



Day 3 - 17th 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

...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.

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

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 king-
dom 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.

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 to be humble like little children.

CLOSING SONG

(optional)

Suggestion: Salve Regina or any Marial Song

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