

Friends of Fr. Joseph Aveni



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December to remember...

Christmas with Fr. Joseph Aveni



It's been almost a year now since we launched this supplementary flyer, especially tailored for offline "*Friends of Father Joseph Aveni*", in view of spreading the knowledge of his virtuous life as a Rogationist religious and priest. As he himself admitted, his life was spent entirely within the Rogationist communities. All his moments were punctuated by the daily schedule; his existence had been without any particular unraveling; he neither had benefited from fleeting popularity nor enjoyed extensive, multiple and intricate acquaintances. Yet, his

exemplary life has conquered the hearts of the simple and all those who have had the opportunity to encounter him, Confreres, priests, religious men and women, seminarians, aspirants as well as numerous lay faithful, particularly during spiritual direction. Even those who just met him occasionally have preserved a high esteem and see in him a commendable person of reference as guide in their spiritual journey. For this he was considered by all as the **Father Master** par excellence, a true master of the spirit. (Cf. *Testimony of Fr. G. Ciutti*)

On this issue for the month of December, we have indeed a lot of significant events to remember. December 5 marks the 98th Birthday of Fr. Aveni. Then, after 3 days, comes the Feast of the Immaculate Concepcion, the same day of his baptism. And, as we are nearing Christmas Day, Jesus' Birthday, we cannot but recall another important event in which Fr. Aveni would never miss gracing with his most loving presence: the annual "Christmas Sharing" organized by the Seminary community for poor children. What a beautiful memory to recall, when after receiving a load of gifts, children would run to the place where Fr. Aveni patiently waits with a smile, ready to extend the Baby Jesus in his arms for each kid to kiss. For seven years now since he left us (2010), we have been celebrating Christmas without Fr. Aveni, yet his memory still remains, in the minds and hearts of his beloved children.



LET US PRAY FOR...

Virgie Trovela
Cecilia Villaranda
Benjamin H. Liston
Justin Richmond Indonila
Alvin De Guzman
Ellen Mari Yap
Lee Pangilinan
Ceres Mateo
Lourdes Guerrero
Luigi Aveni Limina
Gisella
Elpidio Javellana, Jr.



* for prayer requests
* for copies of Fr. Aveni's prayer cards...

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TESTIMONIALS

Christmas Greetings from Fr. Aveni:

"With this simple letter I want to send you my best wishes of MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. May the good Jesus and our Mother Mary Immaculate, fill you with their choicest graces. This is the most beautiful thing I can wish you, and I will ask for you in my prayers." (To **Fr. Fortunato Siciliano**, December 1992)

"My most sincere greetings for the HOLY CHRISTMAS and the NEW YEAR. May the Infant Jesus make you feel more and more the joy and peace that He has come to bring into this world. For this I pray for you ... Do not bother answering me. It is enough that you commend me to the Lord and to Our Lady in your prayers. I not therefore expect to receive a response from you. And if I myself cannot write you or when I do not show up on some occasions, you know that you are always remembered before the Lord in my poor prayer." (To **Fr. Nicola Bollino**, December 1992).



"First of all, thanks for your greetings on my birthday. But I thank you especially for the prayers that I'm sure you did for me to the Lord on that day. However, always continues to pray for me so that I could truly be a priest according to the Heart of God and I can prepare for my holy death. Meanwhile, I send you my most sincere wishes for Holy Christmas and the coming New Year so that it will bring you more graces than the previous years, now that you are already a religious. You must always try your best, however, without getting discouraged. The Lord desires our good will. So, always go forward with confidence." (To his nephew **Luigi Limina**, December 1969)



Dear "Friends of Fr. Joseph Aveni",

"This is the best wish that I could give you:

***May the CHILD JESUS
fill you with his LOVE!"***

(Fr. Joseph Aveni)

MERRY CHRISTMAS!