

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. lxiii-lxiv)

Sr. Pupey-Girard writes ... Fr. Brisson "made sure that in his houses the duties to be rendered to God were accomplished with exactitude and dignity, as he accomplished them himself. His spirit of religion was manifest; one was touched by his adoring attitude during prayer. He had the practical knowledge of the presence of God, and his exterior responded to this sentiment. His presence inclined him to fervor, (and) His respect inclined him to the love of God. The ceremonies over which he presided were imprinted with these two sentiments." "Toward God, he rendered him all the duties that are owed to him."

Fr. Brisson's WORDS (*Dans le Sillage de la Liturgie*, Friday of the 31st week of Ordinary Time)

Let us think that it is the Savior who atones for what we do not always do according to his holy Will. It is He who completes the sum of our merits. He commits himself to deal with what is lacking (in us). We are like the debtors of whom the Gospel speaks - one owing five cents, the other fifty - and who have not the means to pay. Who will pay what we lack? It will be the Savior; it is He who pays our debts fully by the treasure of the infinite merits of his Passion. Let us say with confidence and love: "Today, I have not done something well, I have not understood well what you willed of me; perhaps, Lord, I have not brought good will sufficient to serve you. But it is you who are my Savior, the one who atones for me; you atone for what has not been done well, (and) I put my confidence in you. What is defective in my life, repair it, complete it by your grace, so that everything I do, even to the least of my actions, may be agreeable to your divine Majesty."

Oblate Reflections

- Seasonal theme ... dedication/consecration (vows)
- 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 +