

NOVENA TO THE VENERABLE BROTHER GABRIEL TABORIN - APRIL 2024

During this month's novena, we'll be particularly close to the candidates preparing to fulfill their vocation in our Sa-Fa Family, especially postulants and novices. Brother Gabriel's words to those in formation will accompany us during these days. The first texts concern postulants, the other novices...

Prayer for each day

God our Father,
who has raised up in the Church
the Venerable Brother Gabriel Taborin
to promote Christian education, catechesis
and liturgical animation,
grant that, sharing his charism,
we may know how to carry out our mission today
for the good of the family and of society
with the strength of your Spirit.
And if it is your will,
grant that he may be numbered among the saints,
granting us through his intercession the grace we need...
(mention the names of the persons for whom you wish to pray)
We ask you this with insistence through Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen



Day 16

"Postulants, who are in accord with God's heart and fulfill all the other requirements of our Rules, are an immense resource for the Congregation; they help extend its branches far and wide and satisfy the many requests we receive." (Circular 10)

Day 17

"The good postulants, molded in science and virtue in our novitiate house, will then go to glorify God and cooperate in the salvation of souls (...) the true vocation to religious life does not depend on men, but on God, who knows how to provide those he calls with the means to embrace it". (Circular 17)

Day 18

"When postulants are admitted to begin their novitiate, the Superior of the house gives them the GUIDE or RULE OF THE BROTHERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY, recommending that they study it with the utmost care and attention, in order to instruct themselves in advance in the Rules they will have to follow all their life in the Association, if God grants them the grace to be received into it at the end of their novitiate." (N.G. XLIV)

Day 19

"The novitiate will last two years (...) It may, however, be shortened or prolonged if necessary, all according to the will of the novices and the approval of the Superiors, who must always act in this regard only after mature and solid reflection, and who will deeply understand the need to form the subjects well, above all in the knowledge necessary for salvation, as well as in all the virtues, not only in those most required for a Christian to be saved, but also in those they'll need in their state" . (C 1836, XI)

Day 20

"The time of the novitiate is necessarily spent by the novices in examining their vocation, acquiring the religious virtues, studying Christian doctrine, the Rules, prayers and practices in use in the Association. Nevertheless, for a few hours each day, they will devote themselves to the study of the knowledge required for teaching, or to various manual tasks, when the Superiors deem it appropriate. (NG XLV).

Day 21

"He will strive to develop in the novices the qualities of mind and heart; he will study their character, correct their faults and instruct them in all the duties of the religious state. He will tell them about the beauties and advantages of religious life, but he will not hide from them the difficulties they may encounter. He will carefully examine whether each one has good judgment.

Day 22

"He will teach them to be gentle, affable and considerate, according to the rules of Christian and religious civility; he will demand that order and cleanliness reign on their person and in what belongs to them. He must encourage them, give them advice in line with their needs, and insinuate himself as far as possible into their minds, so as to get to know them thoroughly. He will form them in prayer and the other exercises of piety of the religious life in use in the Congregation". (NG 1156).

Day 23

"The Brothers considered suitable by the Superior to be attached to the Master of Novices to teach the class (...) They will make every effort to form them in all aspects of teaching, will apply themselves to developing their intelligence, will insist on the principles, will follow exactly the method of the Institute, and will observe in everything the rules of the Novitiate classes". (NG 1157)

Day 24

"The time of profession is undoubtedly one of the most important in life: to consecrate oneself to God unreservedly and without division, and to contract the obligation to follow the evangelical counsels, such is the effect of religious profession. Our dear novices must therefore prepare for it with the utmost care" (Circular 12).

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