

A Heart That Knew No Bounds: Marcellin Champagnat's Qualities

Love of others – an extension of his love of God, sensible judgment in matters of conscience, counselor, confessor, and wholehearted pastor of souls, loved by the people of La Valla. Worked hard at developing an understanding heart, frequently called upon to visit people at odds with each other, conciliatory spirit, cheerful character, simplicity of manner. Builder of people's self esteem, harmonized his instructions with the events of their everyday life, simply put, Marcellin spoke the language of the people he was called to serve; thus, when he preached about Jesus and his message, he was able to speak to their hearts.

Reflection Questions

1. If you had to summarize Marcellin's qualities in four or five words, what would they be?
2. If you had to summarize your best qualities in four or five words, what would they be?
3. Do you see any similarities between your qualities and Marcellin's?