

CHEVALIER YEAR May 2023

from Fifteen Days of Prayer with Jules Chevalier, Fr. Andre Mayor, MSC, Third Day



CHEVALIER, IN HIS TIME...

His life: When Jules was seventeen, he entered the minor seminary of Saint-Gaultier (Indre) and shifted without difficulty to the major Seminary of Bourges (Cher) in 1846. He was a serious student, quite strict in his practice of his faith. One day, thanks to an exceptional teacher, he discovered the Heart of Christ. For him it was “like a new vision of God...bathed in resplendent light and colours...illuminating his whole life as he was discovering the Heart of Christ. It was the vision and the inspiration of his life and of all his achievement...” (A New Heart, A New Spirit, EJ Cuskelly 24).

His words:

*Appear, Sun of all suns,
Light of the world, living light,
Beginning and end, our God and our all!
Jesus, Jesus,
appear with all the splendors
of your adorable heart,
that nucleus of love, that source of life,
of grace and of blessings!*
(SCJ 66-67)

From the tiny atom to humankind, Chevalier has advanced in the direction of “God’s heart”. What a revelation!

CHEVALIER, FOR TODAY...



This refreshing revelation of the face of God, came to him providentially at a time when he was worried about the salvation of the world on account of its indifference. Here, he became acutely aware that “while Jesus was on earth, He gladly bestowed all the tenderness of His heart upon the little ones, upon the humble, upon the poor, upon suffering humanity. The sight of misery... touched His heart with compassion” (Meditations, volume 2, 3).

Fr. Chevalier’s discovery of the Sacred Heart radically changed him and like Jesus, the sight of misery touched his heart with compassion and he responded, concretely.



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How about you? How is the Heart of Christ changing you? Where we are in different parts of the world, we see “misery” all around us... *(close your eyes for a moment, and with the eyes of your heart, look at the misery that surround you and name them).* **How are you, as individuals and communities, responding to the misery that you see?**



PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus,
appear to us today.
In those who have nothing to eat.
In those whose voices are not heard.
In those who are rejected and isolated.
In those who have nowhere to call home
Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus,
appear to us today
and make our hearts like yours.
Amen.



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