

Venerable Pierre-Bienvenu NOAILLES

Priest-Founder of the Holy Family of Bordeaux



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Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Family of Pierre-Bienvenu Noailles,

The Advent season we are living through is clearly marked by the presence of the Virgin Mary, and it couldn't be any other way, for it was through her Yes to God's plan that she became the Mother of Christ. For our Good Father, Mary has always been the Mediatrix, the one who shows the way to faith and hope.

In this bulletin, bearing in mind that we celebrate Our Lady under the title of Our Lady of Loreto, I would like to remind us that this was indeed a title that the Good Father wished to be at the heart of the foundation of the Holy Family. The first community he brought together on the Feast of the Holy Trinity in 1820 was called the Daughters of Our Lady of Loreto.

We know that in 1840, on the occasion of his first trip to Rome, our Founder also made a pilgrimage to Loreto. In his letter to Mother Bonnat (Rome, November 7, 1840), he wrote:

“... Finally, we arrived at Loreto on Saturday at noon, the eve of All Saints' Day.../.../ after having greeted the Blessed Virgin I went into retreat, as far as circumstances would allow. I had the good fortune to celebrate Holy Mass for our works twice in the Santa Casa /.../ ...I found myself as if transported to Heaven; I saw only Jesus, Mary and Joseph, as they have shown themselves to people, and I begged them to allow me and my children to live our lives, with them, like them, to unite us with this heavenly family, to become one with them.... it occurred to me that the Holy Family was welcoming me as its child and as the representative of our whole Society... Moreover, I gave myself to it with heart and soul, and offered it all my daughters. May we increasingly deserve to belong to her, following in her footsteps and living henceforth for God alone!”

From this pilgrimage to Loreto, the Good Father brought a medal which is now in our archives, the photos of which you can see at the top of the page.

On this feast day of Our Lady of Loreto, let us pray that the relationships that were woven day after day in the house of Nazareth will unite us all, and that we will be able to share them with our world, which is so much in need of peace, a spirit of service and love.

Sr M. Kinga, Rome.

The Good Father Intercedes



God our Father, who put into the heart of Pierre Bienvenu Noailles the grace to surrender himself unreservedly to your love, and inspired him to found a Family modelled on that of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, grant us to live according to the same spirit for the extension of your Reign and your greater glory.

Grant also that we may rejoice in the glorification of your Servant the Venerable Pierre Bienvenu Noailles, and obtain for us through his intercession...

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

In the past...

We recall some graces received years ago:

Testimonies from 1926:

A father of 8 children, under the age of 8, fell ill. A diabetic, he had a wound on his leg that would not heal, and was gangrenous.

The doctor gave very little hope.

Being a Catholic, the man accepted relics and an image of the Good Father.

On February 6, we began a novena placing the relics on the wound. Already on the first day, the fever subsided and the patient was able to sleep.

After 8 days the gangrene stopped and the wound began to heal.

*Signed: Sr Celestine Gomez
Kurunegale, Sri Lanka, 1926*

After two serious illnesses, a lady became a morphine addict and was on the verge of dying of its poisonous effects. She and her sister prayed to the Good Father. On the 1st day, the patient agreed to reduce the dose of morphine. On the 5th day, to the astonishment of the doctor and family, she was cured. After 8 days, she resumed her ordinary life.

San Sebastian, Spain

...and still today

Thank you, Good Father, for the health I have regained and for your help in my difficult situation. I remain grateful and pray that the day of your beatification will come as soon as possible. I pray for all the members of the Holy Family.

Italy

Thank you for answering my prayer. I asked Pierre Bienvenu Noailles to help me with a legal process. Everything went well and I obtained everything according to justice. I consider this a real miracle.

I pray for his beatification and canonization. May God be glorified.

M.S. Sri Lanka

We thank God and continue to pray with confidence for his beatification.

Also, a renewed request to notify us regarding any graces received (email below):

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