

CHEVALIER YEAR AUG 2023

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



CHEVALIER, IN HIS TIME...

His life: On June 14, 1851, on the eve of the Feast of the Holy Trinity, at the age of twenty-seven, Jules Chevalier was ordained a priest. The next day he said his first mass in the chapel in the garden of the seminary of Bourges, *“At the moment of the consecration, the grandeur of the mystery and the thought of my unworthiness so overwhelmed me, I burst into tears”* (Personal notes, series 1, Opera Jules Chevalier MSC, vol. 2, 14). After working as a vicar of in three different parishes, he was appointed vicar priest in Issoudun. On October 21, 1854, he arrived in Issoudun, where he joined Emile Maugenest who had preceded him by a few months. [from *Fifteen Days of Prayer with Jules Chevalier*, Fr Andre Mayor, MSC, p.7]

His words:

If we follow our Lord during his public life, we see his Heart mourn every misery, moral or physical. From where comes the pardon He so generously bestows on the Samaritan woman, on the adulterous woman, on Mary Magdalene? From His Heart. From where comes the infinite compassion with which He treats sinners, that tender care for those who suffer? From his Heart...So the Gospel that tells the story, could be called the Gospel of the Sacred Heart! (SCJ 9).

CHEVALIER, FOR TODAY...



Chevalier listens and observes. What is Jesus doing?: *“...The role of Jesus on earth was not to condemn but to forgive; not to shun those who suffer but to alleviate their suffering; not to abandon the lost sheep but to bring it back to the fold...”* (Meditations for each day of the year, according to the Spirit of The Sacred Heart, volume 2, 642.) The world is suffering: *“What to do to heal it and save it? As we know, the love of the Sacred Heart. It is the only remedy given by God to cure the world, that is to say, bring all people back to the road to salvation which they have forsaken...Open the doors, break open the windows! Air must flow in and circulate so the dying world, the suffering earth and all the creatures can breathe to be saved. Similarly, give back to souls the graces offered by the Heart of Jesus with so much love, give God to the world which is breathing this atmosphere”* (SCJ 285-286).



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Let us see and listen to today's world with Chevalier, in the Heart of Jesus. Where do you see and hear the urgent needs in the world, the society, the community, and your family/parish/work place, desperate for the life-giving love of God? What shall we do to open the doors so that the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, can flow in? How can we alleviate their suffering or lighten the burdens by our little acts of love with the Heart of Jesus?



PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

O God, merciful Father of all creatures,
open our hearts to your presence and love
in all circumstances as Jesus did.
Help us to forget ourselves,
to remember your love,
to see and listen to
the need of people with your Heart,
so that we may reflect in our life
the peace, compassion
and love of the Heart of Jesus.
In this way, we, the Chevalier Family,
shall truly continue His mission on earth.
Amen.

(from 100 prayers, no. 16.)



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