

MISSIONNAIRES DES SAINTS-APÔTRES
MISSIONARIES OF THE HOLY APOSTLES
MISIONEROS DE LOS SANTOS APÓSTOLES



Recueil de célébrations
Compendium of Celebrations
Compendio de celebraciones litúrgicas



**HECTOR DURAND, CO-FONDATEUR ET SON ÉPOUSE.
MISTER HECTOR DURAND, CO-FOUNDER AND HIS WIFE.
SEÑOR HÉCTOR DURAND, COFUNDADOR Y SU ESPOSA.**

COMPENDIUM OF CELEBRATIONS

March 7: Mister Hector Durand, co-founder.

March 26: Father Eusebe-Henri Menard, founder.

GENERALATE 2008

MARCH 7 CELEBRATION

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Jn. 3, 8.

The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

GREETING

P. May the peace of God be always with you !

A. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

P. At the beginning of this celebration, let us turn to the Lord whose love is infinite and give Him praise.

- Lord, you who told us : “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed that a man has sown in his field”, be praised forever and have mercy on us.

A. : Be praised forever and have mercy on us.

- Lord, You who told us : “The Son of Man has come not to be served, but to serve and give his life in ransom for the multitude”, be praised forever and have mercy on us.

A. : Be praised forever and have mercy on us.

- Lord, You who told us : “If you knew the gift of God, if you knew him who asks you : Give me a drink!” be praised forever and have mercy on us.

A. : Be praised forever and have mercy on us.

P. May Almighty God have mercy on us; forgive us our sins and lead us to everlasting life.

A. *Amen.*

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, You who gave Mister Hector Durand the desire to collaborate in the mission of the Society of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles, to form and accompany young men and adults in their vocation to the priesthood and to other ministries, grant us to continue on this journey in order to respond to the pressing needs of today's Church. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, Our Lord and God, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from the letter to the Galatians Ga. 3, 26-29.

For through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendant, heirs according to the promise.

PSALM Ps 103 (102) 1-2, 6-10, 20-22.

A. *Bless the Lord, O my soul!*

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits;

The Lord secures justice
and the rights of all the oppressed.
He has made known his ways to Moses,
and his deeds to the children of Israel.

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
He will not always chide,
nor does he keep his wrath forever.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

Bless the Lord, all you his angels,
you mighty in strength, who do his bidding,
obeying his spoken word.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will.
Bless the Lord, all his works,
everywhere in his domain.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 16, 31

Alleluia. Alleluia. *Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead'.* Alleluia.

GOSPEL

+ Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint Luke. Lk 16, 19-31.

Jesus said to his disciples : “There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames’. Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good

during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.’

He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them lest they too come to this place of torment. But Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them’. He said, ‘Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent’. Then Abraham said, ‘If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead’.

HOMILY.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.

P. Brothers and Sisters, motivated by the audacity and generous dynamism in the life of Mister Hector Durand, co-founder of the Society of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles, let us pray to the Lord for the Church and the whole human family.

A. Lord, hear our prayer!

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Lord, all baptized christians do not exercise the same ministry but all have the same mission : to proclaim the Gospel. Send the Holy Spirit to them to guide them each day in the realization of this mission as children of God for the whole human family! (A.)

L. Father Eusebe-Henri Menard used to say that *to be a committed layperson was to live a true spirituality close to the reality of each day.* Lord, may all baptized christians discover each day the winding contours of human history. Give

them the grace to be meaningful witnesses, capable of questioning the world and of challenging it in order to make it brimming over with justice, love and peace. (A.)

L. Father Eusebe-Henri Menard used to say that *to be a committed layperson was to be able to question, listen and reflect*. Lord, give all baptized christians to be open to the signs of the times, to be looking forward with enthusiasm to each new day. That they may be able to discern the meaning of God's actions, callings, signs of hope and inspirations of the Holy Spirit, here and now, for themselves and for the whole world. (A.)

L. Father Eusebe-Henri Menard used to say that *to be a committed layperson was to believe in the power of prayer*. Lord, give all baptized christians the grace to rediscover the real meaning of christian prayer and to make it their own each day : a prayer in Christ, with Christ through the Holy Spirit. (A.)

P. Lord, give your Church shepherds and committed laypersons according to the heart of your Son and fill us with love and zeal, we ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

A. Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.

Accept, O Lord, these offerings that we place on your altar. May they contribute to your glory and help us work in the service of the Church and of the world in a spirit of unity and joy. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord and God, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON. 1 Cor. 7, 7.17.

Indeed, I wish everyone to be as I am, but each has a particular gift from God, one of one kind and one of another. Only, everyone should live as the Lord has assigned, just as God called each one. I give this order in all the churches.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION.

You who strengthened us with this communion, Lord, help us pursue our mission in the Church with the same zeal that inspired Mister Hector Durand, a docile instrument, devoted and determined in the hands of the Lord. Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord and God, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious God, Jesus has told us that “the harvest is large, but there are few workers to gather it in. Pray that the harvest master will send out workers to gather it in”. Thus we pray to you with confidence in accordance with the desires of His Heart.

Help all Christians to take seriously their responsibility as citizens of the Royal Kingdom and as living stones of the Church.

Choose from among your People apostolic workers; priests, deacons, religious men and women, committed lay people, so that the Good News is proclaimed to all nations and that your mercy is known to all our brothers and sisters.

AMEN.

HISTORY

OF THE MISSIONARIES OF THE HOLY APOSTLES

- September 1946** Opening of the Apostolic School : Saint-Pascal-Baylon
- 12 May 1951** Cardinal P.-E. Leger favors the foundation project of a Society of Common Life without public vows.
- 15 August 1951** The Archbishop of Montreal approves the foundation project of the Society of the Holy Apostles, society of common life without public vows, dedicated to the formation of vocations to the priesthood of young men and adults, to the direction of Retreat Houses and poor parishes.
- 1952** Opening of the Seminary of the Holy Apostles at Côte-Sainte-Catherine (Diocese of Saint-Jean-Longueuil)
- 25 March 1956** Decree of erection by Cardinal P.-E. Leger of the Society of the Holy Apostles as a pious union.
- 10 July 1957** Opening in Cromwell, Ct, USA (Diocese of Norwich) of the Holy Apostles Seminary.
- 1960** Opening of Saint-Jean-Vianney College at Rivière-des-Prairie, Montreal.

- 1960** The Missionaries of the Holy Apostles begin their apostolic work in the Amazon (Peru).
- 1961** Acquisition of the estate under the name of Marie-Reine-des-Coeurs, Chertsey (Diocese of Joliette), Canada
- 1962** Foundation of the Scolasticat in Washington, DC, USA
- 15 August 1962** Approval of the Society of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles as a pious union, in Indiana (Peru) by Msgr Damase Laberge, O.F.M., Bishop of the Apostolic Vicariat of Saint Joseph of the Amazon (Peru).
- 15 August 1965** Decree of erection of the Society of the Holy Apostles promulgated by Cardinal P.E. Leger.
- 11 November 1965 to
10 January 1966** Visit of Fr. Remi Couture to Tchad and Cameroon regarding a foundation in Africa.
- 03 November 1966** Opening of the Seminary of the Holy Apostles in Nsimalen (Yaounde)
- 12 December 1966** Opening of the Seminario de los Santos Apostoles in Bogota (Colombia)
- 12 January 1967** Creation of the Parish Conceição de Nova Aparecida in Campinas (Brazil)

- 17 December 1967** The moving of the Seminary of the Holy Apostles from Nsimalen to Otele.
- 28 March 1969** Taking over the Minor Seminary of Saint Thérèse of Mvolye (Yaounde)
- 1 November 1971** Recognition of the Society of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles as a Society of common life without public vows of diocesan right, by a decree from the Bishop of the Apostolic Vicariat of Saint Joseph of the Amazon (Peru), Msgr Laurent Guibord, O.F.M. The Society is under the governance of the Congregation for the Evangelization of the People (Propaganda Fide).
- 7 March 1972** Demise of Mr. Hector Durand, co-founder of the Work of the Holy Apostles
- May 1985** Opening in Assisi (Italy) of a vocational Centre in collaboration with the French Poor Clares.
- 23 February 1986** Acceptance by the Society to take charge of Saint-Paul's Minor Seminary in Bangui, Central African Republic.
- 26 March 1987** Demise of Fr. Eusebe-Henri Menard, Founder of the Work of the Holy Apostles. He is buried at the lot of the Society in the cemetery of the Parish of Saint-Joseph-de-Rivière-des-Prairies.

- Juin 1987** Beginning of a procedure towards the unification of the two Societies founded by Fr. Eusebe Menard.
- July-August 1995** From 30 July to 18 August, a General Assembly is held in preparation of the unification of the two Societies. 21 members of each of both Societies take part in the deliberations.
- 15 August 1995** Foundation of the Society of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles. The decree of foundation is read by Cardinal Jean-Claude Turcotte.
- 20 October 1997** Eucharistic celebration in the Cathedral Marie-Reine-du-Monde (Montreal), presided by Msgr. Laurent Guilbord, ofm, Apostolic Vicar of Saint-Joseph-of-the-Amazon, Peru, and concelebrated by fifty priests in the presence of more than 750 persons on the occasion of the closure of the jubilee year (50) of the Foundation of the Work of the Holy Apostles.
- 29 Juin 2000** Recognition of the Society of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles as a clerical Society of Apostolic Life of Pontifical Right.