

# DAY 1 - 15TH APRIL

## **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 canoniza-

tion).

## 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)

Oh Lord, everything in heaven and on earth is yours. I want to be yours too, by a free gift of myself so that I may do your holy will entirely and may work faithfully in the mission entrusted to me.

Mary, Good Mother, I earnestly ask you to take me under your protection and to intercede for me with your adorable Son. 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.

## **CLOSING SONG**

(optional)

Suggestion: Salve Regina or any Marial Song

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