

# News of the Director General

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## *Temptations*

We pray in the Lord's prayer, "lead us not into temptations". We all are human and in the midst of the ordinary world. Devil is there to devour us in several ways. Even Jesus was not an exception. Awareness in the presence of God is the key to overcome temptations. Moreover, prayer is the only weapon to eliminate them. It is not at all easy. In the busy schedules today many forget to give enough time for the Lord. By saying several excuses with entrusted missions, daily prayers, monthly recollections and annual retreats are waved by several consecrated persons. These are also some sorts of temptations that we do not realize. When the apostles returned and reported the entrusted task of evangelization, Jesus told them, "come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." (Mark, 6:31) This helped them to discern who they were with humility in God's presence, to be aware that they are only the instruments of God and to practice obedience to the will of God.

Am I aware of my temptations? Have I ever realized that most of my repeated failures are the results of my neglected trials? It is important to be clear and deep enough in our convictions to desire to do God's will, without abandoning the mission entrusted to us and the precious time we devote to our encounter with the Lord through meditated prayer. In the book, *The Imitation of Christ: Book 1, Chapter 13*, it says, "The beginning of all temptation lies in a wavering mind and little trust in God, for as a rudderless ship is driven hither and yon by waves, so a careless and irresolute man is tempted in many ways." Moreover, Saint Ignatius of Loyola confirms that once we made a decision after a profound prayer to please God the devil may try to make you take second thought in order to decrease your efforts to grow in holiness. He encourages us to intensify our prayer time, meditation and good works to fight against our temptations.



So let us live the prayer of our Lord with the awareness of each and every moment that hinders our holiness and dedication to God!

## *Thought of Father Parent*

“We have understood that living prayer is a personal and direct relationship with the Lord Who takes first place in our faculties. This is the necessary condition not only to support life but to love it.” (*Louis-Marie Parent omi*).

## *News of the DG*

The next meeting of the Central Council will take place August 17-19, 2021. Thank you for your prayers.

Evens Francis, the Director of Haiti was kidnapped and with the grace of God is being released now. Let us all pray for all our members and the people of Haiti who really undergo a terrible moment after the murder of their president.

It is with sorrow and sadness that we inform you that Fr. Gaston LAROCHE, professed member with stability, from Canadian District passed away on July 27, 2021. We express our deepest condolences to the director and members of the district and his family members as well as his friends. Let us pray for Gaston and appeal for the eternal tenderness of God!

## *Birthdays*

August 5, *Fr. Yvon Carpentier* of Canada, former Director General.

August 8, *Mr. Guy Veer* of Canada, Administrator of Successions.

August 8, *Mrs. Ynocencia Ozoria* of the Dominican Republic, associate member of the Central Council

August 19, *Fr. Jomanas Eustache* of Haïti, present Councilor on the Central Council.

August 26, *Fr. François Hamel* of Canada, former Director General.

I invite you to pray for these persons as well as for all members who will be celebrating whatever anniversary during the month of August. May God continue to bless them and accompany them in their life journey.

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