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Bicentenary of the entry into 'Life' of Father de Clorivière

Dear all,

On the threshold of this new jubilee year, the Founders' Commission would like to invite you to re-read the challenging life of our Founder. We wish that, for this jubilee, the emphasis will be more on deepening the person and spirituality of Father de Clorivière in order to live more of it than on celebrations that are always welcome as well. We invite you to proceed in this direction with enthusiasm with the help, among others, of the following documents.

Father de Bazelaire sj.'s story of Clorivière's life is now available in our 3 official languages (and perhaps in others as well), but now also exists in digital form. This biography will be on the site which has recently been hacked several times and is being transferred to another platform.

Father de Clorivière has had a very turbulent life. An orphan at a very young age, happy to have found his vocation as a Jesuit, he suffered persecution against the Society of Jesus, with the expulsion of the Jesuits from France in 1762 and the suppression of the entire Society in all Catholic states in 1773. He therefore moved often and had to adapt constantly to events, while remaining firmly rooted and faithful to his vocation. May this life inspire us for our own life with our own 'events' not only personal, but also those of our religious Institute, the Church and the world. May we, like him, be firmly rooted in our vocation, faithful to prayer to seek God's will for our lives in all things and to discern according to our Constitutions and in dialogue with our Society!

We are also fortunate to have **many writings and letters from Father de Clorivière**. We also know that he was a prolific writer, had a lot to say and was an excellent spiritual guide!

The Founders' Commission would like to give you easier access to them by enriching its chronological table so that it can be 'interactive'. It will do this by offering you hyperlinks in this table to "the best extracts from the texts of Father de Clorivière" (The best of!). But this table will not be available right away due to the current problems of the site. However, we will let you know as soon as the site is active again.

That is why, today we are sending you an email with:

1. The life of Father de Clorivière in your official language
2. And the first 12 'Best of Clorivière'....waiting to complete the collection.

May we 'savour interiorly' this life and these texts and take advantage of them for our own challenges in this New Year 2020, a jubilee year for us. We also encourage you to share your (re)discoveries with the community!

May we thus *'Retrace within ourselves gentleness, humility, patience, charity, etc. This obligation is great, it is above our strength, but not above the graces we can draw from the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary'*

('Correspondence of Père de Clorivière 1787-1804' presented by Marie-Louise Barthélémy, Editions Beauchêne p. 195)

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