

An Angel's interview with Fr. Medaille

God gave a party in Heaven in honor of Fr. Medaille's 400th birth anniversary. Even in heaven many did not know him. A small angel also did not know father but enjoyed the party and was aware of the presence of St. Joseph sisters so she decided to meet Fr. Medaille and when she found father she interviewed him.

Angel- good morning father.

Father- good morning angel.

A - Can I ask you something?

F - Of course you may

A - You seem to have so many daughters on earth?

F - Yes I have so many daughters.

A - And you founded the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph?

Father – Yes but it is God's work. God worked through me.

Angel - You proved your humility. How did you guide them when you were on earth?

Father – the Holy Spirit worked in all of us and I gave them 100 maxims to practice great Virtues.

Angel - 100 maxims? What would they do if they practice?

Father – They will fill them with Jesus Christ and despoil them of self so as to become clothed in Him. In the fullness of the spirit of God, they will establish them in perfect peace, crown them with merit and lead them joyfully to a happy Eternity.

Angel - Oh! That is the reason why the heaven is filled with St. Joseph sisters.

Father – ha..... ha.....ha.

Angel – ok what led you to found the Congregation of St. Joseph?

Father – My desire to love God and to give my life at the service of neighbor.

Angel - How did you get the strength to bring your desire into practice?

Father – I used to spend hours and hours near the Blessed Sacrament and it was my greatest strength.

Angel - You were a Jesuit? Weren't you?

Father – Yes I was.

Angel – I see you always around Father Son and Holy Spirit. Why?

Father – The reason is that I consecrated the Congregation to the uncreated Trinity of Father Son and Holy Spirit and created Trinity of Jesus Mary and Joseph. So I constantly plead them to guide my daughters.

Angel – So you support them with your prayers.

Father – Yes.

Angel – I heard some St. Joseph sisters speak about TDU. What is it?

Father – It is the Total Double Union. Every sister of St. Joseph is to achieve this total double union that is union with God union with their neighbor. In other words love of God and love of Neighbor .

A - That sister coming this way seems to be a sister of St. Joseph?

F - O yes she is one of my first daughters and the first superior of the Congregation.

A - Oh! [Sister comes close]

A - Good morning sister.

Sister - Good morning angel and good morning father.

F - Good morning sister.

A - What is your good name sister?

S - I am Françoise Eyraud.

A - How did you come to know Fr. Medaille?
 S - I belonged to a village which father used to visit frequently.
 A - So, you met him there?
 S - Yes, and I used to share with father about my deep desire to serve God and my incapacity to enter a monastery or pay a dowry which was the custom.
 A - Then what happened?
 S - Father with a generous heart took me to Le Puy and me and another five more sisters pronounced our commitment to God in the presence of Fr. Medaille and Bishop Henry de Maupas.
 A - You became first superior then?
 S - Yes, but we did not know how to read and write. So, father arranged a Lady to teach us.
 A - Did Father stay with you?
 S - No, father was very obedient to his superiors; he willingly accepted the transfer and visited us whenever he could get a chance.
 A - Did you have any communication?
 S - Oh! Yes he directed us through spiritual letters and maxims.
 A - Yes father was speaking about it. So father was a humble, obedient and a hidden man.
 S - Yes.
 A - Thank you for sharing about Fr. Medaille.
 S - It's my pleasure. Can I take leave of you both?
 A and F - Oh, yes. Thank you. [Turning to father]
 Angel - According to you what is the greatest virtue a sister of St. Joseph should have or should follow?
 Father - According to me my daughter should process a self, emptied of everything and a heart filled with love of Christ.
 Angel - Excellent virtue.
 Father - Thank you.
 Angel - I am aware that each established congregation is to have a Charism. What your Charism?
 Father - Our charism is union communion and reconciliation.
 Angel - Could you explain in detail?
 Father - Yes of course. Union with God communion with people and reconciliation with God with oneself and with neighbor.
 Angel - Wonderful charism. If I were to born on earth I would choose to be a daughter of St. Joseph and serve God.
 Father - Most welcome.
 Angel - Thank you father for spending your valuable time, I too will pray for your dear daughters. And good bye father.
 Father - Thank you and good bye my little angel.

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