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INVISIBLE MONASTERY

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Dearest friends!

Three solicitations intertwine in this reflection of mine as I prepare this text that we will use on September 2 to strengthen the invisible bonds of communion that bind between us and the beloved Congregation of the Schools of Charity:

1. The echo, still vivid, of the recent meeting “Religious/ lay” held last July in Sacred Heart House;
2. The recent memory of the ecclesial event of the World Youth Day (WYD) in Lisbon;
3. The intense and abundant spiritual light that flows from the mystery of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven that we have just celebrated in the liturgy.



The meeting in the Sacred Heart House leaves us with the joyful memory of the enthusiasm that has aroused in the participants and, above all, the responsibility to safeguard it, to prevent it from fading in time and to renew it also in our communities of belonging. At WYD in Lisbon, the youth from all over the world have showed us a Church that opens to all, testifying that the Kingdom of God is not outside the world or against the world, but within the world (Fr. Diego Spadotto). Finally, the great heart of Mary Assumed into heaven has rekindled the hope that our poor commitment, even when it appears weakened by fatigue or failure, is called to be transfigured into light as the mortal humanity of Mary of Nazareth.

With this breath in our gaze, let us now turn our thoughts to the next pastoral and scholastic year, trusting in the loving and tender intercession of Mary, Mother and Queen of the Schools of Charity and of our FLC (*Cavanis Lay Fraternity*).

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From the first book of Chronicles (*1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2*)

David assembled all Israel in Jerusalem to bring the ark of the LORD to the place which he had prepared for it. David also called together the sons of Aaron and the Levites.

The Levites bore the ark of God on their shoulders with poles, as Moses had ordained according to the word of the LORD. David commanded the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their kinsmen as chanters, to play on musical instruments, harps, lyres, and cymbals, to make a loud sound of rejoicing.

They brought in the ark of God and set it within the tent which David had pitched for it. Then they offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings to God.

When David had finished offering up the burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD.



From the text
“THE CAVANIS AND THE
DEVOTION TO OUR LADY”
by Fr. Giovanni De Biasio, in
www.Cavanis.org

To the love of dear Mother Mary, they attributed the graces and helps even for the material needs of the life of the juvenile group (Marian Congregation), of the Schools and of the new Congregation born in 1819-20, for example: the purchase of the palace for the Schools and for the Spiritual Exercises, the payment of debts, the ending of heavy bureaucratic practices: they kept a record of all of these in the Diary of the Congregation. We must therefore say that the term "patronage" meant two great expressions of their faith and their devotion to Mary:

- a) the certainty that Mary, to whose maternal heart the dying Jesus had entrusted humanity, was present. She watched over, protected with her prayer their life, their work and the youth that were entrusted to them;
- b) total trust in Mary that became the ideal example of acceptance of the Will of God, of listening to the Word, of purity and chastity, of gratuitous love: therefore, we entrusted ourselves to her to make the journey of life with her help.

Prayer attributed by tradition to Venerable Fr. Mark Cavanis

Beloved mother Mary, turn your eyes of mercy toward us sinners and move to compassion for our worries and difficulties, pray your son Jesus to help us with his grace so that we may generously cooperate for our own and other people's sanctification.

Beloved mother Mary, do not look at our unworthiness, but rather on your most gentle maternal love, and implore for us the great grace to see our devout Congregation grow up with renewed strength, to the greater glory of God and the salvation of many helpless young people.

Beloved mother Mary, you are so terrible against evil repress with your power the dreadful slaughter the devil is doing of poor children lacking in education and support by your protection the efforts we made to gather them, watch over them and lead them to our heavenly home. Amen.