Missionaries of La Salette

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The Missionaries of La Salette were founded in 1852, at the shrine of Our Lady of La Salette, where some priests banded together to care for the numerous pilgrims frequenting the mountain. In 1858 these priests formed a little community with temporary constitutions, under the immediate charge of the Bishop of Grenoble. In 1876 Right Rev. Msgr. Fava gave them more complete rules, and in May, 1890, the Institute was approved by Rome. Finding it hard to recruit their number from the secular clergy, the fathers founded an “Apostolic school” or missionary college in 1876. At present they have about 250 students. Their classical course lasts six years, and after their novitiate they repair to Rome, where the scholasticate is located. Here they complete their philosophical and theological course in the Gregorian University. In 1892 five of the missionaries arrived in the United States with fifteen students. Bishop McMahon of Hartford, Conn., welcomed them into his diocese, and they established themselves in the episcopal city, occupying the former bishop’s residence on Collins Street. In 1895 they removed to their present quarters at 85 New Park Ave., Hartford, Conn., close to the church of Our Lady of Sorrows. Hitherto a mission church of the cathedral, it was made a parish and given in charge of the fathers, who began to tend it on Ascension Day of the same year. In 1894, having established themselves in the Springfield Diocese, the fathers received the French parish of St. Joseph, Fitchburg, Mass., from Rt. Rev. Thomas Beaven. In 1895 Rt. Rev. Michael Tierney, successor to Bishop McMahon, requested the fathers to take charge of the mixed parish of St. James, Danielson, Conn. In 1901, at the suggestion of Bishop Beaven of Springfield, the Very Rev. Superior General sent a few students to Poland to prepare themselves for Polish parishes in the Springfield Diocese, and at present the parish at Ware and that of Westfield are in their care. In 1902 they were received into the Diocese of Sherbrooke, Canada, with a parish at Stanstead, P. Q., Canada, and also into the Archdiocese of New York, with a parish at Phoenicia, Ulster Co. At the request of Archbishop Langevin of St. Boniface, Canada, a few fathers were sent from the motherhouse in Hartford to establish themselves in West Canada. They now form a separate province with headquarters at Forget, Sask. They tend to the spiritual wants of four flourishing parishes, Forget, Esteven, Ossia, and Weyburn. In 1909, the missionaries deeming their order sufficiently developed, owing to additional foundations in Belgium, Madagascar, Poland, and Brazil, the Very Rev. Superior General petitioned the Holy See to approve their constitutions. The request was granted January 29, 1909. The students of the Apostolic schools are trained chiefly to combat the great crimes of the day, especially those denounced in the discourse of the Blessed Virgin at La Salette. The spirit of the community is that which pervades the whole apparition of Mary on the Mountain of La Salette—a spirit of prayer and sacrifice.

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Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary: Christ have mercy. R: Christ have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendor of the Father:

Lord have mercy. R: Lord have mercy.

Responsorial Psalm

Come with joy into the presence of the Lord.

Psalm 99 (100): 1-2. 3. 4. 5

Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; / serve the Lord with gladness; * come before him with joyful song. (R)

Know that the Lord is God; / he made us, his we are; * his people, the flock he tends. (R)

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, / his courts with praise; * give thanks to him; / bless his name. (R)

For he is good; / the Lord, / whose kindness endures forever, * and his faithfulness, to all generations. (R)
Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes to us. Our Lady of La Salette


VIII G

Al-le- lu- ia. Al-le- lu- ia. V. Bless-ed are they who have kept the word with a gen’rous heart * and yield a harvest through per-se-ver-an-ce. Al-le- lu- ia. Lk 8 : 15

Offertory Antiphon

R. VIII a

M

Oth-er of Christ, hope of all who in-voke your aid !

Y. 1 Hail, Queen of mercy, / Moth-er of Christ in your glory, * solace of the repentant, / hope of all who are in dis-tress. (R.)

Y. 2 Pity our sorrows, / calm our fears, * To you, blest Advo-cate, we cry ! (R.)

Sanctus

Mass X, Our Lady on Saturday


Ple-ni sunt cé-li et terra gló-ri- a tu- a. Ho-sá- nna in excél-sis. Be-

ne-dictus qui ve- nit in nómine Dómi-ni. Ho-sá- nna in excél-sis.
VIII

D

Y-ing you destroyed our death, ris-ing you restored our life: Lord Je-sus, come in glo-ry.

Agnus Dei

Mass X, Our Lady on Saturday

IV

A


Communion antiphon

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In me is all the grace * of the way and the truth, in me is all hope of life and of strength.

V 1. Glo-ry and praise are yours, O Mar- y: * for from you rose

VII

the Sun of Just-ice, Christ, our God. Ant. In me.

V 2. God has so ex-alt-ed your name, O Vir-gin Mar- y, *

that the lips of men will nev-er cease to praise you. Ant. In me.

V 3. Vir-gin and Moth-er, bear-ing the Word of God, you are the gate of par-a-dise; * in bringing God in-to the world, you have un-locked for us the gate of heav-en. Ant. In me.

V 4. Bless-ed are you, O Mar-y, full of grace, moth-er and vir-gin; * you are a shin-ing ex-am-ple of faith, hope and char-i-ty to the Church. Ant. In me.