June): "MARCELLIN AND YOUNG PEOPLE"

All: Saint Marcellin, you could not see a child in La Valla without wishing to tell him how much Jesus loved him. Help us to be zealous in pursuing your dream of making Jesus known and loved particularly among poor children and young people. Amen.

Leader: Glory be to the Father ...

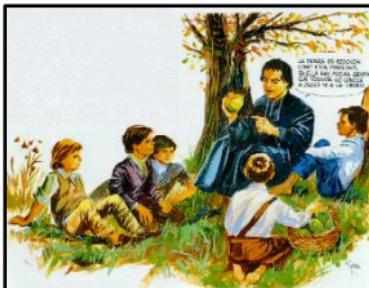
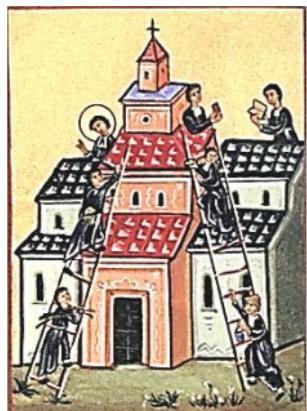
All: As it was ...

Leader: Mary, our Good Mother

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat

All: Pray for us.

**7th Day (3 June): "MARCELLIN'S LOVE OF WORK"**

All: Saint Marcellin, you gave yourself untiringly to forming the early Brothers and setting up their first houses. May your example inspire us to appreciate the value of all work and to use our talents to make the world a better place for all. Amen.

Leader: Glory be to the Father ...

All: As it was ...

Leader: Mary, our Good Mother

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat

All: Pray for us.

8th Day (4 June): "MARCELLIN AND MISSION"

All: Lord, by inspiring our founder, Father Champagnat, to declare that *all dioceses of the world figure in our plans*, you challenge us to go to unexplored areas where the poor await the Good News. In our times, inspire young men and women to minister to those forgotten by the world. Amen.



Leader: Glory be to the Father ...

All: As it was ...

Leader: Mary, our Good Mother

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat

All: Pray for us.

9th Day (5 June): "MARCELLIN'S LOVE OF MARY"

All: Saint Marcellin, you had a great love for the Virgin Mary, addressing her as Our First Superior, Ordinary Resource and, especially, *Our Good Mother*. Help us to lead others to Jesus in the way of Mary. Amen.

Leader: Glory be to the Father ...

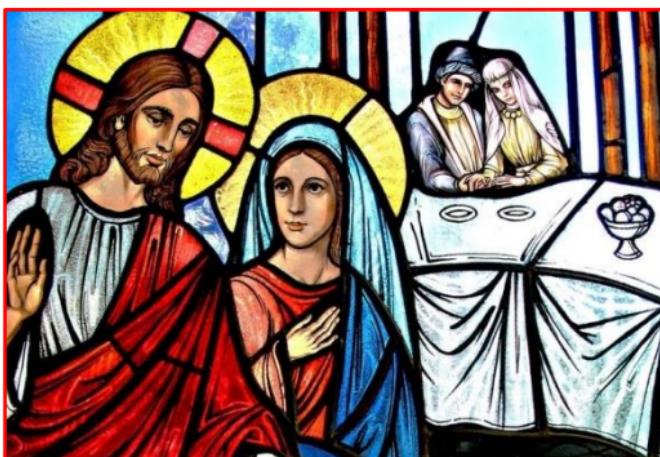
All: As it was ...

Leader: Mary, our Good Mother

All: Pray for us.

Leader: Saint Marcellin Champagnat

All: Pray for us.



MARIST HYMNS

Marist Family Song (*La Familia Marista*)

Refrain: Be loving as I've always loved you,
be gen'rous, open-hearted,
by working all together
in the family of Mary.

1. We promise to be faithful
to his vision and his way.
Champagnat is still living
in our hearts and hands today.
With courage never daunted
we'll continue what he founded.



2. Wherever there's a Brother
I'll be sure to find a home.
We celebrate companionship
by sharing bread and wine.
A sign of fam'ly spirit -
when we welcome one another.
3. We place our hope, like Marc'lin,
in the presence of the Lord.
By helping one another
on the way, we share the CROSS.
Our CRIB is being simple,
and our open hands an ALTAR.

With Mary Beside Me (*Avec Marie*)

Refrain: With Mary beside me all my life,
I follow in the steps of Champagnat.
With Mary beside me all my life,
I go to meet you, Jesus, my friend.

- 1.** You've won me over Lord,
in the stillness of my soul.
With all my heart I say:
"I love you, my Lord." (2x)

- 2.** Responding to the Lord
with a YES throughout your life,
O Mary, show me how
to say my YES today. (2x)

- 3.** O Father Champagnat,
we have confidence in you.
As pilgrims here below
we follow in your steps. (2x)



Mary Ordinary Resource (*Ressource Ordinaire*)

- 1.** Mary, Mother, our good Mother,
we would lift our eyes to you.
Our Resource, O Virgin Mary,
we would lift our eyes to you.

Refrain: Whether in darkness or in the sunshine,
directing all of our cries to you.
Whether in darkness or in the sunshine,
directing all of our cries to you.



- 2.** Mary, Mother, our good Mother
children hunger for God's love.
Our Resource, O Virgin Mary,
children hunger for God's love.

- 3.** Mary, Mother, our good Mother
give us Jesus, your own Son.
Our Resource, O Virgin Mary,
give us Jesus, your own Son.

TRADITIONAL PRAYERS

The Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name.
Your kingdom come:
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from all evil. Amen.

The Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.
Blessed are you amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Glory Be

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

ORAÇÕES TRADICIONAIS

O Sinal da Cruz

Em nome do Pai e do Filho e do Espírito Santo. Amen.

O Pai Noso

Pai Noso, que estais nos céus, santificado seja o vosso nome,
 venha a nós o vosso reino,
 seja feita a vossa vontade assim na terra como no céu.
 O pão nosso de cada dia nos dai hoje,
 perdoai-nos as nossas ofensas
 assim como nós perdoamos a quem nos tem ofendido, e
 não nos deixeis cair em tentação, mas livrai-nos do mal. Amen.

A Ave Maria

Ave Maria, cheia de graça, o Senhor é convosco,
 bendita sois vós entre as mulheres,
 e bendito é o fruto do vosso ventre, Jesus.

Santa Maria, mãe de Deus, rogai por nós pecadores,
 agora e na hora da nossa morte. Amen.

A Glória

Glória ao Pai, ao Filho e ao Espírito Santo,
 como era no princípio, agora e sempre. Amen.

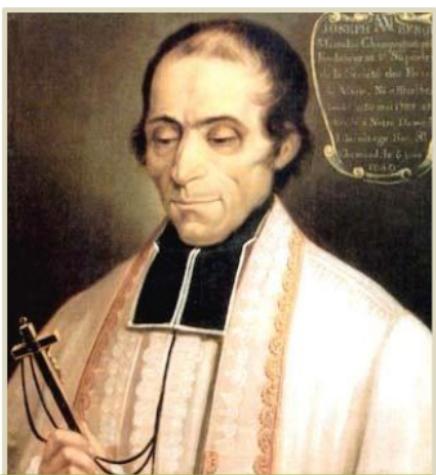
Salvé-Rainha

Salvé-Rainha, mãe de misericórdia,
 vida, doçura e esperança nossa, salvé.
 A vós bradamos, os degredados filhos de Eva;
 a vós suspiramos, gemendo e chorando
 neste vale de lágrimas.

Eia, pois, advogada nossa,
 esses vossos olhos misericordiosos a nós volvei.
 E depois deste desterro
 nos mostrai Jesus bendito fruto do vosso ventre.
 Ó clemente, ó piedosa, ó doce Virgem Maria.

SPIRITUAL TESTAMENT OF ST MARCELLIN (Selected Extracts)

"Spiritual Testament of Joseph Benedict Marcellin Champagnat, Priest, Superior and Founder of the Little Brothers of Mary.



**The only portrait of
Marcellin Champagnat,
completed shortly after
his death in 1840**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: Amen.

Here, in the presence of God, with the Blessed Virgin and Saint Joseph as witnesses, desirous of recording for all the Brothers of Mary, the last and dearest wishes of my heart, I summon all my strength to make my Spiritual Testament, in terms of what I believe most in accordance with the will of God.

In the first place, I humbly beseech all those whom I may have offended or discredited in any way, albeit I am not conscious of any wilful offence on my part towards anybody, graciously to grant me pardon, pressed by the boundless charity of Christ, and to add their prayers to mine, as king of God in his goodness to overlook the sins of my past life, and admit my soul to the embrace of his all-loving mercy.

Also, dear Brothers, I beg of you with all the love of my heart, and by all the love you bear me, keep ever alive among you

the charity of Christ. Love one another as Jesus Christ has loved you. Be of one heart and one mind. Have the world say of the Little Brothers of Mary, what they said of the first Christians: 'See how they love one another!'

That is the desire of my heart and my burning wish, at this last moment of my life. Yes, my dearest Brothers, hear these last words of your Father, which are those of our Blessed Saviour: 'Love one another!'



**An Agape meal:
Catacombs of St Priscilla**

There are difficulties in leading the life of a good religious, but grace sweetens all their bitterness. Jesus and Mary will come to your aid, and besides, life is soon over and eternity never ends. Oh, what consolation we have, when about to appear before God, to remember that we have lived in the favour of Mary, and in her own Society. May it please that Good Mother to preserve you, give you increase and bring you to holiness.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the imparting of the Holy Spirit be with you always. I leave you trustfully within the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, until we all meet again in eternal bliss.

This is my full and final will for the glory of Jesus and Mary.

Declared at Notre-Dame de l'Hermitage, the eighteenth of May, eighteen hundred and forty.

Joseph Benedict Marcellin CHAMPAGNAT, Priest of the Society of Mary and Superior of the Brothers"