

# CHEVALIER YEAR MAY 2024

*"Come, 'well-spoken'..."*



## CHEVALIER, IN HIS TIME...

### His life:

"Come".

"Come follow me" (Mt 4:19), "Come and see" (Jn 1:39), "Come, all you who are weary..." (Mt 11:29). If it were necessary to define the Heart of Jesus, this single 'call to follow him' would suffice. Jesus became man, shepherd, stock, heart, but how would he reach his true dimension if he had remained alone? Jules Chevalier also offered his companions to follow him. "In those seminary days, he organised an association among the most fervent students, which was called the association of the 'Knights of the Sacred Heart' - Chevaliers du Sacré-Coeur" (Jules Chevalier. A man with a mission. E.J. Cuskelly, msc. p. 11). Like Christ, how would he reach his true dimension if he had remained alone?

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Christ, whose Heart is the "word" that speaks faithfully of God's love, is the "well-said" par excellence. He is the "Heart of God on earth". God loves every person and the Heart of Christ beats mercifully for them. "We will discover the face of Christ in the poor, in the little ones and in all the victims of injustice and violence" (Const. 22), "Everywhere the Sacred Heart is loved" (Const. 5).

### His words:

"The blood of Jesus waters our soil through a thousand channels; some are visible, others are hidden, but all are at work. For this, the presence, here below, of Christians consecrated by God in Jesus Christ would suffice; Christians consecrate the world..." (SCJ 244).

"This world of the elect must have its sun to illuminate and vivify it, its ocean to fertilise it, its treasures to enrich it, its king to govern it. Well, the Heart of Jesus will be all this too" (SCJ 119).

"Come, blessed of my Father ... You are the privileged of my Heart. You have shared His sorrows, His humiliations, His anguish, His sufferings, perhaps His agony; come and rest in Him and savour the delights that He contains" (M1 5).



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## CHEVALIER, FOR TODAY...

If we draw near to God, if we heed Christ and respond to his call, we will also be responding to Jules Chevalier's invitation: What if we call ourselves the 'Knights of the Sacred Heart'? This call is also proposed to us out of love for Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, 'Advocate of difficult and desperate causes', as Christ tells us: "Come, all you who are weary..." (Mt 11:29).

**Today, as we close this special jubilee year, the message of Christ and the idea of Fr Jules Chevalier merge in our mission. We go to the Heart of Jesus, the incarnate heart of God, where true love resides, the love with which we bring the Spirituality of the Heart to the most remote corners of the earth. We go, we stay and then we go out to proclaim it and to make it present in every person, especially in those who need it most. May everyone know the love that God has for us!**



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## PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Lord,  
As members of the Chevalier Family,  
help us to accompany the Church  
in her missionary work,  
by helping to make Pope Francis' wish come true.  
"May the world today be able  
to receive the Good News,  
not through sad and discouraged evangelisers,  
impatient or anxious evangelisers,  
but through ministers of the Gospel,  
whose lives radiate the fervour  
of those who have received,  
first and foremost in themselves,  
the joy of the Gospel,  
first of all in themselves,  
the joy of Christ".

(Evangelii gaudium, 10)



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