

Day 1 - 15<sup>th</sup> April

Triduum in Preparation for the  
Anniversary of the Canonization of  
**St. Marcellin Champagnat**

18TH APRIL 1999



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### OPENING SONG

*(optional)*

Suggestions: songs of Taizé, or any appropriate song.

### INTRODUCTION

For any religious institution, to have a Saint among its members is a great occasion. To have a Saint is a gift which God gives to a religious family. And again, religious institutes have a moral duty to ask that their founder be put forward as a model for the whole Church. It is one way of helping many Christians along the road to their own sanctification.

*(Br. Gabriele Andreucci, the Postulator General at the time of the canonization).*

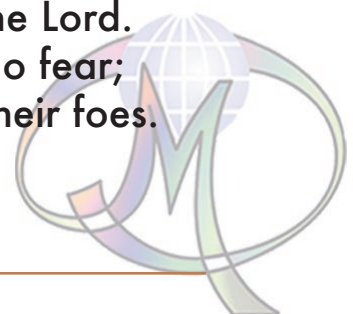
### PSALM 112:1-9

Blessed are those who fear the Lord,  
who find great delight in his commands.  
Their children will be mighty in the land;  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in their houses,  
and their righteousness endures forever.  
Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,  
for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,  
who conduct their affairs with justice.  
Surely the righteous will never be shaken;  
they will be remembered forever.

They will have no fear of bad news;  
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.  
Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;  
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.





They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor,  
their righteousness endures forever;  
their horn[c] will be lifted high in honor.

**READING: MATTHEW 5:14-16**

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

with an option to have a sharing afterwards.

**3 Hail Mary´s and 1 Glory be.**

**PRAYING WITH ST. MARCELLIN**

*(adapted from the prayers of St. Marcellin as found in his biography)*

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Ask him to grant me the graces I need: (pause)

I put all my confidence in you. I offer you; I give you; I consecrate to you, my person, my labours and all the actions of my life.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Saint Marcellin Champagnat,  
help us along the road of our own sanctification.

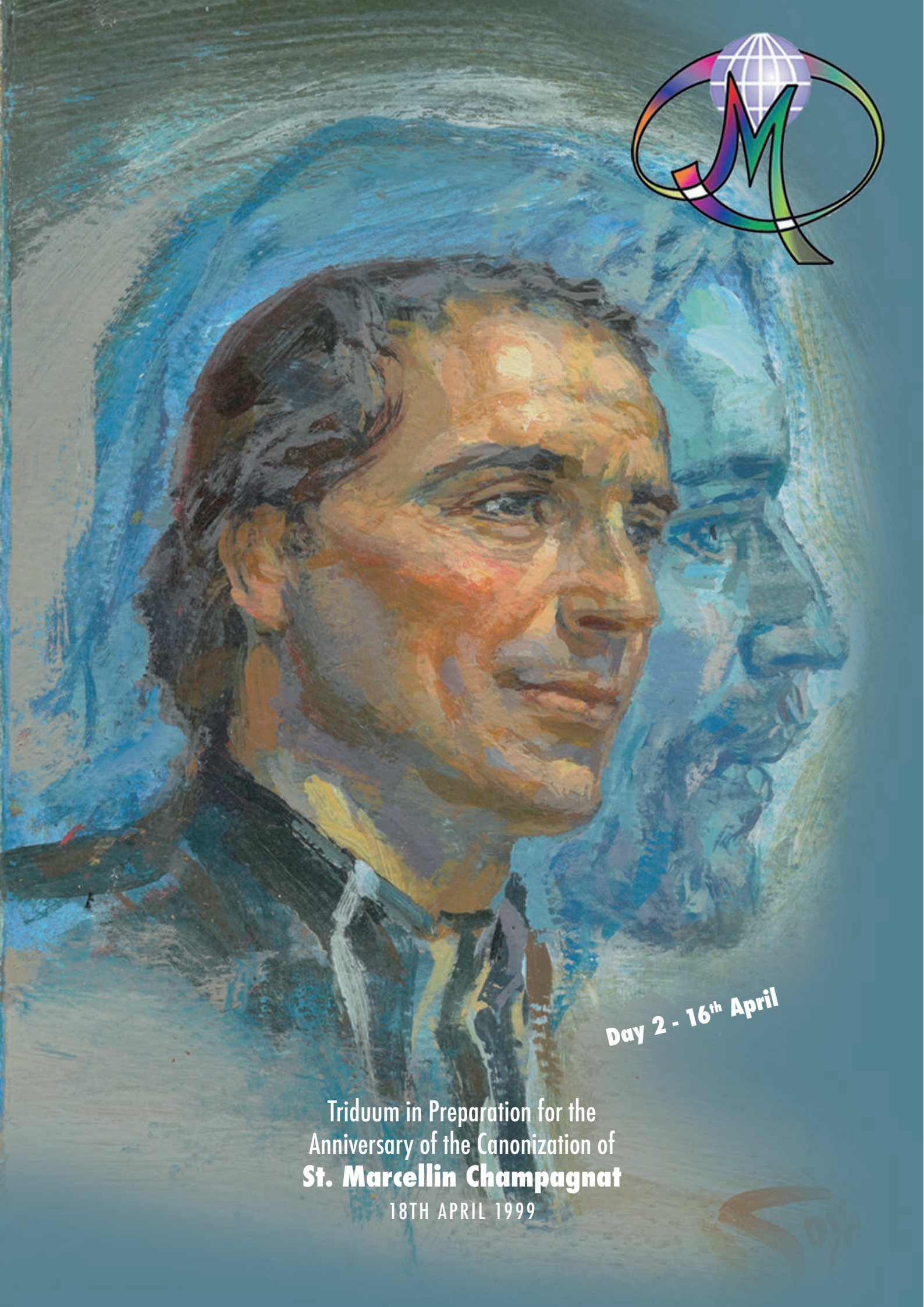
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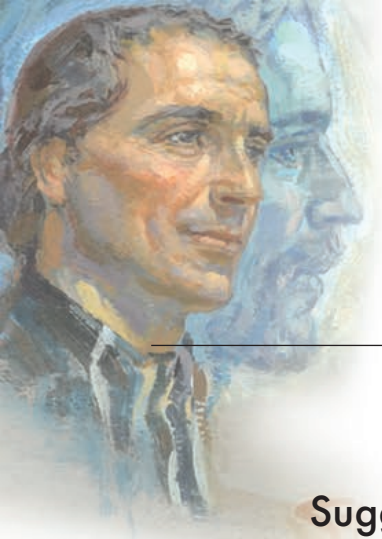




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### INTRODUCTION

The canonization of Marcellin Champagnat is the official recognition of the Church that our Founder was a Man of God, raised up by the Holy Spirit to help all those following in his footsteps to walk the road to sanctity. Also, he can be proposed as a reference point for our own lives, as a certain intercessor with God, and also, naturally, as a teacher, given that not only did he live, but he also taught a doctrine based on his charism and his spirituality. This doctrine, this teaching, is recognized by the Church as valid and sure.

While we do not possess a very extensive body of doctrine, we can be certain that all that Marcellin taught us about the religious life is in accord with the teaching of the Gospels. All that he taught us about Marian spirituality, summed up in his words "All to Jesus through Mary; all to Mary for Jesus," is an evangelical road to holiness. All that he taught us about the education of the young is in accord with the teaching of the Church.

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### PSALM 1:1-3

Blessed is the man[a]  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

but his delight is in the law[b] of the Lord,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.





### **READING: MATTHEW 6:1-4**

Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

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### **3 Hail Mary's and 1 Glory be**

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I put all my confidence in you. I offer you; I give you; I consecrate to you, my person, my labours and all the actions of my life.

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Saint Marcellin Champagnat, help us to practice righteousness the way Jesus taught us.

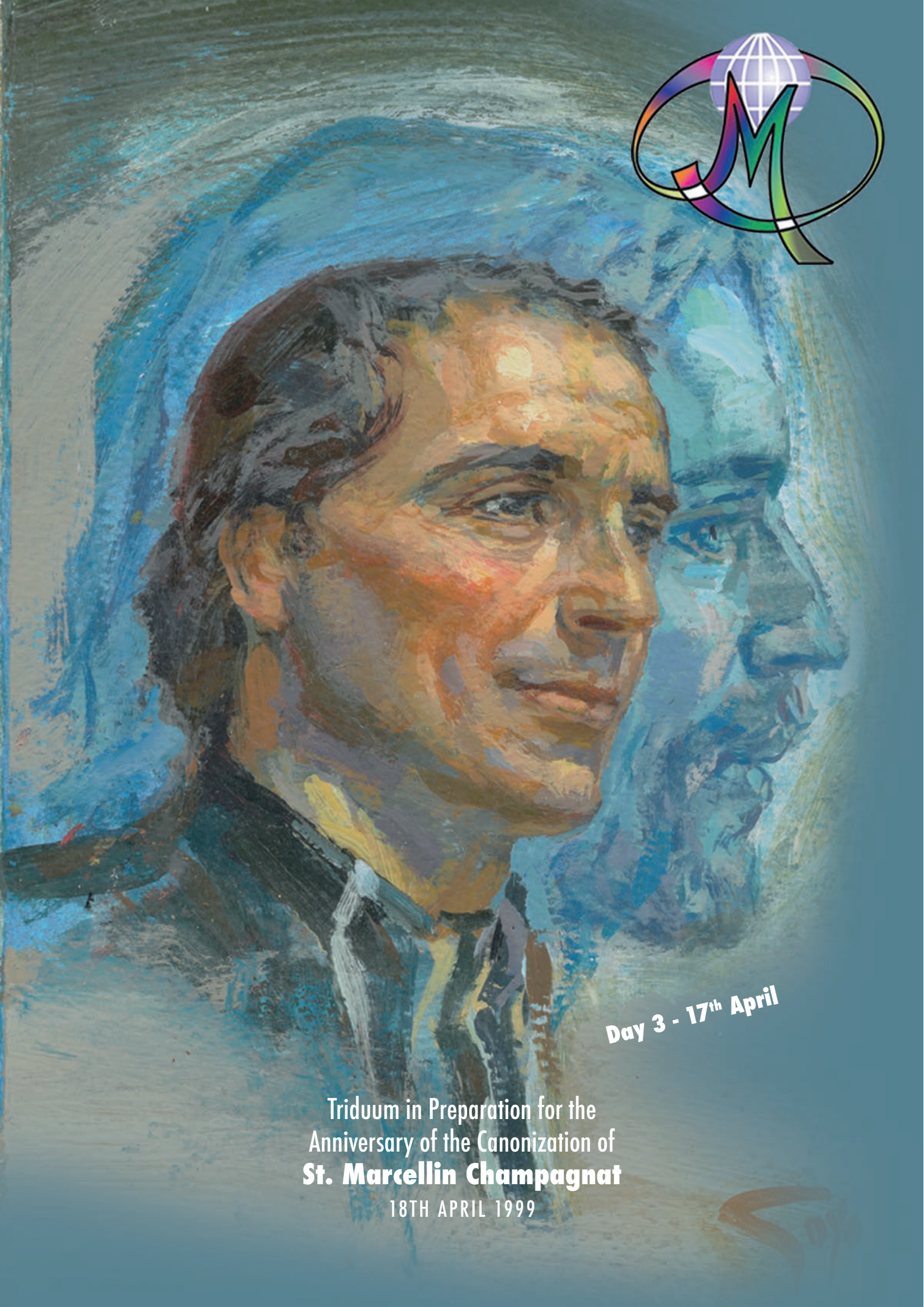
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...in holiness there is no today and no tomorrow. St. Marcellin's "up-to-date-ness" is seen in his language, just as valid for young people and religious of today as in his own time. The realities of today are found in those of yesterday, with their different manifestations and ways and means, and each of us must give our answer for our own time.

St. Marcellin is psychologically well-balanced, and he demands the same quality from his followers. He is a man of great prudence, not only humanly speaking, but from the supernatural point of view also. And above all, his supreme goal is God, and the good of souls.

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### PSALM 127

Unless the Lord builds the house,  
the builders labor in vain.

Unless the Lord watches over the city,  
the guards stand watch in vain.

In vain you rise early  
and stay up late,  
toiling for food to eat—  
for he grants sleep to[a] those he loves.

Children are a heritage from the Lord,  
offspring a reward from him.  
Like arrows in the hands of a warrior  
are children born in one's youth.

Blessed is the man  
whose quiver is full of them.







They will not be put to shame  
when they contend with their opponents in court.

**READING: MATTHEW 18:1-5**

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

He called a little child to him and placed the child among them.  
3 And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

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