Charism and History
Saturday mornings
14th December 2019
THE PRAYER OF 1821
AN INTRODUCTION: Two main aspects

FIRST ASPECT: to understand the context
- A quick look at the historical context
- Some points of reference

SECOND ASPECT: to pray with Jeanne Antide
Jeanne Antide’s dialogue with God:
From her cry out of suffering to the contemplation of the Mystery

CONCLUSION: a question
INTRODUCTION

- This prayer is connected to a date
to a precise time in history,
of the Congregation,
of the Church
of the society of those days ...
...a prayer which flows out of life.

The prayer of 1821 is authentic
→ 1- To understand the context of the prayer

a) *brief recall of the events*:

- **On 12th September 1818**

  «Most Holy Father, I come with the biggest trust at the feet of your Holiness to fulfil the Holy Duty which is imposed to me to present and to submit to the examination and the approval of your Holiness, the book of our rules, constitutions which lead all of us. May your beatitude accept it and grant us the biggest grace and favour of the most precious approval»
• **on 12th February 1819:** first answer of the Congregation of Bishops and Regulars

• **on 23rd July 1819**
  
  Decree of the pontifical approval

• **on 24th September 1819,** Jeanne Antide Thouret announced the good news to the Sisters in all houses.

• **on 6th November 1819:** the new Archbishop of Besançon, Mgr. Cortois de Pressigny, refused to receive the “new” Rule

• **on 14th December 1819:**
  
  Brief of Pope Pious VII
→ Some points of reference to understand the importance of the events

• the geographic extension of the Congregation
• Jeanne Antide’s personality
• the favourable time

→ At the heart of the problem

• a conflict that involved the whole of Christianity: that between ultramontanism and gallicanism
• A Bishop not well informed
PTO PRAY WITH JEANNE-ANTIDE
A cry, a call

"O MY GOD, ARISE"

e mon dieu souverain, Seigneur du ciel et de la terre, seul grand, seul Saint et seul tout puissant devant qui nul ne peut résister, levez vos foîtes, éclatez votre bonte, la venue réveille à moi et à Notre-Dame Église, ils sont à gérer contre moi pour que j'ai pourmi à Notre Séance de Jésus, et justifiez votre sceau que vous montez, s'exté pour dirigier, filles que je suis à eux, selon la vous ari justice et l'équité, vous m'ayez reprenus de vos correctes, que je ne rin pas faire et que je ne pas une partie, c'est un vous mon dieu, ne ruimène à ce grand séjourn, à supprimer la division et la même de cet justiité pour Chansonnier et la gloire de Notre Saint nom pour elle de Notre Sainte Église
the prayer of the heart

« IN YOU ALONE »
past and future

«YOU HAVE HELPED ME, AND YOU WILL HELP ME»
everything and nothing

“EVERYTHING WITH YOU, NOTHING WITHOUT YOU»
"AMEN!"

the final liturgy
et Verbum caro factum est et habitavit in nobis.

† Christus nobiscum

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Jesus Maria Joseph. Soyez toujours à mon secours. Ainsi soit-il.
Jeanne-Antide prayer finally answered?

« As I am innocent, God gives me the grace of experiencing the greatest calm » LD p.341

« We have made, according to the advice of the Holy See, all the ouvertures which seemed to us to give hope of reunion of spirits, but that was not achieved. We leave to the mercy of God the care of this business which we put into his hands long ago. May His holy will be done and all turn to His glory. That is the wish of my heart »

Letter to Mr. Adinolfi, 12th January 1824 – LD p. 392-393
In You alone, my God, that I place all my trust ...  
Whoever hopes in You will not be put to confusion ...

I’m Daughter of the Holy Church, and you also must be that with me!