



Love & Serve

Celebrating 175 Years • 1846-2021

SOCIETY OF THE HOLY CHILD JESUS

April 18 Prayer

Opening Reading

It is for the glory of God that we should be saints. God wills what is for His glory; therefore God wills us to be saints. God wills me to be a saint.

I will be a saint.

Therefore *I shall be a saint.*

Live for Eternity...

Eternity, Eternity, Eternity...(CC retreat notes, 1844)

Song *Ye Sons and Daughters, Verse 8 (Text: 888 with alleluias; attr. To Jean Tisserand: Music: Chant, Mode II)*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen, And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!

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“Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” (Lk 24:32)

Reading: *Great Traveler*

Great traveler,
you beguile two crestfallen disciples
on the road to Emmaus;
you draw them in
with your arrowed questions,
urge them to turn the story over,
to recall each piece of it,
although you already know
the disturbing memory.
You speak your golden words,
softening the travelers' sadness,
revealing what their hearts
yearn to believe: life thrives beyond death.
Slowly their sagging spirits rouse
with recognition, allured by the faint scent
of your prevailing presence.
"Stay! Stay! Stay with us!"
And you do.
You break bread with them,
and when the lamp of love
flames high, you rise quietly
and gently slip away.

Joy washes over past bewilderment,
propels the disciples outward.
They go, carrying a taste of love,
a voice of hope, a word of comfort
to those waiting in the wounded harbor
of disbelief.
Now, after the closeness of prayer,
I, too, go out,
carrying a flaming heart of communion,
go to embrace you, the Great Traveler,
through the integrity of my life,
go to carry the lighted lamp of Love in me,
out and beyond, into the heart of the world
where the same Lamp shines vividly
for all to see. (Joyce Rupp, *Prayer Seeds*, PP.65-66)



As with the disciples, Cornelia's heart burned within her as she recognized the invitations to follow Jesus through the joy-filled and sorrowful events in her life.

Reading from SHCJ Foundation Texts and Constitutions

The constitutions she drew up for her Society were first officially approved by Bishop Wiseman in 1850, but the recognition by Rome of its pontifical status was not granted until 1887, eight years after her death. In spite of difficulties caused by ...these... events, her work flourished and the membership of the Society grew. Since the Second Vatican Council the Society has been responding to the church's call to new areas of evangelization so that, in addition to apostolic works in schools and colleges, the sisters have undertaken other educational services and a variety of pastoral and spiritual ministries which are appropriate to their charism. (p. viii)

In the words of Cornelia,
"All ought to form themselves according to their vocation and *thence* to the spirit of the Society. The ways of God are many, and he knows how to lead to the same end by diverse means." (p.19)

Intercessions

Blessed by the wisdom and courage of our Foundress, Cornelia Connelly,
We pray to enliven our ministries with Christ-centered joy.
We pray to enhance the dignity of peoples of all races and cultures.
We pray to be responsive to the wants of the age.
We pray to be bold in envisioning our future.

Closing Song

"Go to the World" (SINE NOMINE) YouTube – kariebeez
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hh_B9jXJsEw

Go to the world!
Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where
Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the
sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Go to the world!
Go into ev'ry place.
Go live the Word of
God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence

in each time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia
Go to the world!
Go struggle, bless and pray
The nights of tears give
Way to joyous day.
As servant Church,
You follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Go to the world!
Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you
till the age shall end,
when all the hosts
of glory cry "Amen"
Alleluia! Alleluia!



"Let us all pray fervently for each other not forgetting that we have a community in heaven waiting for us to join them there." Cornelia Connelly