



Moreau Moment

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There is no doubt that Father Moreau's faith penetrated and transformed his attitudes and his outlook. In his later years as superior general and even more after his resignation, he underwent a veritable persecution – a trial more terrible, especially in its great length, than his great trial of 1855. It is amazing to find him saying repeatedly in his correspondence of this period that, despite the storms that raged around him, he found his heart at peace. Three years before his death he wrote to the Marianite Sisters in New Orleans:

You are kind enough to write to me your condolences for the trials of the year which has just ended. I thank you with all my heart, and I bless the hand which has struck me. It is a great honor which our Lord grants me, and also a true source of happiness, to drink his chalice. Thus, thanks to the prayers offered for me, I have not been troubled or discouraged...

With all my heart I pardon those who have persecuted me, and I wish them well.

Six months before his death he wrote to a sister in France:

Do not feel sorry for me because of the trials (the good God) has sent me. They are a grace for which I bless him, and my mind is no more troubled by them than my heart is saddened.

Basil Moreau was a man of faith, a man of prayer, a man who others saw as one close to God, a man who spoke enthusiastically and persuasively of God and through whose words and life others found God – this truly characterizes Father Moreau as a man of God

Please stand for our Moreau Monday Prayer...

And so together, let us pray: In the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, amen.

Lord Jesus, Source of all that is good, you inspired Basil Moreau to found the religious family of Holy Cross to continue your mission among the People of God. May he be for us a model of the apostolic life, an example of fidelity and an inspiration as we strive to be followers of Jesus.

May the Church be moved to proclaim his saintliness for the good of all people. Lord Jesus, you said "Ask and you shall receive." I dare to come to you to ask that you hear my prayer. It is through the intercession of Father Basil Moreau that I ask...

May I learn to imitate his holiness and service and look to him confidently in times of need. Amen.



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