

Charism (#2)

(*Jules Chevalier: Man with a Mission* by E. J. Cuskelly, pp. 110-121)

Questions

- a) How do I understand the word "charism" and what definition would I give the word?
- b) How do I understand the mystical experience of Fr. Jules Chevalier?
- c) What similarities in the three Congregations help me define the charism of Fr. Jules Chevalier? Try to express the charism in different words.
- d) What do I consider important for me today?
- e) Come to know the tree by its fruits. Do I discover the charism lived in my life, in my commitments, in the group or community with which I am connected, in the MSC, FDNSC, MSC Sisters that I have known?

For further development of the theme

- A charism is given to someone to be shared, it is not something static. It is not a deposit to be kept intact but something to be lived and to be made to bear fruit... a charism is to be incarnated in a real life, it is a living thing.
- One word comes back often: goodness... Perhaps an approach using this theme is also possible. There is another theme that is very similar: compassion, another word that is often used today.

(It is important to remember that this is an initial formation course. We should not get lost in complicated theories.)

Bibliography

- *A New Heart and a New Spirit* (E. J. Cuskelly, msc, chapter 2 "Charism and Spirituality")

Biblical texts

- The parable of the talents (Matt. 18)
- Ephesians 4, 1-16 (gifts and charisms for the building up of the Body of Christ)

