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.
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.
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.
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.
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
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 Anggar Holmberg, CSJ
BOOK THREE

• THE 12 CONTEMPLATIONS ON THE LIFE OF CHRIST
• TRANSFORMING UNION – THE GOAL AND ITS EFFECTS
• A CONTEMPLATIVE LIFESTYLE
“Here I see and admire your ineffable abasement. Ah, good Jesus, how true it is, that there indeed you were an “abbreviated Word!”
“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.”
“… 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.”
“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.”
“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.”
“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.”
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
All walking around shining like the sun
—Thomas Merton
BELONG TO A “LITTLE DESIGN” COMMUNITY
1660

HIS WRITINGS

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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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