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Ask for Wisdom

Dear friends,

As I write to you, life is gradually returning to normal: de-confinement is occurring in various sectors of society. With the arrival of "normal life" with certain restrictions after the Covid-19 pandemic, people are increasingly eager to get out and meet their loved ones. This is perfectly normal, but still requires a certain amount of caution and respect for necessary health measures. We can now open churches and celebrate together with the respect of protective measures.

In short, this return of normality cannot be done without any prevention or discernment. If we let ourselves go too hastily, without taking the necessary precautions, there is a risk of putting everyone back under the dome of confinement and accentuating the economic abyss into which we are already plunged.

That is why we must ask for wisdom from God, as Solomon requested in the Book of Wisdom: " Give me Wisdom, the consort at your throne... Send her forth from your holy heavens and from your glorious throne dispatch her, that she may be with me and work with me, that I may know what is pleasing to you. For she knows and understands all things, and will guide me prudently in my affairs and safeguard me by her glory. " He also pleaded God to: " Give your servant, therefore, a listening heart to distinguish between good and evil. " Solomon made this prayer at the beginning of his reign, when he was a young king. He did not ask God for money, glory, or the knowledge; he only asked for the wisdom that sits in God's house, and God granted him that wisdom, for he had asked for in humility. Indeed, Solomon was recognized during most of his reign as a man of great wisdom and insight.

We are in need of such spirit during this time of trial; it is the best prayer to make, to ask God for the wisdom that comes from Him. Wisdom inspires us with the knowledge of God's will and helps us to carry it out. Wisdom urges us to act with prudence and discernment, to take the time to see clearly before making choices. Wisdom guides us in our daily meditation of the Gospel to grasp what God expects of us in the present moment.

God has given us his Holy Spirit since the day of our baptism. He works in us if we let him. He leads us according to the wisdom of the Father and the Son. As we are indwelt by this Spirit, let us give him room to help us discern God's plan in our lives and to support us in accepting reality as it presents itself to us today and right now.

Indeed, God has his plan of love for each one of us, a plan that he wishes to realize through and with the trials and challenges of our lives. So let us allow His Spirit of wisdom to dwell in us so that we may listen to Him and do His will in every moment of our lives, without criticism or complaint as Solomon did who discerned good and evil with the gift he has received from God.

Thought of Father Parent

"Wisdom is the compass that tells you where you should or shouldn't set foot..."
(*Louis-Marie Parent omi*)

News from the DG

As you all know, July 2nd is our 62nd anniversary of foundation. Let us be united in the prayer of thanksgiving for all the blessings God has given to our Institute.

Birthdays

On July 4th, Fr. *Manuel CORNEJO GARATE*, Director of the District-in-Formation in Chile, will celebrate his birthday.

On July 22, Mr. *Paul LAVIGNE*, a friend and a close collaborator for the Central House, will celebrate his birthday.

On July 23, Mr. *Frank DE LA CRUZ*, a deacon and the Central Council member will celebrate his birthday.

On July 25th, *James DUNSTAN*, your humble servant, will celebrate the birthday. Please keep me in your prayers on that day.

Priestly Ordination Anniversaries

On July 29, Fr. *Vincent Therrien* from Canada will celebrate his 50th anniversary of priesthood.

Stability Anniversaries

On 28 July, Fr. *Jean Carlo JULES* from Haiti will celebrate his 50th anniversary of his Stability.

I invite you to pray for the above celebrants, as well as for all other members who celebrate their anniversaries in July. May God continue to bless them and accompany them on their life journey.

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