

THE COLIN YEAR, 2012-13 - WEEKLY REFLECTION

'FROM THE LIPS OF THE FOUNDER'



Week 33

'I feel impelled towards the poor classes, towards country missions, towards the poor of Lyons. To seek out outcasts, to give catechism instructions, to help the beggars. These are the thoughts that pursue me.' (FS 61:9)

Week 34

'At the start of our enterprise things were very hazy. The whole of creation was against us, we lacked everything. We had to rely on God alone; there was only him. On the other hand, I felt impelled to this work, not by the ardour of youth, as you often see, but by an impulse that I felt came from above. It was that which gave me the habit of praying always and for everything.' (FS 75)

Week 35

He spoke passionately against the spirit of self-indulgence, against those he called mollycoddled. 'Let us keep all who like to coddle themselves far, far away from the Society,' he said, contrasting them with our confreres in Oceania. (FS 115:3)

Week 36

He told us that it was very important to change superiors every three years and move them from one house to another. 'That preserves the spirit of the Society,' he said. 'Everyone has his own way of doing things. One sees what another has missed, and this man puts right what that man established or allowed.' (FS 82:5)