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INVISIBLE MONASTERY

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EDUCATING IS AN ACT OF LOVE

October invites us to reflect on the beating heart of society: the family. Pope Francis, in his appeal for a "The Global Compact On Education" (<https://www.educationglobalcompact.org/>), reminded us that education is not only the transmission of knowledge, but an act of love, of shared responsibility, of building the future. In this context, the family is the first place where we learn to live, to relate to others, to believe.

The Cavanis Congregation, faithful to the charism of its Founders, has always placed education as a form of charity, as a privileged way to accompany young people in their integral growth. In a fragmented world, marked by loneliness and relational crises, the Invisible Monastery becomes a space for communion, prayer, and reflection, to renew our educational commitment.

In this Marian month, still at the beginning of the new school year, we turn our gaze to Mary, Mother and Teacher, who educated Jesus with tenderness and firmness, with silence and words. Mary teaches us that to educate is to protect, to generate life, to accompany with faith.



On October 11, we will remember the
birth into Heaven of Venerable
Fr. Mark (1853)





GOSPEL OF OCTOBER 2

MEMORIAL FOR THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

From the Holy Gospel according to Mathew (18,1-5.10)

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom he put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me. "Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven.

POINTS FOR REFLECTION: EDUCATING TO SMALLNESS, WELCOMING LIKE MARY

Today's Gospel presents us with a powerful image: the child as the measure of the Kingdom. In a time that rewards competition and appearances, Jesus invites us to convert to smallness, trust, and acceptance. Educating, then, means standing beside, not imposing oneself; listening, not just talking; accompanying, not directing.

The family is the first place where this evangelical pedagogy can flourish. It is there that we

learn generosity, forgiveness, and patience. But it is also the place where we experience fragility, conflict, and fatigue. For this reason, the educational pact proposed by Pope Francis is an invitation to rebuild alliances between parents and children, between school and community, between Church and society.

Mary, in her active silence, is a model of an educator. She kept God's words in her heart, ac-

accompanied Jesus as he grew up, and knew how to let him go when the time came. Mary teaches us that educating is an act of faith, it is believing in the seed that grows, even when we cannot see it.

CAVANIS IDENTITY AND CHARISM - EDUCATING WITH CHARITY, LIKE THE FOUNDERS

The Venerable Fathers Anthony and Mark Cavanis made education a concrete form of charity. They welcomed young people, especially the poorest, as children to be loved and accompanied. Their work stems from the

conviction that every child is a project of God, challenging and today more than ever in need of our help to be fulfilled.

In the Invisible Monastery, we can reiterate the invitation to unite to renew this charism. Every Cavanis family is called to be a school of charity, a place where education is provided through example, prayer, and presence. This month, let us pray that all families - beginning with our own - may be places of light, dialogue, and growth.



MARY, MOTHER OF EDUCATION

Mary, Mother of listening,
you who welcomed the Word and let it grow in the
silence of your heart,
teach us to educate with love, patience, and hope.

You who accompanied Jesus as he grew up,
make our families places of communion and faith.

You who knew how to stand beneath the cross,
give us the strength never to abandon those entrusted to us.
Mother of Charity, guide our educational mission,
so that every young person may discover God's
dream for them. Amen.