

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



*Recueil de célébrations*  
*Compendium of Celebrations*  
*Compendio de celebraciones litúrgicas*



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REV. EUSEBE-HENRI MENARD, FOUNDER.  
PADRE EUSEBIO MENARD, FUNDADOR.**

## **COMPENDIUM OF CELEBRATIONS**

**March 7: Mister Hector Durand, co-founder.**

**March 26: Father Eusebe-Henri Menard, founder.**

**GENERALATE 2008**

## MARCH 26 CELEBRATION

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Eph. 1, 3

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing from above!*

### 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 for us is infinite and let us bless Him.**

- Lord, you who said : “Take upon you my yoke, become my disciples, for I am meek and humble of heart, and you shall find rest.”, have mercy on us.

*A. : Have mercy on us.*

- Lord, you who said : “He who believes in me will accomplish the same works I have done”, have mercy on us.

*A. : Have mercy on us.*

- Lord, you who said : “If someone loves me, he will remain faithful to my word; my Father will love him, we will come to him and abide within him”, have mercy on us.

*A. : Have mercy on us.*

**P. May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.**

A. Amen.

## **OPENING PRAYER**

**Lord, you awakened within your servant, Father Eusebe-Henri Menard, a desire to promote, form and accompany young men and adults in their vocation to the priesthood and to other ministries in the Church. Grant us, as disciples, to pursue our apostolic mission in the service of the whole Church throughout the world, particularly in regions where there is a lack of priests and apostolic laborers to assure the establishment and growth of the Kingdom of God. Through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord and God, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

## **FIRST READING**

**First letter of Paul to the Corinthians      1 Co 12, 12-31.**

Brothers, as a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body', it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body', it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be?

But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I do not need you'.

Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our

more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way.

**PSALM      Ps. 99 (100) 1-5.**

**A.    *All you lands, sing joyfully to the Lord!***

Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands;  
Serve the Lord with gladness;  
Come before him with joyful song.

Know that the Lord is God,  
He made us, his we are;  
His people, the flock he tends.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
His courts with praise;  
Give thanks to him;

Bless his name, for he is good:  
The Lord whose kindness endures forever,  
And his faithfulness, to all generations.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn. 15, 8.**

*Alleluia. Alleluia. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. Alleluia.*

## **GOSPEL**

### **+ Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John Jn. 15, 1-17**

At the hour when Jesus was passing from this world to his Father, he said to his disciples : “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.

You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete.

This is my commandment : love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.

## **HOMILY**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.**

**P. Brothers and Sisters, motivated by the perseverance and loyal faith of Father Eusebe-Henri Menard, Founder of the Society of the Missionaries of the Holy Apostles, let us present our prayer to the Lord for the Church and for the entire human family.**

#### **A. Lord hear our prayer!**

- L. In the footsteps of Father Eusebe-Henri Menard, we offer up all the persons, priests and laypersons who find their intimacy and strength in the Mystical Body of Christ; may they be entirely available to live the will of God each moment of their lives. **(A.)**
- L. In the footsteps of Father Eusebe-Henri Menard, we offer up all the persons who are working in the formation of christian spiritual leaders in the world, priests, deacons and laypersons committed to different services and ministries; may they be open to the inspirations of the Spirit who is guiding the Church till the end of time. **(A.)**
- L. In the footsteps of Father Eusebe-Henri Menard, we offer up all persons involved in the animation of parishes, retreat centres, houses of prayer, and services to the underprivileged; may they be for each and everyone, privileged witnesses of God's tenderness. **(A.)**



- L. In the footsteps of Father Eusebe-Henri Menard, we offer up the Church, the world and each one of our families; through the Resurrection of Christ, may the entire cosmos rediscover its meaning and nobility according to God's primitive plan and that we may live together the mystery of an ever new Pentecost. (A.)
- P. Lord, give your Church the pastors and laypersons who are committed within your Church according to the heart of your Son and fill us with hope and audacity, we ask this of you through Christ your Son.**

A. Amen.

### **PRAYERS OVER THE OFFERINGS**

**Recognizing the marvels you accomplished in the life of Father Eusebe-Henri Menard, we humbly ask you, O Lord; receive these offerings so that in following his example, we may live our mission at the heart of the Church more intensely according to the spirituality of the Mystical Body of Christ. Through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord and God, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON. Eph 1, 13**

*In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION.**

**God of tenderness, with the strength of this communion, united in the Lord Jesus, lead us each day through the intercession of the Apostles and the support of the Blessed Virgin**

**Mary in the realization of our mission founded by Father Eusebe-Henri Menard in true fidelity to the Church and a filial attachment to the Pope. Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord and God, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Prayer**

**to obtain a favor through the intercession of Father Menard.**

Father, you who calls us to follow Jesus,  
We bless you for the work accomplished  
By your servant Father Eusebe Menard.  
You chose him to give numerous apostles to his Church.  
Confirm the holiness of this messenger of your Word  
By granting us the favor we ask...

Through his intercession and the power of the Holy Spirit,  
May we work in the awakening of vocations and the formation  
Of ministers in the Church and for the world.  
We ask this of you, God of Love, who reign  
Forever and ever. Amen.

*Our Father...*

*Hail Mary...*

*Glory be to the Father...*

*(Cum permissio superiorum)*

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## **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.