

CHEVALIER YEAR June 2023

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



CHEVALIER, IN HIS TIME...

His life: In the major seminary, Jules tried to live a spiritual life. In his effort, he had become serious, and taciturn in his relations with others. After Jules discovered the Sacred Heart as the Good Shepherd in particular, Christ appeared to him to be *“the very last word”* (SCJ 76). Since that day, Chevalier seemed more relaxed and smiling. *“...and still today, after fifty years, we find him always good, compassionate, and amiable towards all who approach him. He has become all things to all men to gain all to Jesus Christ.”* (Charles Piperon, *Writings on the Life of the Founder*, 34.)

His words:

Jesus then comes to earth to fulfill His mission; he will only follow His Heart. A word would have been enough, but He questions His heart and His heart answers that, to express more love, He would have to be born a tiny child in a stable, poor and needy...(Ftes MR 35).

From the beginning of time, Chevalier tells us, *“God [...] planned to reveal God’s love to us”* (SCJ 3) and adds, *“The Son of God...appeared amongst us with a heart filled with compassion, love and mercy”* (SCJ 209).

CHEVALIER, FOR TODAY...



As soon as Jesus was conceived in Mary’s virginal womb, His human heart was grafted straightaway on to the adorable person of the divine Word. Jesus makes us God-like by uniting our nature to His; he gives us his gifts, his graces, his friendship. *“Through Him, we possess the Heart of God...”* (M I 120). The incarnation is still growing until all will be one body, of which Christ will be the head (says Paul), or the heart, adds Chevalier: *“...the Heart of Jesus is not only the Heart of his holy humanity but also the Heart of the Church, her mystical body...a real body of which we are the members, each one of us can truly say to this divine Heart: “You are my Heart!”* (SCJ 81).



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Today everywhere, Jesus invites all hearts to be like His Heart, especially under the tender guidance of His mother, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. He keeps calling: "Come, follow me, the beloved of my Father!" **Let us listen to our hearts attentively...What are you listening to in your heart? In what way is Jesus calling your heart continuously to be the incarnated Heart of Jesus in your relationship with others in your daily living? How are you responding in concrete ways to this particular call of Jesus for you?**



PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Lord Jesus, the incarnate Word of God, your Sacred Heart is the Heart of God, the source of mercy, compassion, courage, strength.

Give us the grace to transform our hearts into your Heart in our daily living.

Lord Jesus,

in your Heart there dwells the fullness of God's love for the world.

Give us the grace to live this Chevalier Year in communion with all the members of the Chevalier Family throughout the world so that your love be everywhere known and loved.

Jesus, Heart of our hearts!

Come, live in us!

Amen.

from Novena of the 150th Anniversary, p.11-12



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ANNALS FOR THE CHEVALIER YEAR

CHEVALIER YEAR WEBSITE

The Chevalier Year Commission is happy to announce that a new website for the Chevalier Year has been constructed and is now ready to access. It is a sub domain of the website of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

To access, please click this link jchevalier.ametur-msc.org. This link will bring you to the "homepage" where you can then choose your language.

You will find News, Images, Articles and other resources.

"In addition, you can use the hashtag [#jchevalier200](https://twitter.com/jchevalier200) on your Social Networks. It is an easier way to identify posts about the Chevalier Year".

We invite you to share news, photos and videos of your Chevalier Year activities. For example photos and videos showing how you opened the Chevalier Year in your country, province or community. With your permission, we will upload what you send in the NEWS section of the website.

Please send your articles, news, photos and videos to Mr. Javier Trapero on this email address: comunicacion@misacores.org

The Chevalier Year is a worldwide celebration of the whole Chevalier Family. Let us be part of each other's celebrations by sharing with each other through the website our news, photos and videos.

