

«LET US REMEMBER  
THAT WE ARE IN THE HOLY PRESENCE OF GOD»

«LET US ADORE HIM»

There are certain memories of our family or friends that we always treasure. They speak to our hearts and renew within us the secret sources of mutual esteem and appreciation.

Among the De La Salle Brothers, the memory OF THE HOLY PRESENCE OF GOD is one of these. The Founder left it to us as a community and school practice.

Many of those who have attended our schools keep this memory alive and recall it with great benefit.

This intense moment of silence and introspection is of great educational value for it is God himself who becomes our teacher.

**LET US REMEMBER**

We say: "Let us remember". This is not something imposed upon us by duty. It is rather a need we feel, an act of love which we renew.

Do not those who love each other often think of each other?

"For nothing proves so forcibly that we love someone than being unable to prevent ourselves from thinking of him" says De La Salle in Meditation 70, 3.

We are before God, his presence fills us, his mystery surrounds us:

- \* the God who consecrates us and who inflames our heart with zeal.
- \* the God through whom all has life, for he is eternal life.
- \* God is the silent atmosphere in which our whole life resounds like an echo of eternal love.

Why delay recalling this "memory" which brings us so many benefits?

**THAT WE ARE IN THE HOLY PRESENCE OF GOD**

It is easier to define by making comparisons. There are things present in our world which are special, like the **sun** and **air**, among others.

– the **sun** which is at the same time light, heat and energy. The light which surrounds us as a cloak, the heat which invigorates us and the energy which transforms us.

– the **air** which supports the bird and which is a vital element for our organism.

They are so familiar to us that we do not speak of them, we are in their midst. Although we do not see them their absence would cause our death.

In our lives too, God is a welcoming silence which is felt rather than a word which is heard; he is an interior joy which appears and remains rather than a vision that satisfies the senses.

Because we possess God in our hearts as a Grace, we can recognise and "see him" in all that surrounds us. We can exclaim with the psalmist:

*"If I climb the heavens, you are there,  
there too, if I lie in Sheol.  
If I flew to the point of sunrise, or westward across the sea,  
your hand would still be guiding me," (Ps. 139, 8-10)*

With St. Paul, we recognise that in the presence of God we live and move and have our being.

Let us say finally with Isaiah:

*"And yet, Yahweh, you are our Father;  
we the clay, you the potter,  
we are all the work of your hand." (Is. 64, 7-8)*

## **LET US ADORE HIM**

Not with our lips but with our hearts we say to you like Samuel: "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."  
Your Word will be a lamp for our feet, a light on our way.

Helped by your Spirit who is holy, we will fulfil your desires and your will which we adore in all things.

**WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO ALL OUR ACTIONS  
FOR LOVE OF YOU**

**AMEN**

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