

1660
THE EUCHARISTIC LETTER

FATHER MÉDAILLE RECEIVED A DIVINE REVELATION
CONCERNING THE 'LITTLE DESIGN'

**THE EUCHARISTIC LETTER
WAS NOT CIRCULATED MUCH
AMONG THE SISTERS IN THE
17TH CENTURY.**

**TODAY, A COPY IS FOUND IN
THE LYON SISTERS' ARCHIVES.**



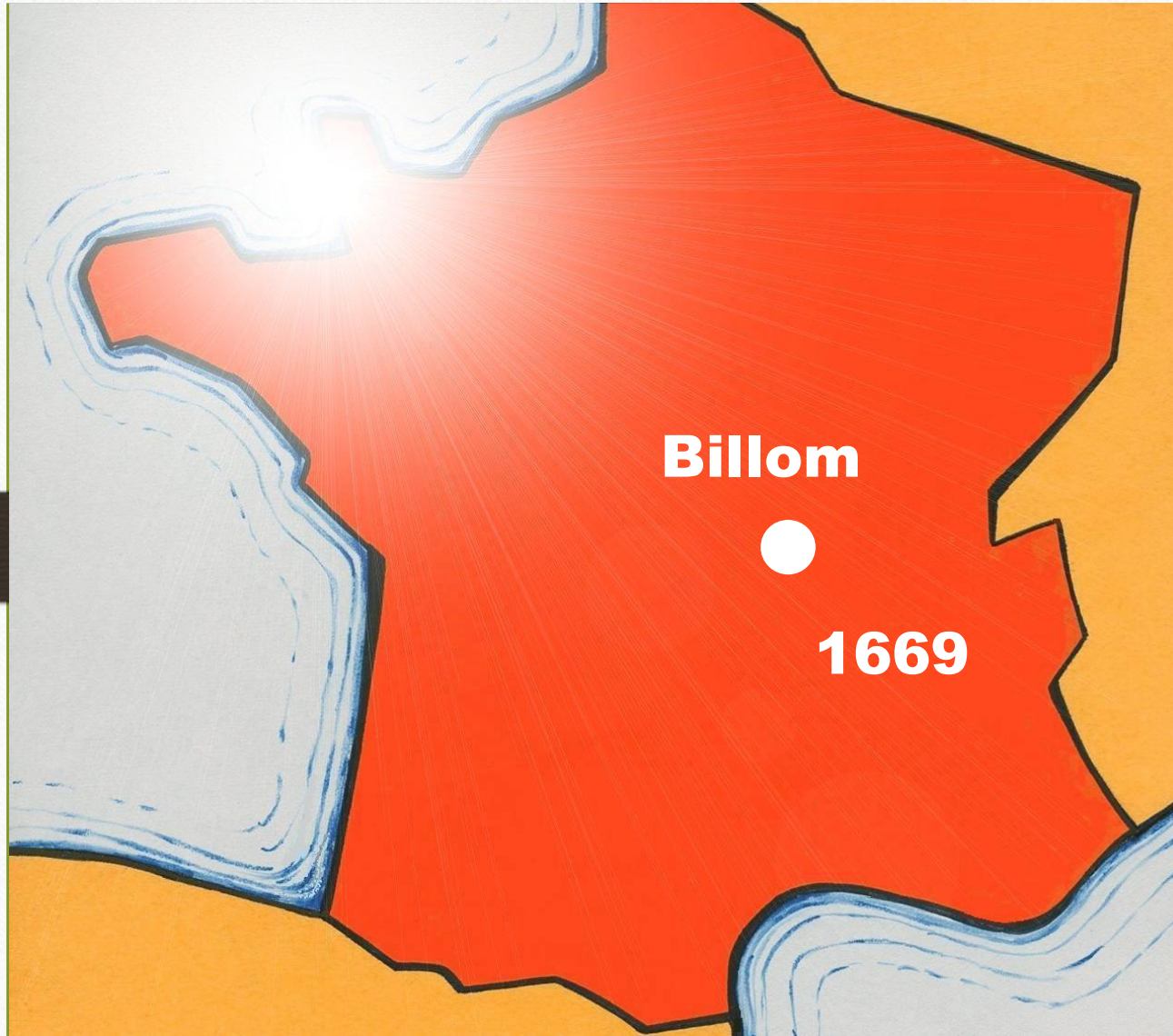
An aerial photograph of the Mountains of Auvergne in France. The landscape is dominated by steep, green mountainsides with rocky outcrops. A winding asphalt road snakes through the valley, and a river flows through it. The sky is clear and blue. The text 'MOUNTAINS OF AUVERGNE' is overlaid in yellow, bold, serif font.

MOUNTAINS OF AUVERGNE

After his long and arduous years, travelling the mountainous region, in both good and bad weather, his health, which was never good, began to show signs of weakness.



**In Autumn 1669
Fr. Médaille's
health was failing
and he was
relieved of his
work on the
missions.
He was sent to the
Jesuits retirement
home in Billom.**



**This “traveller on the
road of God’s glory”
moved into the Jesuits’
Retirement Home.**



BILLOM
where
Fr. Médaille
spent his
last days.



OCTOBER, 1669
ENTRANCE
TO THE
JESUIT HOUSE
AT BILLOM.



**The Jesuit House
at Billom.**

**Father Médaille is
listed as being a
confessor.**

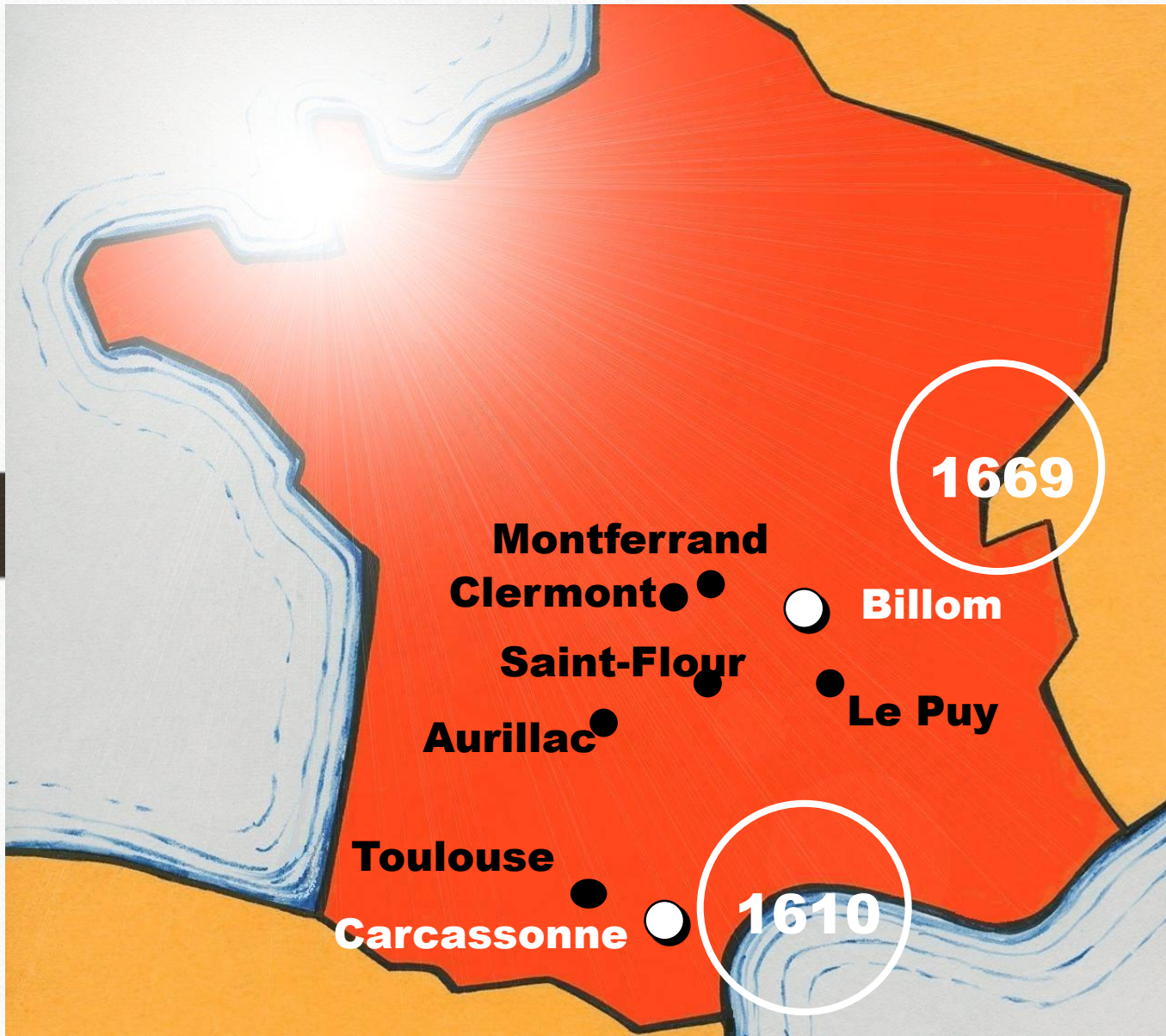


**HE SPENT
ONLY
THREE MONTHS
IN FEEBLE
HEALTH
HERE
IN BILLOM.**



He died December 30, 1669

He was 59 years old



**JEAN-PIERRE
MÉDAILLE S.J.
HAD BEEN
A JESUIT
FOR 43 YEARS.**

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p. Joannes petrus medaille p. Billomi 30^o decem. 1669
p. guillelmus Chabron p. Tolosæ 24 Januar. 1670
p. Amatus miquet p. Conchis In diocesi Ruthenenti
1^o februarii 1670.
p. Antonius Lauedan p. Cadurci 9^o februari. 1670
p. Joannes gasper p. Tolosæ 17^o februari. 1670.
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petrus blandinieres Nouitijs Anicij 29 maij 1670
petrus gibert Scholast Approb. Albenaci 12 Julij 1670.
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12 octobris 1670

OBITUARY
of
JEAN-PIERRE
MÉDAILLE, S.J

DECEMBER 30, 1669

He spent the greater part of his life
in the missions of the Province,
renowned for his zeal and his sanctity.

**EVERYWHERE HE WAS CALLED
“SAINT AND APOSTLE”.**

He was loved by rich and poor and by the
Bishops of the diocese where he worked.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

His burial place is not known, though it is believed he may have been buried under the ancient chapel – we see the entrance to this chapel in the photo.

Others believe he may have been buried in the College garden, where many of the Fathers were buried.



In many ways Fr. Médaille could have faded into obscurity at the end of his life. Yet, after more than 350 years, he is remembered by thousands of people around the world.

Sisters, Associates, Little Design Communities and Friends of the St Joseph Family are proud of this great man, who has passed on to us such a rich spiritual heritage.

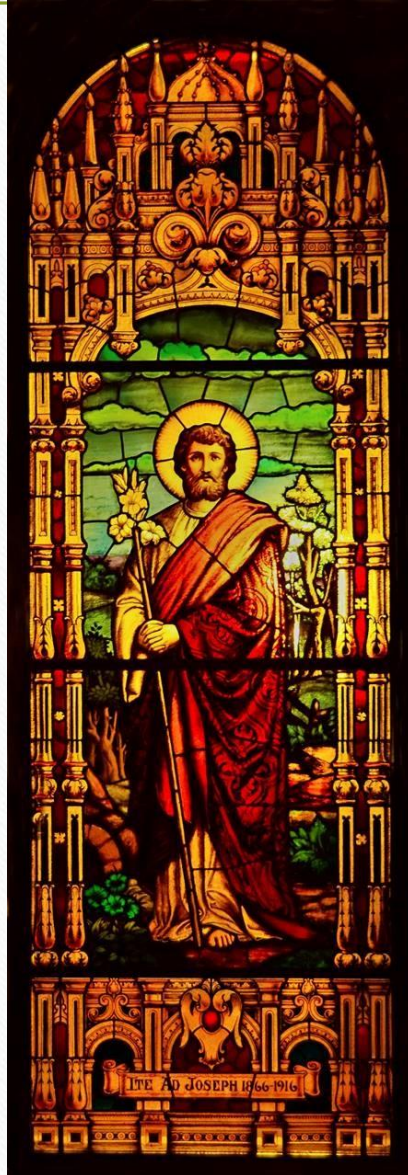




IN 2018...

**THERE ARE 11,000
SISTERS
OF ST. JOSEPH
LIVING
IN 53 DIFFERENT
COUNTRIES.**

10th Anniversary Logo by Mary Southard, CSJ



Stimulated by the Holy Spirit of Love and receptive to his inspirations, the **SISTER OF ST. JOSEPH** moves always towards profound love of God and love of neighbour without distinction from who she does not separate herself and for whom, in the following of Christ, she works to achieve unity of neighbour with neighbour and neighbour with God...

MÉDAILLE'S VISION

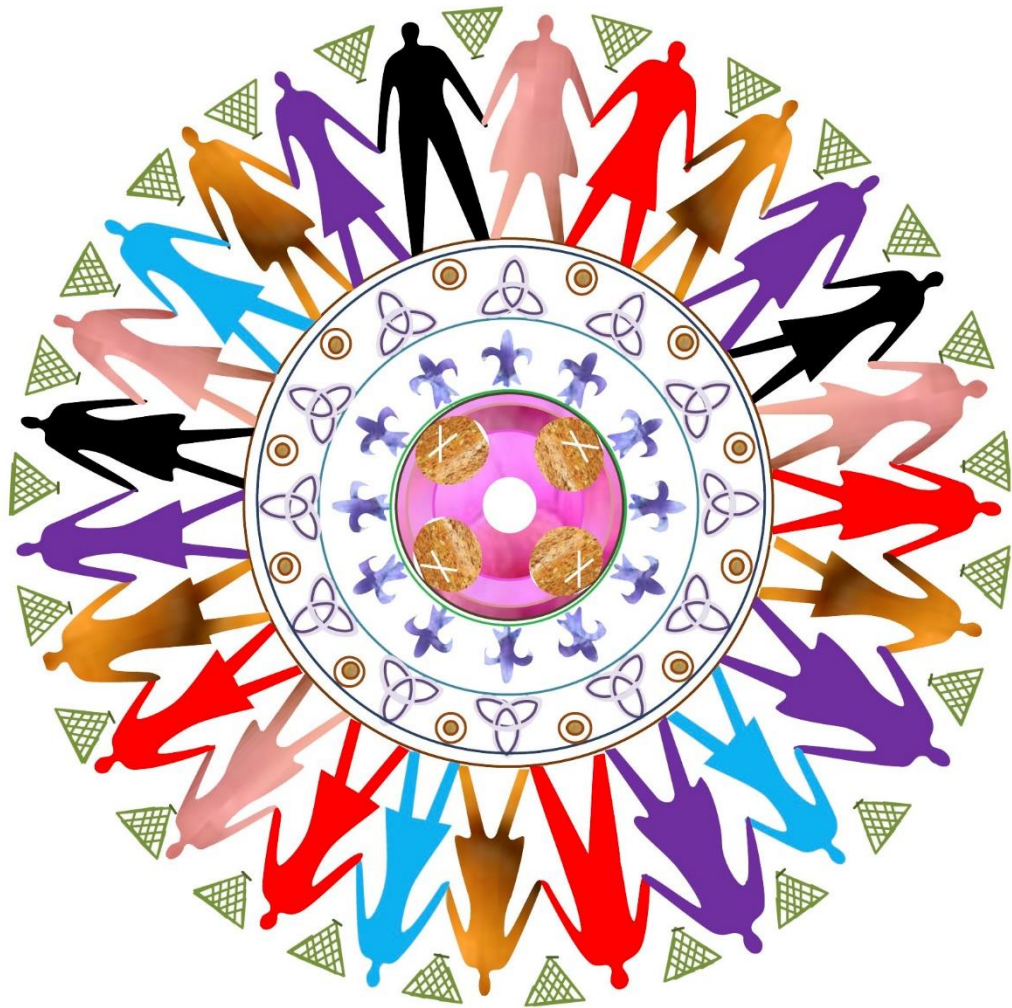
A SPIRITUAL REVITALIZATION

**MÉDAILLE'S VISION WAS FOR A SPIRITUAL RENEWAL
both personal and communal.**

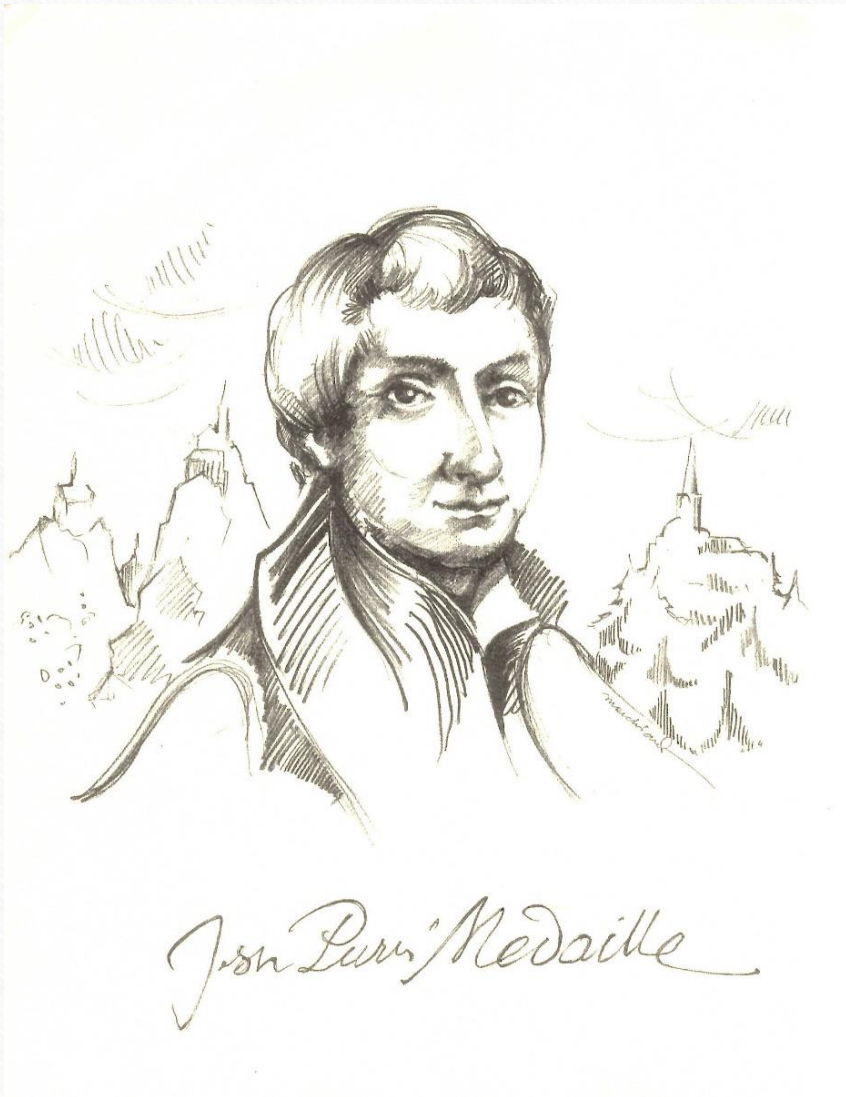
**It was so astounding that it could reach everybody, and
could transform the whole Church and the world.**

**It is a vision of persons of self-emptied love,
humility and great zeal,
reaching out to the whole world,
under the guidance of the Holy Spirit of Love.**

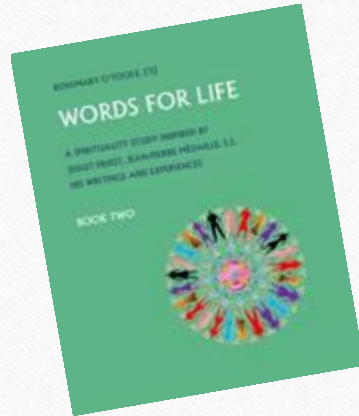




**Seized by self-emptying love
and desiring to respond
with humility, zeal, discernment
and cordial love...
we desire to live out
the spiritual heritage
which Jean-Pierre Médaille
entrusted to us.**



**Let us today discover the treasure
that we have been gifted with,
and when we discover
this fire of Love,
let us run with it into the world
so needing our love.**



BOOK TWO

- **THE SPIRITUALIZATION PROCESS**
- **RELATIONSHIPS: PRAYER TO THE TWO TRINITIES**
- **SELF-EMPTYING PROCESS**

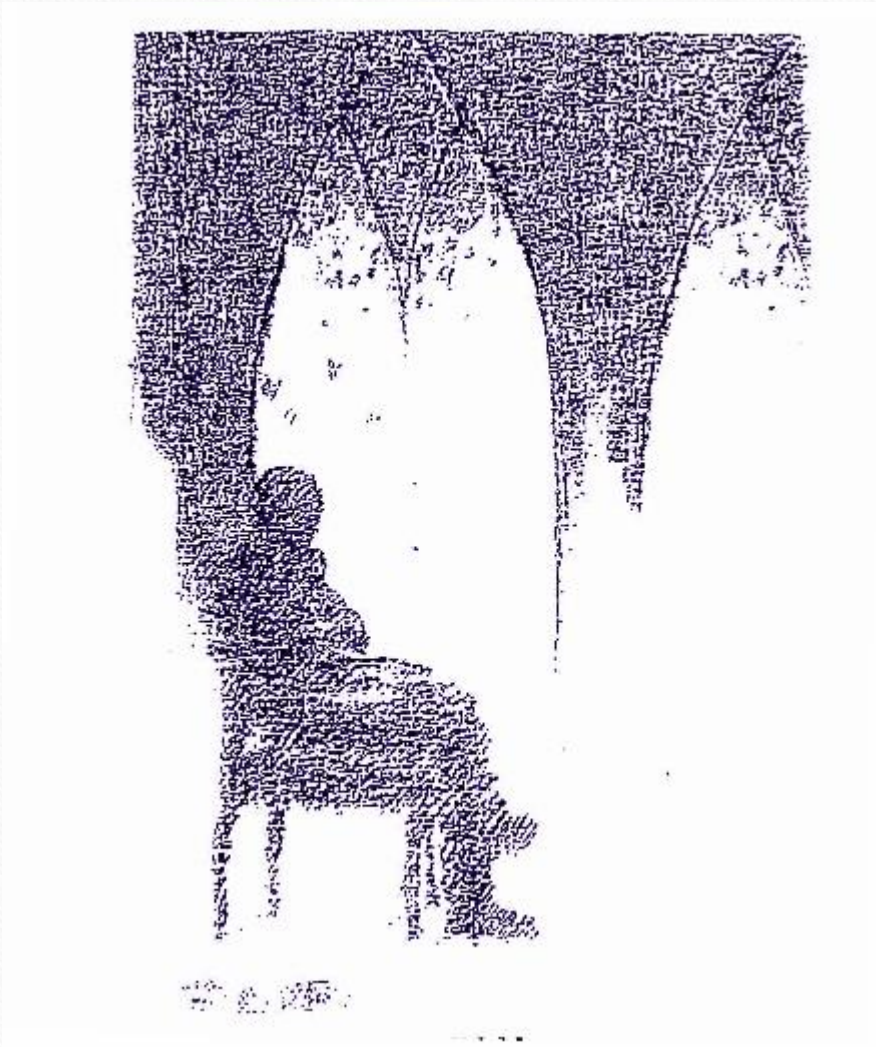
The Spiritualization Process

stages of our spiritual journey
accompanied by Jean-Pierre Medaille SJ



HIS WRITINGS

MAXIMS OF PERFECTION: PART TWO



WORDS FOR LIFE

BOOK TWO

Father Médaille's prayers and
intimate colloquies with Jesus.



MAXIMS OF PERFECTION: PART TWO

THIS IS A COMPANION TEXT
TO THE 128 SPIRITUAL MAXIMS
IN PART ONE

“An Exercise for stripping self of self and being clothed with Christ Jesus and imitating him in his hidden and public life in the form of prayers and colloquies with Saviour himself.”

- J.P. Médaille



“Deign,
good Jesus,
to unite me
to yourself
like the ivy
to its
supporting
wall.”

J.P. Médaille



“May I be like a simple instrument stripped of every kind of movement in order to be moved by you alone, my first and principal cause.”

J.P. Médaille

“Let me be like prime matter,
devoid of any kind of
predisposition and of all form,
capable of receiving the
dispositions and forms you wish
to place here.”

J.P. Médaille



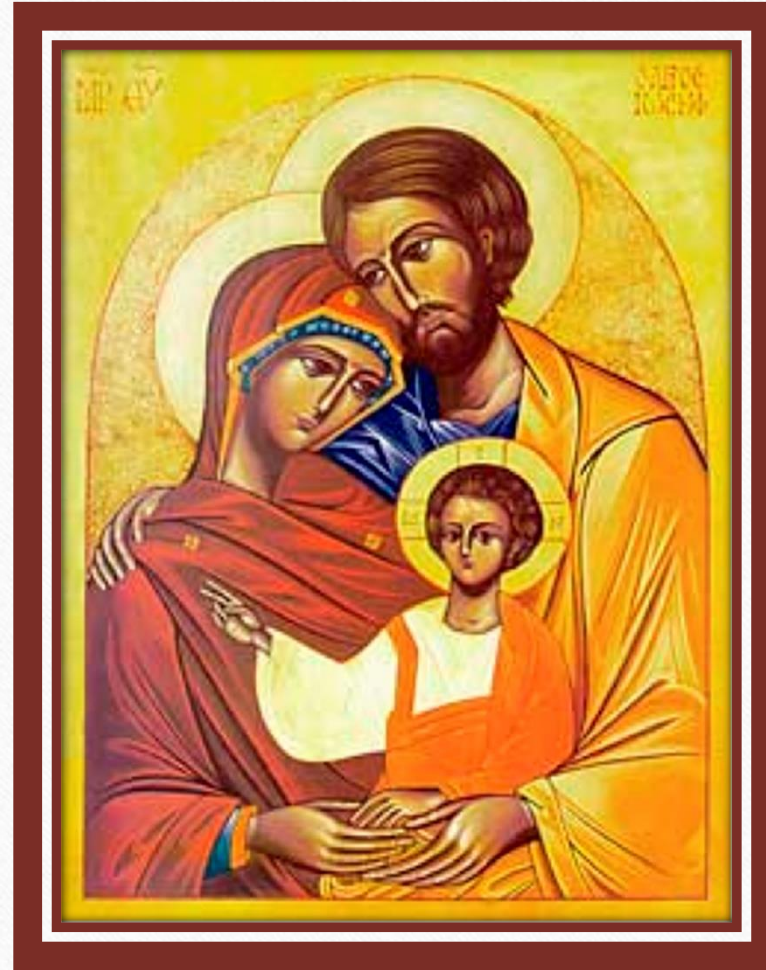
**“Empty me.
Fill me with your great love.”**





**“Good Jesus,
robe me
in the mantle of
your compassion.”**

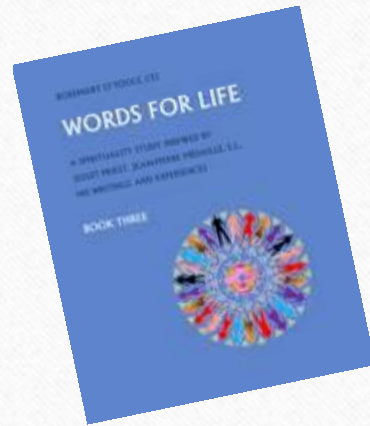
CONSECRATION TO THE TWO TRINITIES



RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD, SELF, OTHERS, CREATION

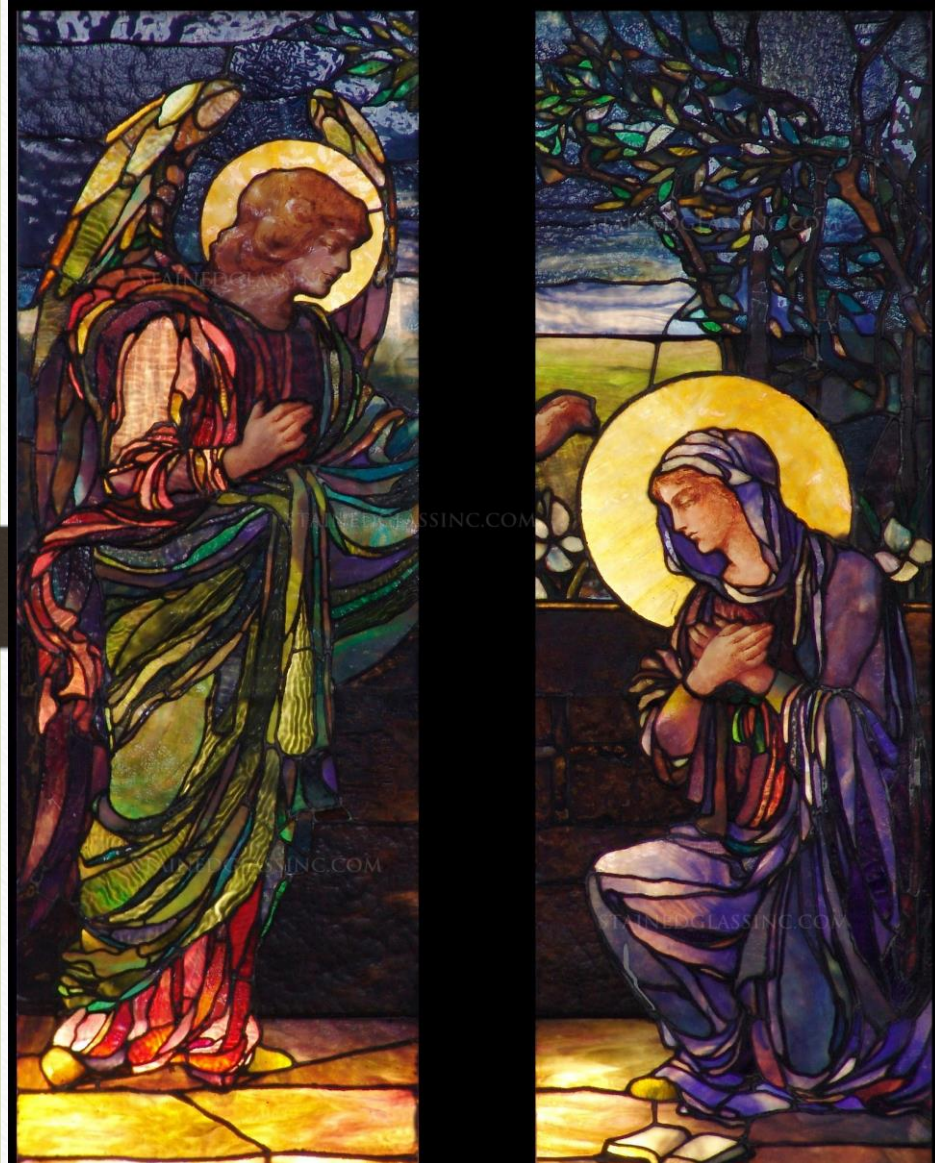


The Banquet by Ansgar Holmberg, CSJ



BOOK THREE

- **THE 12 CONTEMPLATIONS ON THE LIFE OF CHRIST**
- **TRANSFORMING UNION – THE GOAL AND ITS EFFECTS**
- **A CONTEMPLATIVE LIFESTYLE**



MYSTERY OF THE INCARNATION

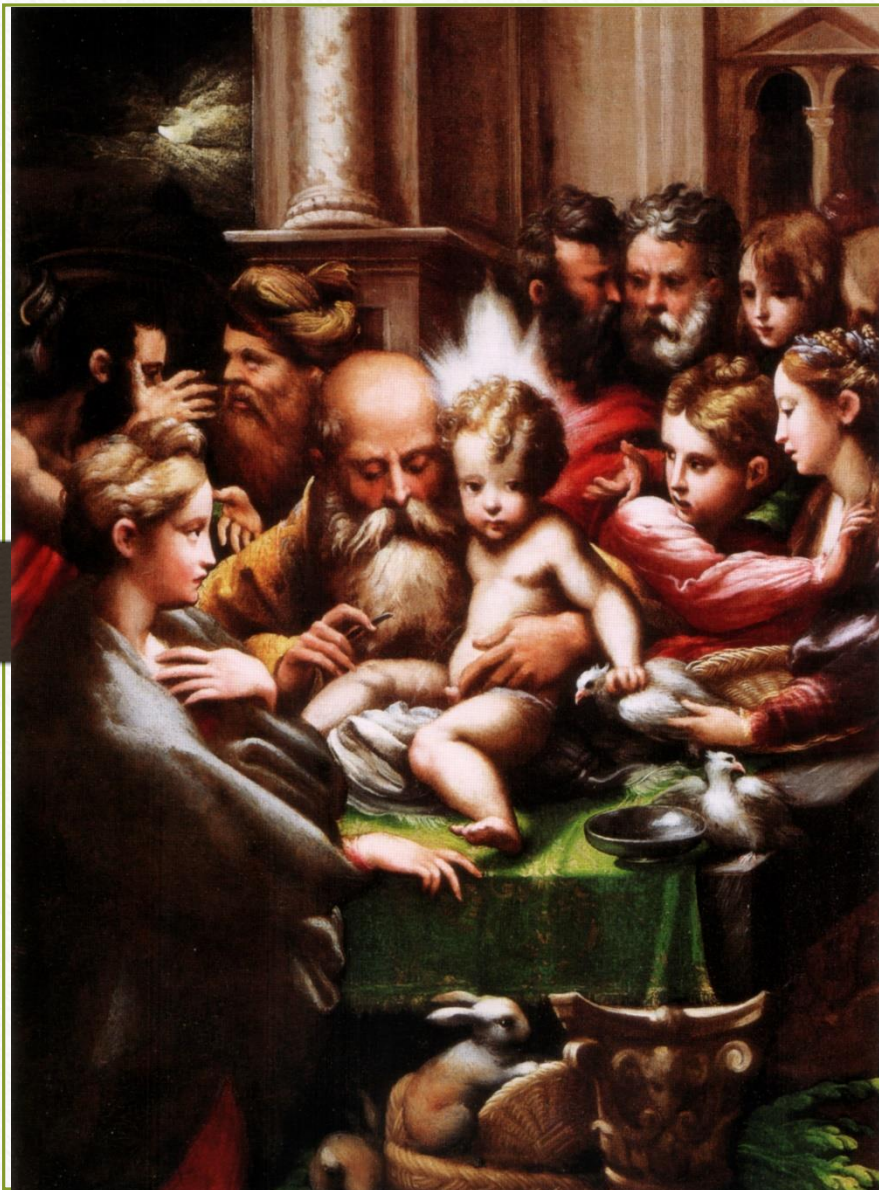
**“Here I see and admire
your ineffable abasement.**

**Ah, good Jesus,
how true it is,
that there indeed
you were an “abbreviated Word!”**

MYSTERY OF THE NATIVITY

“I admire here the wonder
of your infancy when,
in your infinite wisdom,
you allowed yourself to be guided
with the same docility
as if you were an ordinary child.”





MYSTERY OF THE CIRCUMCISION

**“Yahweh your God
will circumcise your heart
and the heart of all your descendants.”**

(Deut 30:6)



MYSTERY OF THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE

“You gave yourself
irrevocably
and out of the full measure
of your love.”



MYSTERY OF THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT

“You were no sooner born,
good Jesus,
than you were cruelly persecuted.”

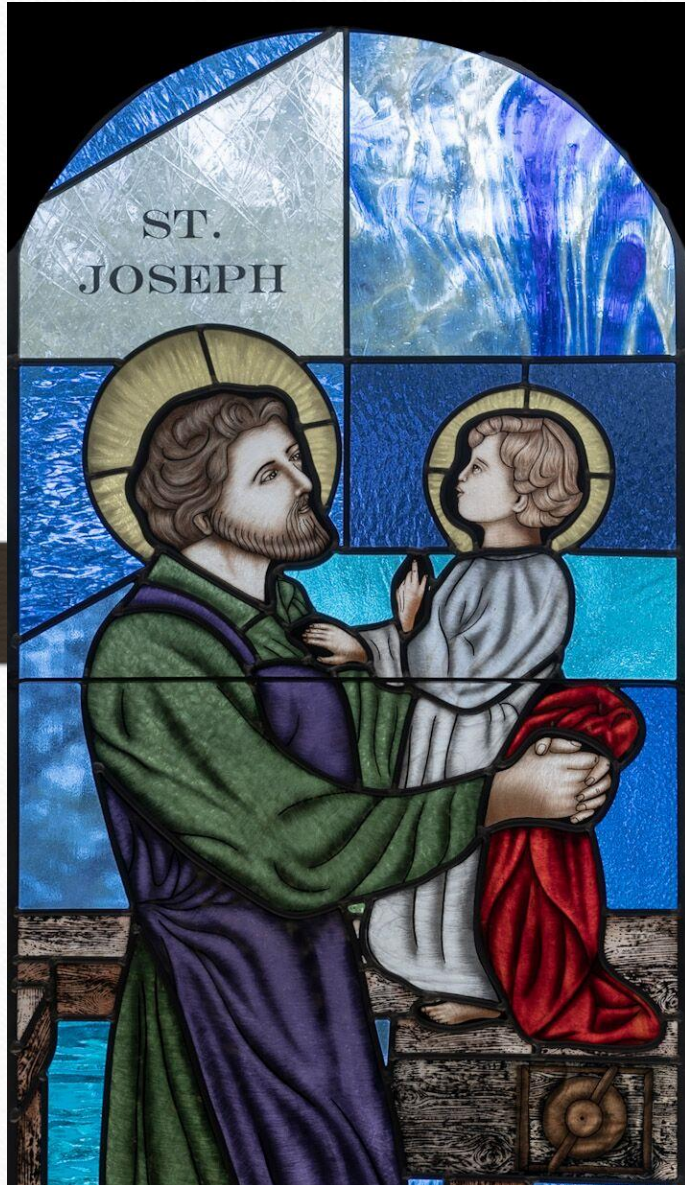


THE MYSTERY OF JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

**“... among the doctors,
with a very gentle and
humble simplicity, you
revealed a glimmer of
your sovereign wisdom
which filled those
assembled with
astonishment and
wonder at your teaching
and at your divine
answers.”**

MYSTERY OF THE HIDDEN LIFE OF NAZARETH

The hidden and submissive life
must possess sublime beauty
since you cherished it
so deeply
and lived it so long.”





MYSTERY OF THE BAPTISM AND DESERT SOLITUDE

“You willed to fulfill the Law,
submitting to the baptism of repentance
which you received
from the hand of your precursor.”



MYSTERY OF HIS PUBLIC LIFE

“... at all times,
ardent zeal for the glory of
your Father and for the
salvation of those for whom
you were to die;
always a more than human
patience, a sublime
moderation and a compelling
graciousness
in all your relationships.”

MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST



“It is singularly in
and through
this sacrament that
you have shown your
ardent desire to unite
yourself to us,
to live in us,
to abide with us
and to transform us
into your divine life.”



**MYSTERY
OF THE AGONY
IN THE GARDEN**

**“O good Jesus,
what a good
example of perfect
prayer
you give me!
You withdrew to a
place of solitude.”**



MYSTERY OF THE CRUCIFIXION

“In my last breath
may I be able to say:
“Consummatum est.””


It is finished.

I have fulfilled the designs of
divine Providence
concerning my life and my death.”

MYSTERY OF THE RESURRECTION

“Just as through Holy Communion your pure
Flesh implants in our beings
some seed of immortality
which gives them a right
to the glorious resurrection, so too,
I am convinced that your Soul and your Divinity
implant in the depths of our being,
something - I know not what –
of your divine Spirit.”



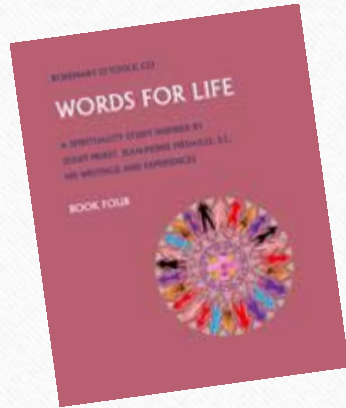


FOR I KNOW THE PLANS
I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES
THE LORD, PLANS TO
prosper YOU NOT
TO HARM YOU,
PLANS TO GIVE YOU *hope*
AND A *future*

JEREMIAH 29:11

LIVING IN UNION WITH GOD

- ✓ intimacy with God
- ✓ serenity
- ✓ indissolubility
- ✓ simplicity of life



BOOK FOUR

- **THE MYSTERY OF EUCHARIST**
- **THE EUCHARISTIC LETTER**
- **THE LITTLE DESIGN VISION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY**

FOUR WAYS TO GROW AND DEVELOP THE EUCHARISTIC LIFE

- 1. Join in the Celebration of Eucharist at Mass.**
- 2. Spend time in silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**
- 3. Practise charity towards others in the Mystical Body of Christ.**
- 4. Meet with a few friends in a “Little Design” community.**

THE EUCHARIST
CELEBRATED





CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

RECEIVE

“THE BODY OF CHRIST.”

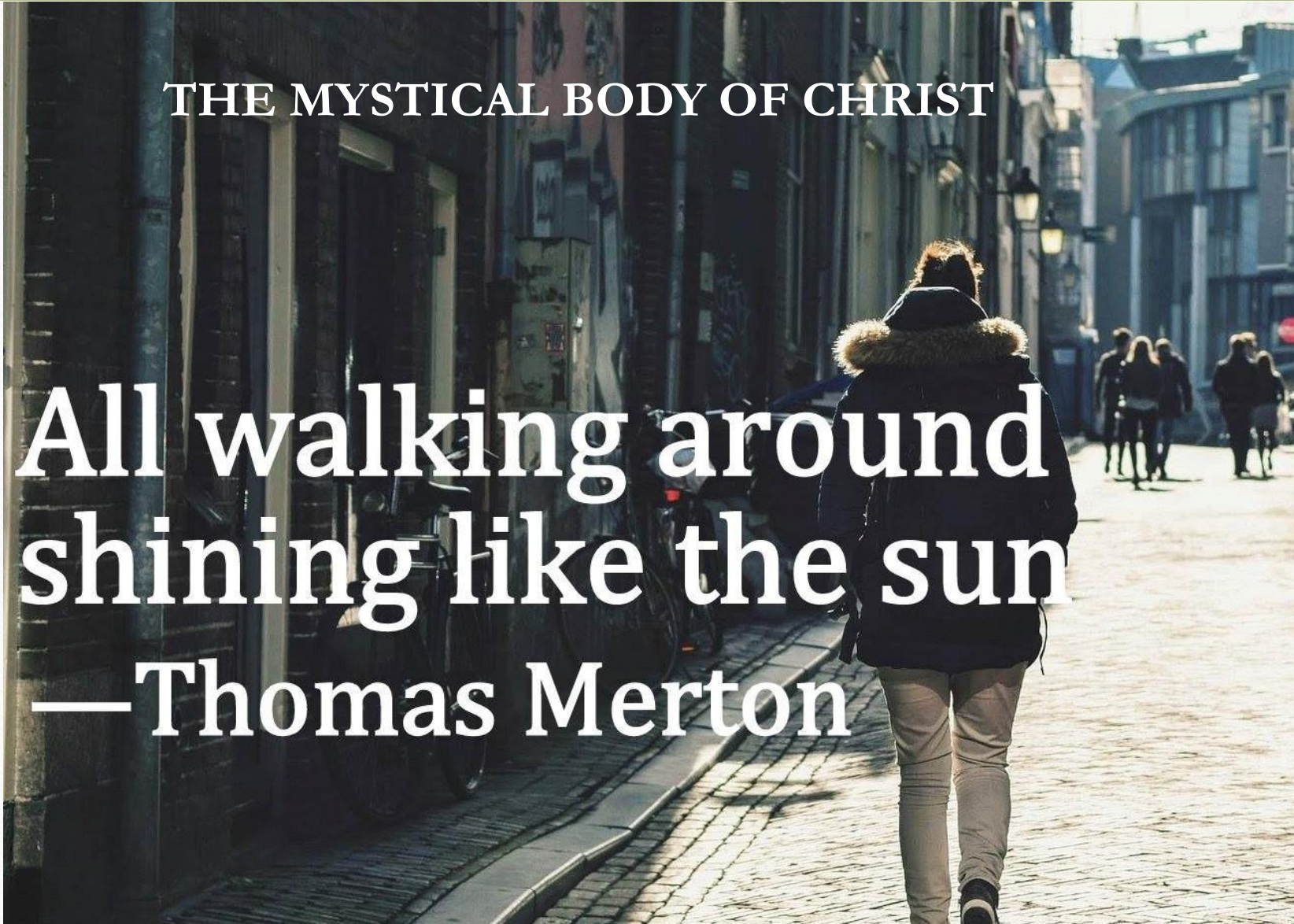
“AMEN.”

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



THE MYSTICAL BODY OF CHRIST

All walking around
shining like the sun
—Thomas Merton



BELONG TO A “LITTLE DESIGN” COMMUNITY



1660

HIS WRITINGS

THE EUCHARISTIC LETTER

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THE ONLY COPY
EVER FOUND
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ARCHIVES
OF THE SISTERS
OF ST. JOSEPH
IN LYON, FRANCE.





2013: PILGRIMS SEE AND READ THE EUCHARISTIC LETTER

START YOUR OWN LITTLE COMMUNITY

- INVITE THREE TO SIX LIKE-MINDED SPIRITUAL FRIENDS
- MEET IN YOUR HOMES MONTHLY
- STUDY **THE EUCHARISTIC LETTER** AND DISCUSS
- SHARE HEART-TO-HEART CONVERSATIONS
- ENJOY FRIENDSHIP AND CELEBRATIONS





OTTAWA
SMALL
"LITTLE DESIGN"
GROUPS





**GATHER
MONTHLY
IN YOUR OWN
HOMES TO
SHARE
HEARTS.**

“

**Love Love
and let Love love through you.**

”



Jean-Pierre Médaille, S.J.



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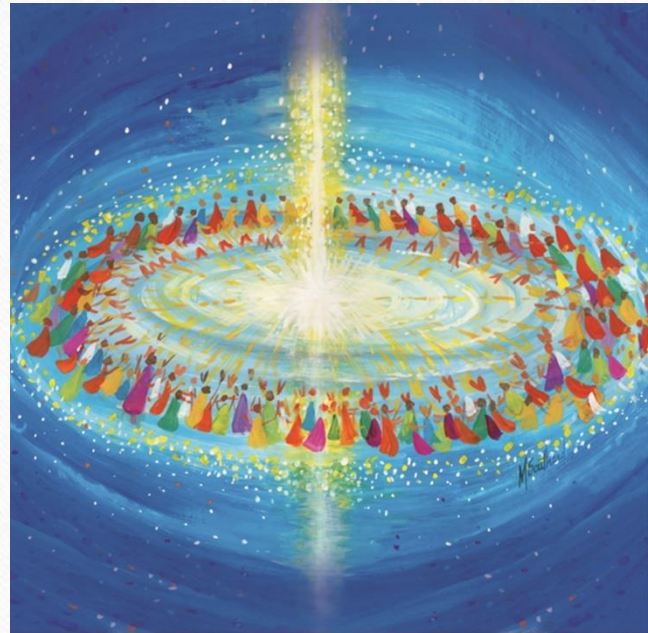
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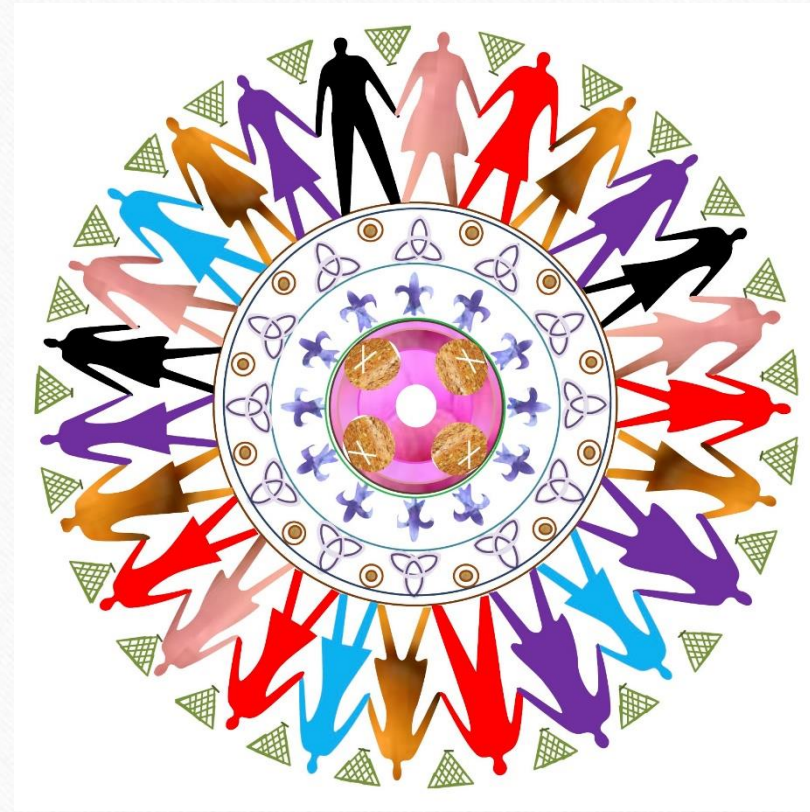
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May these teachings give to all persons

WORDS FOR LIFE

that will bear fruit abundantly.

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