EUGENE DE MAZENOD 101 - presentation 12

PRAYER USED BY ST. EUGENE BEFORE MEDITATION:

O Mary Immaculate, faithful adorer of the Father, Mother most admirable of the Son, Spouse of the Holy Spirit, inspire within me the same sentiments that were yours while pondering the revealed mysteries which you treasured in your heart. Grant that I may ever live in union with your Son, my Saviour, together with all who, by meditation, give honor to the most Holy Trinity. Amen.

PRESENTATION 12: OUR MAZENODIAN CHARISM IS RECOGNIZED

1/ Everything came together on 17 February 1826 when the Church recognized the hand of God in the creation of the Missionary Oblates. The Holy Spirit was indeed the inspiration and giver of the Mazenodian charism which continues to bear fruit today.

Every event and every person involved was part of the mosaic which God puts together in an ever-changing world. Our Constitution 31 says this beautifully when it reminds us that we are constantly involved

> in a variety of tasks, yet each act in life is an occasion for personal encounter with the Lord, who through us gives himself to others and through others gives himself to us.
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> While maintaining within ourselves an atmosphere of silence and inner peace, we seek his presence in the hearts of the people and in the events of daily life as well as in the Word of God, in the sacraments and in prayer. We are pilgrims, walking with Jesus in faith, hope and love.

⇒ **An invitation to look at and live each day, individually and as a community, with new eyes. The Church recognized the presence of God in the expression of the Mazenodian charism, so let us do the same each day.**

2/ The Oblate Rule of Life, whose spirit and principles apply to all the Mazenodian Family, presents Mary in this way:

> “Mary Immaculate is patroness of our Congregation. Open to the Spirit, she consecrated herself totally as lowly handmaid to the person and work of the Savior. She received Christ in order to share him with all the world, whose hope he is. In her, we recognize the model of the Church’s faith and of our own.

We shall always look on her as our mother. In the joys and sorrows of our missionary life, we feel close to her who is the Mother of Mercy." (Constitutions and Rules, C 10)

⇒ **Who is Mary for me? What role does she play in my life of the Mazenodian Family.**

Concluding Prayer:

Mary Immaculate, you are the patroness of our Mazenodian Family.

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You received Christ in order to share him with all the world, whose hope he is.

In you, we recognize the model of the Church's faith and of our own.

May we always look on you as our mother.

In the joys and sorrows of our daily life, may we feel close to you who are the Mother of Mercy who always leads us to your Son, our Savior.