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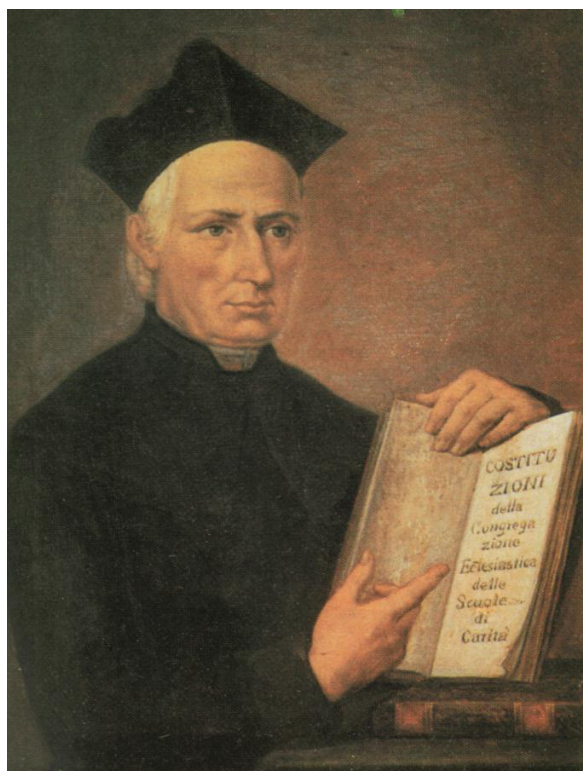
Dear friends,

Pope Francis has spoken many times about hope, which he defines as "the smallest of the virtues, but the strongest. And our hope has a face: the face of the risen Lord, who comes 'with great power and glory' (Mk 13:26). Hope, therefore, is not something, but someone, just as St. Francis exclaims in the Praises of God Most High: 'You are our hope!' (FF 261). And "He will not abandon all those who hope in him" (FF 287; cf. Ps 33:23).

"Hope is a risky virtue, a virtue, as St. Paul says, of ardent expectation of the revelation of the Son of God (Rom 8:19). It is not an illusion. It is a virtue that never disappoints: if you hope, you will never be disappointed". It is a concrete virtue, an everyday virtue because it is an encounter. And every time we encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, in prayer, in the Gospel, in the poor, in community life, every time we take another step toward this definitive encounter.

Hope requires patience, just as patience is needed to see the mustard seed grow. It is "the patience of knowing that we sow, but it is God who gives the growth."

Hope is not passive optimism but, on the contrary, "it is combative, with the tenacity of those who are moving toward a sure goal."



«If we are troubled, we are not afflicted because we are greatly comforted by the success of our beloved youth and the firm hope that the Lord will bless everything».

Fr. Mark Cavanis (his letter of January 26, 1824 – in EMM II, 269)



From the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (5, 1-5)

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.



"FATHER MARK CAVANIS, SOWER OF TRUST AND HOPE"

FR. DIEGO SPADOTTO, 05.02.2024 - WWW.CAVANIS.ORG

Trust in Providence, in children and young people, is the strong and joyful testimony that Father Mark Cavanis left us as a gift. "Sowing trust is the antidote to the decline of our society". Trust is a necessary attitude for facing today's challenges and moving toward the future. It is "the remedy for the epidemic of fear" and the desirable antidote to counteract the insecurity that affects daily life in our educational commitment to adolescents and young people.

Fear invokes a kind of refuge to defend oneself from others, while trust builds relationships and community, which is defended for each and every one of us. We live, essentially, on trust.

Many, especially young people, ask themselves: "Will there be men and women ready to contribute to the present and future of society by practicing and promoting a humanism of trust, who are not primarily concerned with enriching society through increased consumption, but who are convinced that society will have a future if it has a population, if it has children, if it preserves relationships of solidarity, trust, and shared responsibility?"

Trust is the virtue of parents and educators, who interpret life as a call to do good in order to live well.

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