

CELEBRATION OF THE GIFT OF RELIGIOUS BROTHERS



LET US SPEND A FEW MOMENTS
AND PUT OURSELVES IN THE PRESENCE OF EACH OTHER AND THEREFORE IN
THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

Reading: Luke 8:16-18

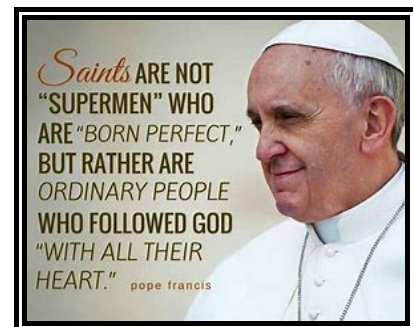


"No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed; rather, he places it on a lamp stand so that those who enter may see the light. For there is nothing hidden that will not become visible, and nothing secret that will not be known and come to light. Take care, then, how you hear. To anyone who has, more will be given, and from the one who has not, even what he seems to have will be taken away." The Gospel of the Lord.

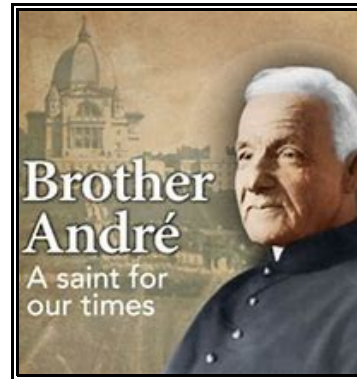
Let us now prayerfully pray some of what Pope Francis has said to we Religious

SOME QUOTES FROM PAPA FRANCESCO

- Letter of Pope Francis to Consecrated Religious: "I am counting on you to wake up the world".
- "Wherever there are consecrated persons, women and men religious, there is joy".
- "True joy doesn't come from having things, no! It's born from the encounter, from the relation with others".



- “A sad Religious is a sorry Religious. Never allow us to have a Religious with a face of a ‘pepper in vinegar’, never. But with the joy that comes from Jesus”.
- “The labourers for the harvest are not chosen through advertising campaigns or appeals for service or generosity, but they are chosen and sent by God”.
- “Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love”.
- “We must first experience God’s consolation, his love, in our lives so that we can then bring that consolation to the world that so desperately yearns for God’s consolation”.
- “This is important if our mission is to be fruitful”.
- “What the world needs now is saints”!
- “We need saints that go to the movies, that listen to music, that hang out with their friends”.
- “We need saints that have a commitment to helping the poor and to make the needed social changes”.
- “We need saints that drink Coca-Cola, that eat hot dogs, that surf the internet and that listen to their iPods”.
- “We need saints to live in the world, to sanctify the world and to not be afraid of living in the world by their presence in it”.



“The spread of the Gospel is not guaranteed either by the number of persons, or by the prestige of the institution, or by the quantity of available resources. What counts is to be permeated by the love of Christ, to let oneself be led by the Holy Spirit and to graft one’s own life onto the tree of life, which is the Lord’s Cross”.



Let us conclude our prayer by reciting 3 Hail Marys asking our Mother to petition her Son for an increase in vocations to the Religious Brotherhood.