



A DREAM
A GIFT, A REALITY FOR THE WORLD

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Some people who wish to know more about the Family of Pierre Bienvenu Noailles, asked us to give a brief outline. We present this below.

En Bordeaux on the 28 of May 1820, three young persons gathered together to live in community as a response to a call from God. A 27 year old priest Pierre Bienvenu Noailles had received a beautiful intuition: to found a big Family in which all the vocations would find a place and which would respond to whatever needs were presented.

On 8 of February 1988 the Church recognised the holiness of Pierre Bienvenu Noailles by declaring him Venerable.

Many graces and favours have been received through his intercession and we hope that he will be beatified soon.

Our Family has more than 4,000 members spread throughout 4 continents: Priests, Contemplative and Apostolic religious, Consecrated Seculars, Lay Associates, families and Holy Family Youth. Our mission is to live COMMUNION, building FAMILY and in this way collaborate in the creation of a New Society according to the dream of the Founder. We are called to attend specially to the poorest and most needy.

Pierre Bienvenu Noailles was a Diocesan priest and wished to offer a “**home**” to priests – a place where their faith could be strengthened so that they could spread it in society,

transforming society and continuing the mission of Jesus.

The Contemplative sisters have communities in Latin America, Asia and Europe. They prolong in the Church the praying attitude of Jesus through adoration, praise, thanksgiving and intercession. They are a sign of faith and a sacrament of unity. They give perpetual thanksgiving for the Miraculous Benediction, where Jesus in the Eucharist visibly blessed the first group of the Family who were gathered together in 1822 with the young people who were attached to that first community.

The Apostolic Sisters, following the injunction of Pierre Bienvenu are not *“separated from those who live under the common law but with their guardian angels accompany them in this vale of tears in order to bring them to Christ, and, in so far as they can, they share with them all the fatigues, trails and dangers of the journey”*

The Consecrated Seculars, more discreetly and without leaving their ordinary environment dedicate themselves to create this new society from within like *“leaven in the mass”*

The Lay Associates live out their lay vocation by living and sharing God’s mission in the Church. Families, Young people, people of all kinds find in this Family inspiration and strength to live faithfully their Christian and missionary commitment following the example of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.



Lack of space means that we cannot publish in this Bulletin, the graces and favours received.

We hope that you will continue sending favours received to the same address or by email as indicated below.

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