



A DREAM
A GIFT, A REALITY FORTHE WORLD

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DECREE OF HEROIC VIRTUES PIERRE BIENVENU NOAILLES

Pierre Bienvenu Noailles desired to found a Family which had but one heart and soul - a Family in the Church and in a world that was broken by disunity and lack of faith. This Family would be a sign and promoter of faith

On 27 October, we will celebrate the 221rd anniversary of the birth of the Venerable Pierre Bienvenu Noailles. His life continues to have a significant impact on present day society.

Father Noailles dreamt of and founded a Family that was committed and active and that today is spread throughout the world. He envisaged his family as a great tree, filled with life, where all would find a place and where all could contribute to the realization of God's great Project. Its branches embraced all...it would be open to a world that was torn apart by conflict and yet was thirsting for hope.

Mother Bonnat expressed it thus:

"One evening he remained longer than usual in the fields; he could be seen standing motionless his arms crossed." Father what are you doing? Night is falling; it is getting cold" "I am dreaming" he answered. - What are you dreaming Good Father?-

In my dream, the Holy Family appeared to me as a gigantic tree, a kind of oak with green leafy branches. ...and birds of every colour and from every country nested in its branches.

...each had its own special song, but at times they all merged into one voice and, in perfect harmony, seemed to sing,

Glory to God; glory to God Alone, all through Mary!

The 27 October is a feast that "sends us" out once again on this universal mission which we embrace with new enthusiasm.

¹⁾ Memories of Martillac

Gracias recibidas

On 13/6/2011 I had a



serious operation. **Before** going into the operating room, I prayed to the Good Father and put his relic in mv bed. I was very frightened. The operation went well but during the recovery period I began to have a lot of stomach discomfort. This situation continued in spite of the medication that I was taking. My fear increased and I feared that I had cancer of the intestine. Once again I prayed to the Good Father. We made a novena praying for my cure. In spite of the pain, my trust in God increased. I had suffered for six months and the time for preparation for my final profession was drawing near.

On the day of my profession all my pains disappeared. Unexpectedly I ejected a 25 centimetre surgical dressing that had remained in me. I took it to the hospital and the doctors realised what had happened.

They were all amazed that I had survived for six months with this dressing inside me.

The doctors did all kinds of tests: ultrasound scans..... but all was normal – uterus, intestines, liver..... From that time onwards, I have not ceased giving thanks to God for the gift I have received through the intercession of Pierre Bienvenu Noailles.

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Pierre Bienvenu Noailles

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