

A DREAM
A GIFT, A REALITY FOR THE WORLD

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There are a number of occasions for coming together at this time – the celebration of Advent and Christmas and the feasts that the Church and our religious Family will be celebrating during December and January. We remember some of these: 10th and 18th December; the feast of the Holy Family, the 8th January..... We wish to be united to our brothers and sisters throughout the world, sharing their joys and sorrows.

“Spiritual Guide” gathers together many of the Founder’s writings and in number 86 he writes some notes on the Nativity. We read:

“Draw near to the Child in the manger; there you will find your model... the people who enjoy earthly happiness can imitate Jesus and resemble him in certain ways.

But you, the rejects of the world, must not envy them their good fortune. Your lot is to be preferred to theirs, for Jesus had a special love for the poor. He chose it for Mary and Joseph and also for himself. ... “

And during the retreat of 1838 he says: *Go in spirit to the house of Nazareth and contemplate... (Spiritual Guide no. 88)*

Perhaps these texts can help us live an important period of the year, helping us feel responsible for sharing the Good News with those who do not have the joy of knowing what Jesus has to offer.

DECREE OF HEROIC VIRTUES

Pierre-Bienvenu

Noailles

wanted his Association to form one single Family with one heart and one soul...

Capable of being in the Church and, in a broken and dechristianized world, a sign and leaven of

faith and unity.

GRACES RECEIVED

For several years I had trouble with my gums, my tongue and the teeth in my lower jaw.

Then I had a serious infection which caused me a lot of pain. The doctor made a diagnosis – a stone situated between my salivary glands and my tongue.

An operation was needed. Every day I prayed to the Good Father and one night when the pain was severe, I placed a relic of the Founder on my face and immediately the pain ceased.

Several tests were done and when the doctor came to fix a date for surgery he told me that the stone had disappeared. Now I have no more pain and no trouble. This is a grace I attribute to Father Noailles.

Signed: *A.H. España*

We have received a great grace through the intercession of Pierre B Noailles. My sister suffered from anaemia Tests were done. After a first diagnosis, a lump was discovered in the pancreas. The whole family was distraught. The analysis of blood gave no signs of a tumour but the doctor insisted. We were very concerned and we prayed for her invoking the intercession of Pierre Bienvenu Noailles. A biopsy was done and it was revealed that the tumour was benign. We were greatly relieved but the doctor told us that we had to wait three weeks for the results of the biopsy. This confirmed that the tumour was benign. I express my gratitude to the Lord for this grace. And I testify to the power of the intercession through P.B. Noailles.

Signed: *M.F. Francia*

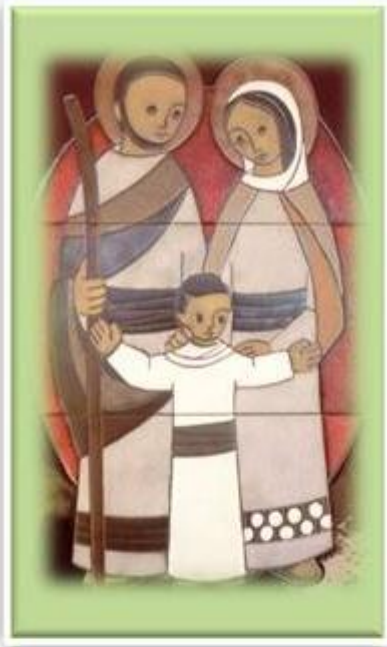
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**NOTHING CAN HOLD
YOU BACK**

GO FORWARD!

Pierre Bienvenu Noailles

(Preface 1851)