

A Year with Fr. Brisson



celebrating the centenary of the death of the Servant of God

THE REVEREND LOUIS BRISSON

(1817-1908)

priest and founder of the institutes of the
Oblates and Oblate Sisters of St. Francis de Sales

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The Direction of Intention

Heavenly God, we give you this novena.
We offer to You all of the good that we shall do.
And we promise to accept, for love of You, all of the difficulty that we shall meet.
Help us to conduct ourselves during this novena in a manner most pleasing to You.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ... pray for us.

Fr. Brisson's STORY (Positio super virtutibus, p. xlviij)

(Fr. Dufour): "In the schools, the residences, and the factories, (Fr. Brisson) always favored frequent communion. He welcomed with great joy the decree of Pius X on daily communion, but he insisted above all on the dispositions that assured the fruits of this communion. His great happiness (was) to preside over the ceremonies of First Communion, to close (a) retreat or general communion, first Masses, and to celebrate the splendors of exposition. His worship of the most Blessed Sacrament was the consequence of his devotion to the mystery of the Incarnation, to the person of Jesus Christ, the Savior, according to the title that he preferred to employ. He lived in his presence, sought in him without ceasing the master to serve, the model to imitate, the beloved to glorify. He also venerated the holy Gospel which he was pleased to meditate upon (and) to preach without ceasing. Thus, to please him and to be better penetrated by the marvels of this divine book, the young girls of the *ouvres ouvrières* delighted in fashioning living reproductions of the prettiest scenes of the life of Jesus."

Fr. Brisson's WORDS (*Dans le Sillage de la Liturgie*, Friday of the 13th week of Ordinary Time)

It is really something, being looked upon by the Savior! One look from him suffices for the goodness of all eternity. Say in the depth of your heart: "Lord, I am yours, and it is for eternity! Let me, however, still ask a question: why do you love me? For what reason have you come to my poor soul? It is the secret of your love, and what a secret! I prostrate myself before you, I adore you, and I kneel at your feet and say to you: Lord, I can no more comprehend whence comes this immense charity you have for me, but I adore your will and your love. I am yours; I will no more separate myself from you. In all that I will have to do and to suffer, I am yours, O my God, today and always!"

Oblate Reflections

- Seasonal theme ... the Eucharist
- At the local level ... a meditation provided by a local Oblate preacher
- At the international level online text <www.louisbrisson.org>

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Prayer for the Beatification of the Servant of God

Lord, please visit and protect the family
of the Oblate Sisters and Oblates of St. Francis de Sales,
which is the vine Your all-powerful hand has planted
through the work of Your servant, Louis Brisson.

For the glory of Your name
make this family grow in Your love,
and grant to it, for the joy of the whole Church,
the recognition of the untiring zeal of its Founder for the Gospel
and of his heroic courage in the midst of trials.

We ask this through Christ our Lord ... AMEN.

+ May God Be Blessed +