

400 flowers to Fr. Medaille

Born of France a gentle man
Four hundred years of age
He was so gentle in his nature
But wild in his love for God.

Born of royal stem
Spread the fragrance of love
Love for God and the poor
And remained close to humility.

He clothed himself with humility
He added beauty with love
His clothes shined with faith
And spread the fragrance of
simplicity.

He was powerful in his work
But a gentle breeze in his speech
His spirit was unknown to people
But spreads like a whirlwind.

His vocation was greater
Greater for the Love of God
He kept his vocation in mind
That he never disturbed.

His soul enriched the virtues
That made all his works perfect
And gave greater glory to God
And did God's will alone.

His imitation of Christ thrills
That he emptied himself fully
Lived a simple and humble life
And gained God's blessing.

His love for the Spirit
Reflected upon the love of poor
His life became true
True instrument of God's love.

He loved the world so much
But remained blind to its vanities
He refused to live luxury
And lived in the steadfast love.

He clothed himself a new
With gentleness, humility of heart,
Sincerity, peace and love
Model for his life was Jesus.

His desire for God's glory
Reached out to the whole world
His humble and courageous spirit
Brought zeal in his work.

Confidence in God was his strength
That his weakness made perfect
And brought success in his works
That he did in obedience.

He gave no heed to evil
That may spoil his good deed
He closed the doors to vanity
Opened the door for God's blessings.

He realized his small worth
With imperfections so many
He never praised or disgraced himself
Little value had his self on himself.

He overlooked the imperfections
Of his companions, friends
His was the heart that
Had only good name of others.

He accepted his suffering
And achieved grace
His life was lived in truth
That guided by the Light.

He never failed in acceptance
Of suffering in all the ways
As if it was God's will
He accepted gladly.

Depended on God's mercy
He remained humble
In whatever he did and
Received the gifts of divine help.

His obedience was prompt
To the Holy Spirit that
He gave his ear to Him
And thanked him in success.

He took notice of nothing
Only God was his aim
He aimed to do only His will
And for God's greater glory.

He lived without desire
Committed himself to God
Few things was his desire
To do God's will on this earth.

He did not live for himself
But for God's will
Might be accomplished
By him and by others.

He welcomed his obedience
From his superiors word
He did it with love
And closed ears for evil work

His conviction so great
That he lived and worked
With seriousness of spirit
And remained firm.

His works were unnoticed
He remained hidden
He longed for eternity
Where his treasure is.

Popularity was his enemy
Hidden treasure his work
Known only to God
When it was His will.

His love to the Father
Delighted in the poor
His vocation proclaimed
God as his origin.

Remembered God's presence
Lived in His will and love
His soul belonged to Him
Who called him to Himself

Glorified God he saw
In others good works
His heart delighted
In others good deed.

His concern for God's will
Rather than his own interests
Was pleasing to the Father
Who showered blessings on him.

Prayer vs. apostolate
This was his desire
Both stood in the same level
After the footsteps of Jesus.

Affections of others – care not
Care for God's affection
And affections of others
To God alone – was his wish.

His was the faith deeper
That he believed in all
That was told Him
He believed and he lived.

His was the trust stronger
That he had on God
When he came faced with
Difficulties and problems.

Come what may – was the word
Because of his unshaken
Confidence in God – whose
Will he was doing.

Sometimes he lived
With abandoned Jesus
On the cross in order to
Experience his pain.

Comparing is bad he felt
And lived as though only
He is living and doing
God's will on this earth.

Failure or success both
Same to his heart
In all his understandings
God was his greatest inspiration.

God is present everywhere
He is watching over us
Was his strong conviction
That he never disrespected.

Moods & feelings – not acted
Guidance of duty and reason
He acted in love in order to
Give greater glory to Trinity.

Refuse, ask – nothing
Was his real motive
He accepted everything
In the light of prayer.

He did not dare to
Take speck from others eyes
Because he thought
He had log in his own eye.

I am nothing he felt
And lived accordingly
Did everything possible
For God and his neighbor

He gathered nothing
In this world except
The love of others
That has to carry

He wished to live like
Jesus in everything.
That He may live in him
And he in Jesus.

New commandment he followed
Perfection in his love
For God and our Saviour
And remained single-minded.

His desire to find himself in
Christ in the forms of
Poorest, humblest and
Purest and most obedient fulfilled.

He filled his mind
That it never wandered
He took care to be
There to his seeking.

In his dealings with
Others he was gentle
And simple, cheerful
And treated with respect.

Died completely to
Himself, to vanity
And pleasure
Lived with crucified Jesus.

He chose what is
Lowly and unwanted
Task and left easy
To others to accomplish.

His task did not let
Him seek pleasure
And consolation but
God's glory and others salvation.

He had cheerful face
In times of difficulty
To show he was enjoying
His pain and suffering.

He enjoyed doing
What the other wishes
And gave happiness
For the love of God.

Love your enemies
And pray for those who
Persecute you. This he
Followed till the end.

He believed in the goodness
Of God and others
In all the circumstances
Of his daily life.

He gave his heart
To no one, no things
His heart was longing
For loving God.

He never lived his life
On others opinion or
Their influences but
Lived on his conviction.

In rendering service
To other he found joy
Not reward or praise
But only the Love of God.

In his apostolate he
Convinced no one
He gained God's approval
Not the human beings.

His goodness has
Reached 400 years
To give glory to God
The source of his life.

His openness to the grace
Of God Almighty
Brought the SSJ to
This world as a grace.

His unworthiness he
Realized, when he
Accomplished his task
That God had given him.

He uttered no word
Against authority in
The time of his obedience
Peace that was he loved.

His search for intimate
Union with God and others
Brought forth genuine humility
Simplicity, obedience and poverty.

In his life he found
Satisfaction until and
Unless he wanted to
Change something to perfection.

Always and everywhere
His life's path had ups and downs
He accepted and welcomed
Them as God's gift of love.

He treated God's creation
With respect that he was
Kind to every little things on
This earth and unkind to none.

Carrying out the responsibility
Was his hobby in his life
He practiced it with his
Spirit of conscience.

When he met with difficulties
In carrying out God's will
Courage was his dearest
Friend to take one step ahead.

Prudence was his sister
So peacefully and steadfastly
He continued his plan of God
Until it came into existence.

He followed Jesus, never
To test the Lord God who
Called him to accomplish
His greater plan for the world.

Past is a history-future
Is mystery. So today –live
This was the main motto
Of him who trusted God.

Curiosity was his devil
Which he never entertained
Patience was his angel
Which made him calm.

Bloom wherever you are
Planted – he practiced
Until obedience called
He just spread the fragrance.

He made choices
To love God and to
Accomplish his work
Finding contentment.

One aim he kept
In his mind to become
More and more what
God desires of him.

No to sinful ways
Yes to all that is
Asked of him in
Obedience to do.

Joy was found in
His heart when his
Little Design sprouted in
Henri De Maupass' guidance.

None understood God's
Grace upon him and
They concluded nothing
Can be done with Him.

Long live Love of God
In the day to day life
So he lived love
And fulfilled love.

Treasure of grace, and
Merit he found in
Humiliation and contempt
With patience, joy and gratitude.

Intelligent and talented
When crossed over him
He was happy to see
Them to fulfill good works.

Holiness made his life
Hidden but made God's
Love brighter – he decreased
And God increased.

He let himself to God
To examine and know him
That he may not go away
When he found goodness.

Detached and peaceful life
Brought success in his
Untiring work for the
Greater glory of God.

True humility of spirit
Led him to the greater
Knowledge of God who
Loved him and cared for him.

God's inspirations he
Followed, never done
Anything which he felt
Did not come from God.

Let go – he lived fully
He never stayed
To finish his good work
He let it go to some one.

He treasured everything
In his heart like Mary
And done the work
For the Lord Almighty.

Pleasure of this nature
He bothered not
He felt he was
An earthen vessel.

Time is wealth and
Lost time is never
Found again was his
Great caution.

Faithful in little things
Led him to be faithful
In big things in the
Ordinary way of life.

Great or small had
He done- done it with
Perfection and with
Generous spirit of heart.

What joy he had
Realizing everything
Does not belong to him
But it's lent to him.

On his way of life
He met a cross too heavy
Never had he prayed for death
But let himself to carry.

He lived united to his Father
That he achieved all the virtues
His each breath said
UNION WITH GOD.

He was weak in his body
But mighty in his will power
His love for God and neighbour
Brought forth the 'Little Design'

His life was known little
And his works are unknown
His charism was unknown
But set its branches worldwide.

His life is hidden
So as his grave too.
My heart raises in gratitude
To you my beloved Father.

Thank you Dear Fr. Jean Pierre Medaille.

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