Prayer of Devotion in Honour of Fr. Peter Mermier

(SUNDAY after Morning Prayer)

God of love, You care for us and You guide us in numerous ways. We thank You for inflaming the heart of Fr. Peter Mermier with an intense love for You and a zeal for the salvation of souls. You blessed him with a total trust in You and in humble surrender to Your holy Will.

It was your will that he should found the Congregation of Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales, and the Congregation of Sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, to spread your mercy and compassion to all, by witnessing to Your love and through their prophetic ministries. His life of holiness was his supreme act of glory to You. Loving Father, while he was on earth, You blessed many through him, especially in the renewal of Christian faith and family through the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales. You raised him to the saintly state of Servant of God. Thereby You testify that he is Your highly favoured son for whom You refuse nothing. So we pray that through his holy intercession, You bless us now with the favour we request and pray for.....

We make this prayer through Christ Your Son who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

(MONDAY to FRIDAY after Morning Prayer)

O Spirit of God, we welcome you in our hearts, in our communities and in our Congregation. We adore you, for being God's presence with us. We love you, for being God's compassion for us. We thank you, for being God's precious gift to us. We surrender to you, for you are God's acceptance of us.

Kindle in us deep faith to see God everywhere to meet Jesus in the people we serve to hold in trust those with whom we work.

Purify us from sin and selfishness from all forms of greed and impurity from disregard and disrespect from ·self-will and distortions from laziness that hurts and indifference that kills from love that has gone cold.

O Spirit of God let me listen to you and respond in the changing situations of the world in the cry of the poor and the weak in distant cultures and strange languages in the voice of our Founder speaking anew to us today in the teachings of our Patron calling us to live in Love and for Love.

We believe in you and in what you can do with us: A NEW WORLD COMMUNITY OF FRANSALIANS!

Filled with your power, your Joy and your Wisdom united as brothers from Europe and Asia, America and Africa, from Oceania and South America may we proclaim to the world the wonders God has done is doing and will do in His Son Jesus, who died for the love of all. Amen.

Consecration of the Community to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

(FRIDAY during Adoration))

Most loving Jesus, to fulfil your desire to reign over our hearts, I give you my entire self, our family, our community, the fathers, brothers and sisters who now live here and those who, in future, will form part of it, according to the designs of your Providence.

We offer and consecrate to you, all that we possess, because all have been given to us by your love. You, amiable Jesus, who know our wretchedness, pour out on us abundantly your divine blessings.

Grant that those who are called and who will be called to live in this house, which we wish to be entirely yours, may live animated by the Spirit, conformed to your will.

Make our hearts humble and meek like yours, that we may be, in the world, your true witnesses. Lord Jesus, enable us to draw many souls to you by our words and above all by the

example of our life and works. We ask these graces, 0 our Redeemer, by that love with which you loved the Father and the Holy Spirit, by the sweet affection which united you here on earth to St. Joseph and to your Immaculate Mother. Thus, strengthened by your grace, united among ourselves by the bond of your charity, the struggles of earthly life overcome, and your will fulfilled, may we be reunited in your heart to love and glorify you for all eternity. Amen

Prayer for Protection from Corona Virus

(DAILY during Adoration)

Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all creation everywhere, hear graciously the prayers we make, and come to our aid now. Be with the families of those infected with the Corona Virus and heal the afflicted. Protect the medical personnel and guide their hands and minds that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion.

Bless our leaders with the foresight and wisdom to invest in the long-term solutions and to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people. Stay with us in this time of uncertainty and defend and protect us from all illnesses and despair. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer in Preparation for the Extraordinary General Chapter 2021

(SATURDAY after Morning Prayer)

God of mercy and compassion, we praise and worship you. We thank you for your loving and caring presence in the life of our beloved Fransalian family. In spite of our unworthiness, you have entrusted to us the divine project of our congregation which you initiated through our holy founder, your humble servant Fr. Peter Mermier. We remember with gratitude, all those who guided the destiny of our congregation until this moment. We are ever grateful to you for blessing us and making us channels of blessings for many people all over the world.

As we prepare ourselves for the extra-ordinary General Chapter-2021,we seek your blessings. Inspire every one of us to be actively part of this sacred event through our prayers and by way of having genuine interest in all the concerns of our MSFS family. Fill each one of us with your Spirit of wisdom and courage that we may discern what is right and just and make decisions solely for your glory. Help us to live the spirit of our hallowed constitutions and to be living witnesses to your love.

In deep humility and trust, we bring to you these prayers, through the intercessions of our patrons St. Francis de Sales and Mother of

Compassion and through prayers of your servant Fr. Peter Mermier our holy Founder. We offer ourselves and our entire Fransalian family to your holy will, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer in Preparation for the First Ordinary Provincial Congress 2020

(DAILY after Communion)

God our Father, We thank You for the renewal of the Fransalian missionary spirit, Taking place in our Congregation and in our Province. We praise You for calling us to follow Jesus Christ in the Poor and the Marginalized. We beg you to awake and strengthen in us the inner attitudes of Jesus, Your Son. May everything begin with You, so that we will desire what You desire for our Province in the coming years.

Make us docile to the Spirit's creative freshness: to listen, to discern and to respond with courage, as we journey with the people in our care and with the Church. Help us to redefine and relive our CHARISM in the light of the Gospel in the context of our mission. Enlighten us to understand the challenges of our times. And may the Provincial Congress enable us to lead the Fransalian way of Gentleness and Compassion now and in the future. Amen.