

# Spirituality of Father Chevalier - Sheet #4

→ (*Jules Chevalier: Man with a Mission* by E.J. Cuskelly pp.129-135)

*Obedience and mutual charity*

*Self-sacrifice*

*Devotion to the Sacred Heart*

*Reparation* (Jules Chevalier: Daily Readings: July 20,21,22 and July 26,27,28)

## *Question*

- a) Fr. Jules Chevalier insists much on obedience and mutual charity, self-sacrifice and reparation.
- How do you understand these realities?
  - How have these been a help for me? An obstacle?
- b) Have I already experienced these realities? In what circumstances? What has that brought to birth in me?
- c) Do these realities and values have a place in our world today?

## *For further development of the theme*

- To investigate more deeply the spirituality of Fr. Jules Chevalier: the importance of the words used in his time and the relationship to their present meaning. We can not just repeat his words but must remember the context and times and discover new expressions today. On the other hand we should not avoid these words. If they resonate with people today it is because they are important and can help us grow and continue our journey.

- Note the connection between: Reparation & Eucharist / Reparation & Praise / Reparation & New World (cf. Forgiveness)

- The MSC Constitutions (No. 47) state: "...our sense of poverty will lead us to place all our talents, time and efforts at the service of the community and its mission." What does this mean for a "lay MSC" today? Fr. Chevalier spoke of the spirituality of the heart as a "way of life."

## *Bibliography*

- *A New Heart and a New Spirit* (E.J. Cuskelly, msc, chapter 14 "Obedience and Fraternal Charity")

## *Biblical Texts*

- The washing of the feet: John 13, 13-15
- Hymn in Philippians 2, 5-8