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150th Anniversary of the Brothers of Saint Joseph

1970 marked the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding, by Father Jacque F Françoise Dujarié, of the Brothers of Saint Joseph, to become the Brothers of Holy Cross in 1835.

During 1970 and at the outset of 1971, celebrations were held in all the brothers' provinces. Some of the fathers joined the brothers on these festive occasions and participated in the tribute paid to Father Dujarié. We know that the latter life's story, so replete with virtue and merit, was painstakingly authored by Tony Catta. There would be no point in my writing a panegyric on Father Dujarié. Still I simply wish to say that he was a man of God who did not shirk his duty in meeting the problems of his time. He was a just man—not unlike Saint Joseph—who was never deluded by success nor discouraged in failure. He knew the secret of living a full life in the light of the indomitable faith.

My incompetence in matters historical warns me not to attempt a study of the role and place of Father Dujarié in the history of the Congregation of Holy Cross. In 1820 with a group of young men whom he trained to become religious under the patronage of Saint Joseph, he was preparing the way for Father Moreau. And the Congregation of Holy Cross could have been quite different but for this contribution of Father Dujarié .

This anniversary is for me, and I suspect for all the religious of Holy Cross, an additional proof that the Lord guides our every step much better than we could do ourselves. This appreciation for God's designs can but cement the charity and union between our two societies and all our religious.

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