

# Venerable Pierre-Bienvenu NOAILLES

## Priest-Founder of the Holy Family of Bordeaux



*"It is important that each person be himself; that he remain what God has made him to be, in order to achieve the goal that the divine Creator set for him ... >*

*P. B. Noailles*

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

The beginning of February holds special meaning for us, members of the spiritual and charismatic Family of Pierre-Bienvenu Noailles. First of all, on 3rd February, we give thanks for the gift of the Blessing that God wished to bestow on us at the beginning of our existence. This Blessing remains for us an inexhaustible source of grace, a source from which we draw vital strength for our lives and for the fulfilment of Christ's mission.

It also remains a mystery; meditating on it helps us to discover the richness of God's call. Again and again, in this gesture of Christ's blessing, we can discover new meaning, new dimensions.

It was not given to the Good Father to participate physically in this particular experience of the Lord's Presence. In his humility, he saw in it a sign that he himself was only an instrument in the realisation of a work that belongs to God alone - a simple and humble instrument, a servant in God's plan.

When, 39 years after this event, the beginning of February became the moment when the flame of his earthly life was about to be extinguished, we can surely surmise that his departure from this world was blessed in the same way by the hand of the Lord.

"... A tireless worker from the very beginning, he had never refused work; he had always sought it with ardour. He fought the good fight and was most fruitful throughout his life in virtues, merits and works of all kinds. He thought only of Heaven, he worked only for Heaven, and God alone knows the number of souls to whom he showed and opened Heaven, certainly his heart was permitted to sigh after the One he had loved so much and served so well ... /.../ Full of confidence in the Lord for the future of his works, faithful and prudent servant, fervent and generous priest, tender and devoted Father, he fell asleep in peace, in the arms of the Lord...". *Mgr Eugène de Mazenod, Bishop of Marseille, to the Sisters of the Holy Family, 19 March 1861.*

*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...*

*Let us recall the graces received a few years after the death of the Good Father, when the memory of his presence among us was still very much alive:*

"One of the first foundresses in Basutoland (now Lesotho) suffered a double rupture of the peritoneum and in November 1873 she was on the point of dying. She received the Sacrament of the Sick and the Sisters began a novena of prayers through the intercession of the Good Father. A relic - a piece of linen touched by the Founder - was applied to her. On the 3rd day of the novena the effects of the rupture disappeared and the Sister resumed her ordinary daily life - long journeys on foot and horseback etc."

*Attestation by our Sisters*

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*In 1878 a man, a French teacher in Madrid, fell seriously ill with heart disease. He fell unconscious and was put to bed. His wife and one of our Sisters prayed to the Good Father for him. Recovering consciousness, the man - far from God until then - asked for the priest who heard the sick man's confession, gave him Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick. The man lived for another 8 days and thanked those who had helped him to be reconciled with God.*

*Reported by one of our Sisters*

### *...and still today*

Grace obtained through the intercession of the Good Father: healing of my leg. After 2 years: I can walk without any problem.

May we continue to trust him and may he help us to be faithful in our search, by creating communion: "making family" with the poorest.

*M. A. Paterna (Spain)*

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Thanking God for the safe birth of a long-awaited child. It was a difficult and risky pregnancy. After a long stay in hospital, the baby was born in good health.

*Poland*

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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