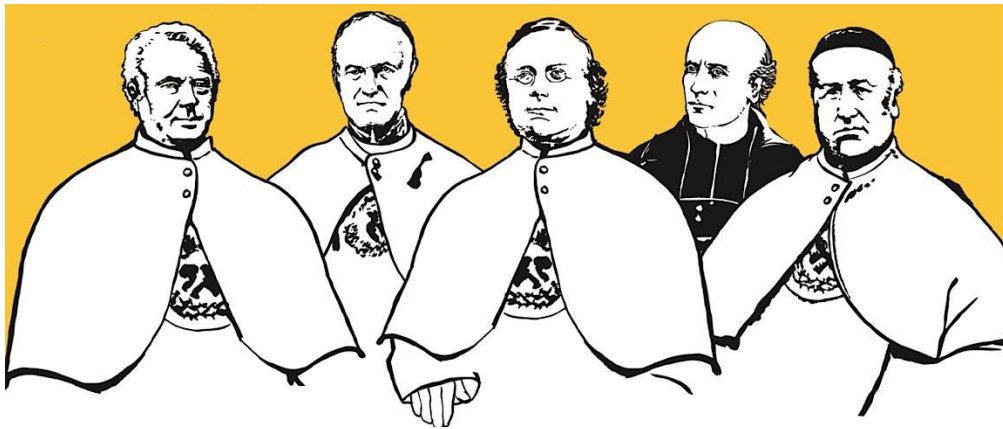


PRAYER VIGIL ON THE EVE OF THE BEATIFICATION OF THE MARTYRS OF PICPUS



■ WELCOME

Words of welcome by Fr. Alberto Toutin ssc, Superior General of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

■ REMEMBERING THE MARTYRS OF 1871

Guide

We come together in this prayer vigil to prepare ourselves for the imminent beatification of our brothers Ladislas Radigue, Polycarpe Tuffier, Marcellin Rouchouze and Frézal Tardieu, as well as Father Henri Planchat, religious of Saint Vincent de Paul, that will take place on Saturday 22 April in the church of Saint Sulpice in Paris. In our celebrations we unite ourselves with all our SSCC brothers, sisters and lay people throughout the world, together with the Church in Paris. We are in the Easter season, when we celebrate the victory of the Love of the Risen Christ, who conquers evil and death.

The gift that is the beatification of our brothers reminds us of the risk that comes with faith in Jesus. They lived that risk not only when they were led to prison, but also when they decided to follow Jesus, who reveals the depth of God's love in a vulnerable, defenceless, pierced heart. Our martyrs had consecrated their lives to the reparative love made visible in the hearts of Jesus and Mary. How could they not, for the sake of justice and in fidelity to the indefatigable mercy of God place themselves alongside the many others who were being persecuted?

🎵 **HYMN:** *Laudate omnes gentes, laudate Dominum.*

Guide

We begin this Eucharistic adoration with these inspiring words of Father Frézal Tardieu:

“Prostrate before You, O my God,
and covered with the blood of Your Son,
I offer and consecrate to You all that I have,
all that I am, my thoughts, my words,



my actions, my infirmities, my illnesses,
my possessions, my reputation, my life.
You have given me everything.
I give everything back to You to be used for your glory
and for the salvation of my neighbour.”

■ WE ADORE THE RISEN LORD

We now prepare ourselves to adore the Lord in the Eucharist. We thank him for the gift he has given us in Father Ladislav and his brothers. We join with Jesus, and with the martyrs and all the saints of God, in offering to the Father our reparatory adoration, asking that our whole lives may be an offering of love, a generous self-giving that makes present his merciful love.

Let us bring the stories of the martyrs of Picpus to our adoration, as well as those of our local or nearby martyrs, asking the Lord that their intercession may lead us to give our lives in the white martyrdom of everyday life or in the red martyrdom of definitive self-giving.

■ EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

🎵 **HYMN:** *Ubi Caritas.*

📖 A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS (ROM 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.

🎵 **HYMN:** *Magnificat*

Magnificat, magnificat,
magnificat, anima mea Dominum.

📖 GOSPEL READING (MK 10: 28-31)

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”



SSCC CONSTITUTIONS (CHAPTER 1, N° 4)

Aware of the power of evil that opposes the Father's love and disfigures his design for the world, we wish to identify with the attitude of Jesus and with His reparative work.

Our reparation is communion with Him, whose food is to do the Father's will and whose work is to reunite by his blood the dispersed children of God.

Our reparation makes us participate in the mission of the Risen Christ, who sends us to announce the Good News of salvation. At the same time, we recognize our sinfulness, and we feel ourselves to be in solidarity with the men and women who are victims of injustice, hatred, and sin in the world.

Finally, our reparative vocation encourages us to collaborate with all those who, led by the Spirit, work to build a world of justice and love, sign of the Kingdom.

SILENCE

SOME WORDS FOR MEDITATION : FR. ALBERTO TOUTIN SSCC

“How could those who had consecrated their lives to the reparative love made visible in the hearts of Jesus and Mary not find themselves in the gaps that were opening up in society. How could they not, for the sake of justice and in fidelity to the indefatigable mercy of God place themselves alongside the many others who were being persecuted? (Marcel Bocquet, *More Than Their Life! "Preface"*, Rome 2020).

HYMN: *Crucem tuam*

Crucem tuam adoramus Domine
Resurrectionem tuam
Laudamus Domine
Laudamus et glorificamus
Resurrectionem tuam
Laudamus Domine

(Let us take a momento to remember the martyrs of our local Church or of our continent).

OUR FATHER

Guide

Renewing our vows is of enormous significance for us, religious men and women of the Sacred Hearts. The charism we received from our Founders, the Good Father and the Good Mother, is magnificently incarnated in our brother martyrs of Picpus. Their example and their intercession impel us today to continue to live our vocation with joy and gratitude. Each SSCC brother and sister is invited to stand up, and together, in his or her own language, we will publicly renew our religious profession.



RENEWAL OF VOWS

The men and women religious of the Sacred Hearts stand up and publicly renew their vows.

"I, N.N., in conformity with the Constitutions approved by the Holy Apostolic See, renew the vow of chastity, poverty and obedience as a brother/sister of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, in whose service I wish to live and die. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Tantum ergo sacramentum
Veneremur cernui
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui
Praestet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui

Genitori, genitoque
Laus et iubilatio
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio
Procedenti ab utroque
Compar sit laudatio
Amen

FINAL PRAYER

God, our Father, we give you thanks for our brothers:
Ladislav, Marcellin, Frézal and Polycarpe.
You called them to live and die
in the service of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.
Out of love for you, they decided to work zealously
for the salvation of their brothers and sisters,
even to the point of accepting prison and a violent death
in communion with the passion of your Son,
who died for us on the cross.
In this way they participated
in his sufferings for his Body, which is the Church.
We pray that through their intercession
you will grant us the graces we ask of you
May we never be separated from your love.
Help us to overcome all our trials
by loving the one who first loved us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen!

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

♪ **HYMN TO MARIA: *Regina Coeli***

Regina Coeli, laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

