



Moreau Moment

November 13, 2006

The Spirituality of Father Moreau

At the core of Father Moreau's spirituality lies his deep conviction that all of us are called to live and move and have our being in God's love by sharing in the saving mysteries of Christ's life. This conviction fired his zeal to help us realize the salvation that is ours. His deepest desire was to be able to say with St. Paul:

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me."
-Galatians 2:20

For Basile Moreau our salvation is realized through union with Christ. Enduring, faithful love, especially sacrificial love, marks Christ's life. At the heart of Father Moreau's desire to evangelize and teach was the burning desire that each of us be one in Christ's faithful, enduring love.

Basile Moreau founded the Congregation of Holy Cross so as to help form and make real Christ's presence in the world. Through our common life, Father Moreau desired to awaken our consciousness to the communal reality of Christ's presence among us; through apostolic works of teaching and preaching Father Moreau desired to awaken our commitment to serve others as Christ himself served.

Fr. Moreau's vision to conform himself and his Congregation to Christ was shaped by the formation experience as a young priest at St. Sulpice in Paris and at the Solitude of Issy outside of Paris. He spent the first two years after his ordination there. Two elements, in particular, characterize Sulpician piety: an attachment to Christ by participation in the mysteries of his life and a basic self-discipline used to hasten our conformity to Christ so that he might be present to the world through us.

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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