



Year of Jean Gailhac

FAITH AND ZEAL IN THE HEART OF THE WORLD!

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FOUNDATION of the Institute of the RSHM

Prayer prepared by the Mozambique Area



Prayer Setting

*Pictures of the Founders / Picture of the 1st Community / Sacred Scripture / Constitutions
Image of Our Lady / A lighted candle / Flowering plant*

Hymn - *Nascentes de Infinito* - M. Céu Quinteiro, rscm

Celebrar

Nascentes de Infinito em nós
Sonhos de viver em Ti
Sendo Tua voz

Libertar

A força de união, Senhor
Em tons de Alegria e Fé
Em sons de Louvor

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| 1. O Caminho és Tu
Nosso Bom Pastor
Seguir-Te é Dom
Dom de Teu Amor
Dom de Teu Amor | 2. Com Maria ser
Doação maior
Silêncio, Paz
Escutando o Amor
Escutando o Amor | 3. Nossas Vidas são
Uma oferta em cor
Estrelas, Luz
Semeando Amor
Semeando Amor |
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Introduction

We are celebrating 174 years of the life of the Institute. It is a celebration of a life, of the grain of wheat fallen into the earth that germinates and bears much fruit.

The Institute had the approval and blessing of the Bishop of the Diocese of Montpellier, Mgr. Thibault, who chose February 24, 1849 for its foundation, the day before the first Sunday of Lent. Appollonie Cure, Eulalie Vidal and Rosalie Gibbal with firm determination to give their lives totally to God, leave everything, cross the city of Béziers and arrive at the Good Shepherd at four o'clock in the afternoon.

In a small ceremony presided over by Father Jean Gailhac, delegate of Mgr. Thibault, the three Sisters took possession of the direction of the work and the foundation of the Institute of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary.

Appollonie Cure, Eulalie Vidal and Rosalie Gibbal were joined by Rose Jeantet, Cécile Cambon and Marie Roques.

Thus the first Community of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary was formed. They are entrusted with the responsibility of making the gift granted to Father Jean Gailhac grow and bear fruit.



Therefore, today our prayer begins with the **invocation of our ancestors** to come and celebrate with us this feast of the RSHM family. This year we are celebrating this feast during the Year of Jean Gailhac. Let us sing the song of invocation to all who have gone before us.

Hama uyai		
Uyai tirumbidze mwari	<i>Padre Gailhac</i>	<i>Madre Inês</i>
Hama uyai	Uyai tirumbidze mwari	Uyai tirumbidze mwari
Uyai tirumbidze tiripamuepo	<i>Madre St. Jean</i>	<i>Amamere ense</i>
	Uyai tirumbidze tiripamuepo	Uyai tirumbidze tiripamuepo

Excerpts from Fr. Jean Gailhac's letter of August 23, 1882 - (GS/23/VIII/82/A)

Very dearly-beloved daughters of the Mother House

When God wants a new Institute to be born in the Church, does he not adopt the same approach as Jesus Christ did with his apostles, albeit in a smaller way? In effect, God gives the Spirit to his chosen one and says: "Go and form for me a family who will work for the good of humanity".

God, who does everything, sends him suitable people to do his work, inspires him to decide what has to be done as the foundation of the building that God wants to build. Those whom God predestined to come together are that foundation, the roots of the tree that God plants in the garden of his Church. From the roots grow a tree that God plants in the Garden of his Church. From the roots grow a sturdy trunk that gradually produces great branches to welcome the birds of heaven, that is, those people who, corresponding with grace, want to merit eternal life.

Is this not an inexpressible grace, an incomparable honour for those whom God calls to be the foundation stones of the building or the roots from which a heavenly tree must shoot forth? God's choice imposes duties...

What must you be, then? What virtue you must have, what life, what holiness? You must give life to the whole Institute, be its strength and beauty. Your memory should renew the fervor of all the members who compose the Institute, and your example and concern should make it daily more flourishing, more worthy, more holy, more fitting for the sanctification of people for the glory of God...

When God starts a religious family, God wants to produce a masterpiece. He likes to employ all his power, wisdom, love, to operate on behalf of different people, a multitude of people whom he wants to lead to the knowledge of the truth and make worthy of heaven, more by the examples of virtue and holiness than by lessons they will receive. Therefore, God prepares for his chosen ones a superabundance of graces.

This is why all those called by God to this great work become saints. And it must be the same for those who follow, seeing that in the Motherhouse the same graces are given to those who succeed them and who, like the first, must unceasingly be role models, perfect moulds, an inexhaustible fountain that spreads life to the whole Institute...

You must possess the spirit of Jesus Christ completely. This must be visible in the smallest details of your lives. You must live in mutual love and perfect union... Everyone in the Institute should form one heart and one soul...

Dear daughters, listen and reflect on these words that I have written for your benefit. Put them into practice and you will be worthy members of the Mother House. I bless you with the blessing of Jesus Christ our Saviour and Model.

Your Father, Gailhac, Sup.

Salmo 127 (126)

(Sung refrain)

**O Senhor edificará a nossa casa
e guardará a nossa cidade**

(The Lord will build our house and keep our city)

Unless the LORD build the house,
they labor in vain who build.
Unless the LORD guard the city,
in vain does the guard keep watch.

It is vain for you to rise early
and put off your rest at night,
To eat bread earned by hard toil -
all this God gives to his beloved in sleep.

Certainly sons are a gift from the LORD,
the fruit of the womb, a reward.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior
are the sons born in one's youth.

From the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Saint John - Jn 10, 9-16

I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.

I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Silence...

Universal PRAYER

L- "Blessed be God for giving me daughters who show themselves worthy of the choice of Jesus Christ and are happy to follow their divine Master."

In union with Father Jean Gailhac and all the Sisters, Collaborators, Pupils, Families who have gone before us, let us sing with faith:

ALL (singing): **Escutai nossa prece Senhor.** (Listen to our prayer Lord.)

- May a living faith direct you, may a firm hope in God sustain you, may a boundless love inflame you in a holy zeal for personal holiness and success in the mission where you are. Let us pray.
Venerable Jean Gailhac

Escutai nossa prece, Senhor.

- May your life be a life of faith, an image of the life of Jesus Christ, may perfect union make you recognize yourselves as true disciples of Christ. Let us pray.

Venerable Jean Gailhac

Escutai nossa prece, Senhor.

- May God, whose essence is charity, reign in all of them and enflame them in his love, that is, in a holy zeal for their own sanctification and that of those entrusted to him. Let us pray.

Venerable Jean Gailhac

Escutai nossa prece, Senhor.

- May Mary, the first disciple of Jesus, the one who cooperated most faithfully in the work of Redemption, by the profound receptivity of her faith, help us to imitate her in the total gift of herself for the glory of God and the salvation of people. Let us pray.

Venerable Jean Gailhac & Constitutions

Escutai nossa prece, Senhor.

- This is what I desire and ask of you in my insistent prayers: a kind, penetrating, patient and serene zeal, which wins hearts, which gives warmth, revives and strengthens hearts, makes them love virtue, leads them to God and to heaven, a zeal which is not angry, is not violent, which resists difficulties. Nobody likes to see a sudden, hard and unpleasant zeal. A little sugar, a drop of honey, attracts more flies than a barrel of vinegar.

Venerable Jean Gailhac

Escutai nossa prece, Senhor.

Hymn - Our Father

O Senhor ensinou a rezar: Pai nosso, Pai nosso, Pai nosso que estais no Céu

(The Lord taught us to pray: Our Father, Our Father, Our Father who art in Heaven)

Our Father... (prayed by each Area in their own language and at the same time).

PRAYER asking for the BEATIFICATION of the Venerable Jean Gailhac

Oh God,
You who find Your glory in the merits of Your saints
and delight Yourself when exalting their virtues,
listen favourably to the prayers we address to You
in favour of Your faithful Servant, Father Jean Gailhac,
Founder of the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary.

Reminding You of the ardent zeal
which he testified by the salvation of people,
by such generous charity that he exercised in favour of the poor,
by a love so strong that united him to the church
and by his filial devotion to the Sacred Heart of Mary,
may he be glorified on earth
and favour us with the grace we ask of You,

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may we be his faithful imitators. **Amen.**



Blessing by Father Gailhac

Lord Jesus, lead your work to its perfection for your glory.
Mary, you who desire to see Jesus alive, reigning in all the Communities, from the beginning I chose you to be the superior and mother of this Institute that is yours. Mary, with Jesus, live and reign forever in our hearts.

Admirable St. Joseph, who constantly makes us feel the powerful effects of your protection, help us to be worthy of Jesus' choice.

I bless you, your Father, Gailhac, Sup.

Hymn - Magnificat - Taizé

Magnificat! Magnificat!
Magnificat anima mea Dominum
Magnificat! Magnificat!
Magnificat anima mea

Final Hymn - Jean Gailhac, a Man Unlike the Rest - Ines Gizzarelli, rscm

Ele foi um Homem
Um Homem Invulgar
Com missão de proclamar
Que o Senhor nos veio trazer Vida
Nós temos de continuar

1. Foi este espírito de Zelo e de Fé
Que marcou o Fundador, Jean Gailhac
O mesmo espírito hoje clama em nós
Ser resposta aos apelos do nosso tempo
2. Nós celebramos o Amor de Deus
Tornamo-lo conhecido
E todos terão Vida e Dignidade