



Friends of Fr. Joseph Aveni



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Fr. Aveni teaches: “Passion of Jesus”

Jesus, although He was God, He was afraid of what would happen to Him in His Passion. He suffered and died for our salvation...



Jesus did not know sin, but He had to become sin and burden Himself with it, so that through Him, we might be reconciled with God. Even His Father did not want to look at Him. “My God, my God, why have you

forsaken Me?” Is it possible to imagine a greater agony than this, a more impenetrable darkness? His last words were: *Consumatum est*, that when translated into the original Hebrew takes the form of a question, as though Jesus was asking if He could still suffers more for the glory of God and for His great love to humanity. The Saints loved God immensely and showed it by the way they lived the Will of God even in the midst of great sufferings. Similar to Jesus’ experience on the Cross they experience a paradoxical blending of bliss and pain. The Saints were happy even in the midst of their extreme sufferings. At the same time, the soul is afflicted yet blissful; afflicted because of the sins of mankind, blissful on the account of the union and affection of charity which they have with God... Jesus died imploring forgiveness for his executioners, and then surrendered his soul to God. love must be repaid with love. We must love God immensely. We must always strive to love God ardently, even in spite of our sinfulness. (*Conference given to the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Ragusa, from the Notes of Sr. Caroline Sneek, SCC, April 2001*)



LET US PRAY FOR...

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* for prayer requests
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TESTIMONIALS

Fr. Aveni through the eyes of those who knew him..

“When will I finish my Calvary?”

Fr. Aveni did not withdraw himself nor avoid suffering. Instead, he accepted all and offered everything for the good of others, particularly of his beloved Congregation. “I offer my prayers and sufferings for the success of the General Chapter”. These were his last words to me. His patience became even more evident during the period of his sickness. Notwithstanding his condition, he would accept patiently all the inconveniences of transferring from the seminary to the hospital/clinic, three times a week! Because of the frailty of his veins, there were times when the nurses have to inject him for IV from one vein to another for as many as five times! And so he would come out of the clinic full of cottons attached to his arms. But through all this, he would suffer patiently and even able to crack a joke to the assisting nurse: “When will I finish my Calvary?” Yet the most arduous test of his patience was when he had to undergo the MRI. He readily obeyed to the instruction of the nurses not to move in anyway, even in that very uncomfortable – if not painful - straight lying position (due to his arteriosclerosis) and amidst different torturing sounds. The process normally lasts for about an hour! At the end, he would still never miss saying to the medics “Thank You”! - **(Fr. JGM - Rome)**

In his last years, when Father Aveni remained permanently in Merville due to his sickness, I was also his regular penitent and confessor ... He had to climb his own piece of Calvary; but I never heard him complaining of what the Lord wanted to do with him. **(Fr. Donato Lovito, CSS - Indonesia)**



Fr. Aveni at the Epeius Medical Clinic

DEAR “FRIENDS OF FR. JOSEPH AVENI”,

May the Risen Christ bring **JOY** into your life and renew your **HOPE**.

May the **LOVE** of **GOD** be resurrected in your hearts.

Wishing you all

HAPPY EASTER!