

*Because zeal for your house consumes me! (Ps. 69:10)*



**Leader:** All praise and honor belong to you, our God.

**All:** Because zeal for your house consumes us.

**Leader:** Blessed be Jesus, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

**All:** Because zeal for your house consumes us.

**Leader:** Come, Holy Spirit, fill our hearts with the fire of your love.

**All:** Because zeal for your house consumes us.

**Reader:** The Spirit of Zeal (Basil Anthony Moreau, CSC, Circular Letter #25: January 5, 1846)

I ask you ... to renew yourselves in the spirit of your vocation. This spirit consists in great zeal for your own sanctification and that of your students.

Such zeal is generous and never sacrifices duty to laziness, worldliness or sensuality. It will be active and enlightened, and will spare no labors for the honor of the institute, the progress of the students and the success of its foundations. It should be full of moderation and firmness, and undismayed by trials or the fear of displeasing those who are unfamiliar with the works of God. Let it be ardent in spreading the Association of St. Joseph and devotion to this powerful protector. This zeal must be pure and disinterested, always seeking the welfare of the community rather than personal advantage. It must be faithful in acquiring the knowledge necessary to fulfill your duty.

**Leader:** Let us pray together *Psalm 84*

**Antiphon:** Because zeal for your house consumes us.

How lovely your dwelling,  
O Lord of hosts,

My soul yearns and pines  
For the courts of the Lord.  
My heart and my flesh cry out  
For the living God.

As the sparrow finds a home  
And the swallow a nest to settle her  
young,  
My home is by your altars,  
Lord of hosts, my King and my God!  
Happy are those who dwell in your  
house!  
They never cease to praise you.

Happy are those who find refuge in  
you,  
Whose hearts are set on pilgrim roads.  
As they pass through the Baca valley,  
They find spring water to drink.  
Also from pools the Lord provides  
water  
For those who lose their way.  
They pass through outer and inner wall  
And see the God of gods on Zion.

Lord of hosts, hear my prayer;  
Listen, God of Jacob.

O God look kindly on our shield;  
Look upon the face of your anointed.

The Lord withholds no good thing  
From those who walk without reproach.  
O Lord of hosts,  
Happy are those who trust in you!

Glory to the Father, the Son and Holy  
Spirit!  
As it was in the beginning, is now and  
will be forever. Amen.

*Antiphon:* Because zeal for your house  
consumes us.

**Leader:** Let us place our prayers before  
God...

*(You are invited to voice your petitions.)*

**Leader:** Let us pray together:

**All:** Lord God, help us to imitate the  
virtues of Venerable Basil Moreau,  
especially his trust in Divine  
Providence,  
His confidence in the Cross as our only  
hope,  
And his zeal for the apostolate.  
Grant that the Church may recognize  
These virtues of your servant as worthy  
of imitation,  
For the sanctification of your people  
And the greater glory of your name.  
Amen.

