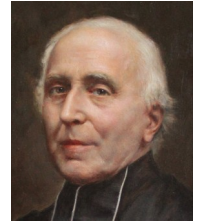


THE COLIN YEAR, 2012-13 - WEEKLY REFLECTION 'FROM THE LIPS OF THE FOUNDER'



Week 13

“When a soul is inclined towards solitude, it often happens that God impels it to the active life. That is necessary to purify the active life. Otherwise nature would have too great a part in it, and grace not enough.’ (FS 15:3)

Week 14

“How I want the sons of the Blessed Virgin to be known by that mark: ‘The poor have the Gospel preached to them.’ He laid great insistence upon this saying, ‘I love the abandoned works, hidden and secret, I love the poor. Yes indeed, the Society will educate the poor, the friends of our Lord.’ (FS 23)

Week 15

‘Messieurs, may we never rely on anything but God. How I want that seed to grow in the Society! I want us to pass unnoticed in the Church: **quasi ignoti** (as if it were unknown), unnoticed from every point of view. I should not even like us to be conspicuous by our piety. Let us have a simple, ordinary piety, with nothing remarkable about it.’ (FS 24:1)

Week 16

‘Ever since I have been here (La Capucinière) I have never written an important letter without consulting someone. I have always found it advantageous to do so in the past, and I shall always do it in the future. I want that spirit to take hold in the Society. Act in this way with your confreres, it brings unity. See, the first year we lived together, before Rome spoke, we lived in unity, as brothers. We consulted one another, not doing anything without one another.’ (FS 25)