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Daily Reflections

JOURNEYING THROUGH CHALLENGING TIMES

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A PILGRIM'S DISPATCH: SACRED ENCOUNTERS

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An Excerpt from Father Medaille's Eucharistic Letter

"And so it must be all modesty, all gentleness, all candour and simplicity, wholly interior, spiritually alive. In a word, it must be empty of self, detached from everything."

THE EUCHARISTIC LETTER, FR. JEAN-PIERRE MEDAILLE, SJ

Reflection

Entering day three of the pilgrimage, our group retraced some of the day's prior steps and then followed the path of Father Jean Pierre Medaille, SJ, as we expanded our exploration to discover the Jesuit College he attended as a boy, and St. Michael's Church where he was baptized and where he worshiped. In the context of his spiritual home and the times in which he lived, the Holy Spirit inspired and broke open a proclamation of love and unity that resonated

over a vast geography and time.

Our pilgrim community unfolded and came to know and further take to heart the essence of Fr. Medaille's little institute of spirituality, both the design and foundational spiritual anchors. At the end of the day, reflections on the *Eucharistic Letter* brought opened up our later conversations and spirits. Allow me to offer the same to you for today's consideration.



For Pondering

Take some time to consider and reflect on the following. What resonates for you, what holds your attention and speaks to your heart? What would you like to bring to God? If you would like to expand the context in which you engage this reflection, the entire Eucharistic Letter can be found [here](#).

*“And so
it must be all modesty, all gentleness, all candour and simplicity,
wholly interior, spiritually alive. In a word, it must be completely
empty of self, detached from everything.*

*It must be wholly filled with Jesus and with God, with a fullness
which I am unable to explain to you adequately, but which the
divine Goodness will bring us to understand.*

*Of this fullness I can
only say that it brings it about that

the infinite Being of God and of Jesus,
intimately present,
seems to vivify in an almost tangible way
the soul and body of a mere ‘nothing’
and cause it to live by the very holiness of an infinite God
who possesses the immensity of all things.”*

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