



Day 2 - 16th 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

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.

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

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

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. Mar-





cellin as found in his biography)

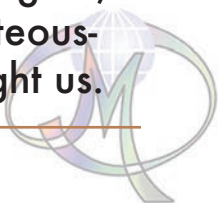
Oh Lord, everything in heaven and on earth is yours. I want to be yours too, by a free gift of myself so that I may do your holy will entirely and may work faithfully in the mission entrusted to me.

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 to practice righteousness the way Jesus taught us.





CLOSING SONG

(optional)

**Suggestion: Salve Regina or
any Marial Song**

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