

☞ Zeal ☞

Leader: Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God of mercies and the God of all consolation.

All: As we have shared much in the suffering of Christ, so through Christ do we share in his glory.



Leader: Let us pray *Psalm 92*:

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
To sing praise to your name, Most High,
To proclaim your love in the morning,
Your faithfulness in the night.
With the ten-stringed harp,
With melody upon the lyre,

All: For you make me jubilant, Lord, by your deeds;
At the works of your hands I shout for joy!

Leader: How great are your works, Lord!
How profound your purpose!
A senseless person cannot know this;
A fool cannot comprehend.

All: For you make me jubilant, Lord, by your deeds;
At the works of your hands I shout for joy!

Leader: You have given me the strength of a wild bull;
You have poured rich oil upon me.
The just shall flourish like the palm tree,
Shall grow like a cedar of Lebanon.
Planted in the house of the Lord,
They shall flourish in the courts of our God.
They shall bear fruit even in old age,
Always vigorous and sturdy,
As they proclaim: “the Lord is just;
Our rock, in whom there is no wrong.”

All: For you make me jubilant, Lord, by your deeds;
At the works of your hands I shout for joy!

Glory to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen

Reader: From *Christian Education* by Basil Anthony Moreau:

By zeal is understood that flame of burning desire that one feels to make God known, loved and served and thus save souls. Apostolic activity is therefore the essential character of this virtue, and every teacher who is animated by this virtue will fulfill the duties of his state with eagerness, affection, courage and perseverance He will feel that which St. Paul felt for the Galatians whom he had evangelized: "My little children for whom I am in labor until Christ Jesus be formed within you." This is the goal of all Christian education and in order to achieve this end you ought not to neglect any means...

Our zeal is always guided by charity, everything is done with strength and gentleness: strength because we are courageous and unshakable in the midst of pain, difficulty and trials ... and with gentleness because we have the tenderness of our Divine Model.

Leader: Let us pray:

O Jesus, be with us. Jesus, come and save us.

All: Sacred Heart of Jesus, grant that we may ever love you more.

Leader: Holy Mary, Our Lady of Holy Cross, pray for us.

All: Now as we carry out the work of your Son and at the hour of our death.

Leader: Pray for us, O holy Joseph.

All: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Leader: Loving and Provident God, set our hearts on fire with your love. May we be zealous in making you known, loved and served. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: May the Lord bless us and keep us.

All: May he let his face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

Leader: May the Lord look upon all Holy Cross educators with kindness and give us peace.

All: May the Lord Jesus bless us as we minister in His name.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All.

Thanks be to God!

