

Dear brothers and sisters, participants in this online course.

In agreement with the International Council of the Laity of the Chevalier Family, I've decided to finish the Online Course on a Spirituality of the Heart. This course was intended to be an introduction to a Spirituality of the Heart, especially for the lay members of the Chevalier Family and for all those who wish to deepen their knowledge and experience of a Spirituality of the Heart. Each section contains a brief presentation of a theme, followed by a text for personal reflection.

The first Part (sections 1-3) offered some remarks about the widespread need for Spirituality in today's world.

The second Part (sections 4-16) presented a brief introduction to the more important aspects of "THE CHARISM OF FR. JULES CHEVALIER" (1824-1907), the Founder of the Chevalier Family.

The subsequent sections were designed to indicate that a Spirituality of the Heart is as relevant to the people today as it was to the men and women at the time of Fr. Chevalier. Particularly, the writings of Pope Francis keep inspiring us to live and practise a Spirituality of the Heart in a contemporary way.

The third part (sections 17-29) focused on living "A SPIRITUALITY OF THE HEART IN THE CHEVALIER FAMILY" in line with Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter "Evangelii Gaudium" ("the Joy of the Gospel").

The fourth part (section 30 – 50) centred on "LIVING A SPIRITUALITY OF THE HEART IN DAILY LIFE," following Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter "Amoris Laetitia" ("The Joy of Love") as a source of inspiration for both married couples and singles, as well as religious, who live a community life.

The fifth part (section 51-70) reflected on a Spirituality of the Heart in Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter "Laudato SI" ("Praise be to you, my Lord") on "CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME."

The original English edition of the Online Course has been translated in French, Spanish, German and Dutch. All these editions are still available from Mr. Roland Douchin at <cornovum@gmail.com>. In addition, translations have been prepared in Korean, Vietnamese, Indonesian and Portuguese language. In due time, you will also find information about this online course on the website of the laity of the Chevalier Family <www.chevalierfamilylaity.com>.

Also on behalf of the International Council of the Laity of the Chevalier Family, I thank all those who have contributed to making this course available through translation, distribution and support. Hopefully, the course will continue to introduce new members of the Chevalier Family to a broader understanding of the meaning and experience of a Spirituality of the Heart.

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