

The Fraternity of Our Lady of Montligeon

1250 prayer groups in over 30 countries



The Fraternity of Our Lady of Montligeon in Guatemala

The Fraternity of Our Lady of Montligeon is an association erected as Archconfraternity by Pope Leo XIII in 1893. Its main purpose is to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially the most neglected. Present on all continents, the spiritual Fraternity invites its members to pray and engage people to pray for the deceased, as well as all people recommended to it.

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Founded by Fr. Paul Buguet

The Fraternity was founded in 1884 by Father Paul-Joseph Buguet, parish priest of the village of La Chapelle-Montligeon (France), in the diocese of Sées (Normandy). In 1893, Pope Leo XIII erected it as an Archconfraternity, and in 1910, Pope Pius X placed it under "his special protection and that of his successors".

Since then, the Fraternity whose seat is located at the shrine of Our Lady of Montligeon has diffused in over 30 countries. Today it amounts 550 prayer groups in France and over 700 more worldwide.



The Fraternity nowadays



The rector of the shrine of Our Lady of Montligeon, appointed by the Bishop of Sées, is by right the moderator of the Fraternity. According to countries, diocesan and national structures with elected offices are set up so as to coordinate its local activities, in association with the chaplains appointed by the local ordinary.

Generally, no Montligeon prayer group can be founded without the agreement of the local ordinary or its representative (parish priest, hospital chaplain, etc.).

Who can become a member?

Any Catholic faithful can become a member of the Montligeon Fraternity.

The 3 pillars of the Fraternity:

The prayer for the deceased, especially for the most neglected, as well as for all the people recommended to the Fraternity.

Training on the last ends (eternal life, purgatory, the communion of saints....).

Charitable works on behalf of the deceased (attending the bereaved, upkeeping cemeteries...) and the living (supporting orphans, people in need...).

Who can be recommended to the Fraternity?

You may recommend anyone you wish to the Fraternity's prayer: a loved one, a friend, anyone living or deceased. Even after their passing away, the recipients will still benefit from the Fraternity's prayers and from the perpetual Mass celebrated every day.

Furthermore, one can also recommend oneself to the Fraternity of Montligeon, so that one can benefit from the Fraternity's prayers, without any commitment on one's part.

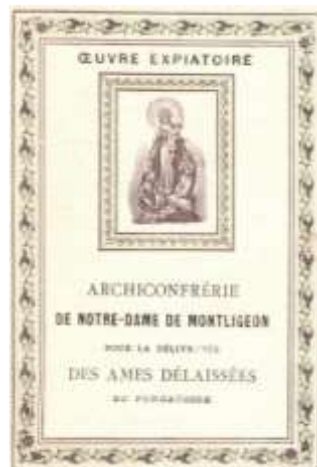
What do you commit to by becoming a member?

Members of the Fraternity commit themselves to praying for the souls in purgatory, especially the most neglected, as well as for anyone who recommended oneself to the spiritual Fraternity. In return, the members of the Fraternity benefit on a daily basis from the graces of the Holy Mass perpetually celebrated at the shrine for all (members of the Fraternity as well as people recommended to its prayers). Moreover, Fraternity members are assumed in the prayers of the 1250 Montligeon prayer groups worldwide. According to the ongoing practice implemented by the various local structures, a one-time offering or an annual contribution may be requested from members.

Any specific prayers?

The most common forms of prayer are participation in the Mass and praying the Rosary. From a general standpoint, all the prayers of the Church, especially as found in the funeral ritual, can be used to intercede for our deceased brothers and sisters. The prayer that is specific to the Fraternity is the prayer to Our Lady of Montligeon, ratified by the bishop of the diocese of Sées.

Opposite: The certificate of enrolment in the Arch-confraternity of Our Lady of Montligeon for the deliverance of the souls in purgatory (1933).



How to one start a Montligeon prayer group?

Get in contact with the shrine of Montligeon by email. Relevant information, leaflets, and guidelines will be dispatched to you. You can also subscribe to the shrine magazine (available only in French language presently). Our YouTube channel also allows you to follow the daily perpetual Mass on live. Finally, whenever and if possible, members of the prayer groups are to visit at the shrine for the Heaven's Pilgrimages held in November.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF MONTLIGEON

Our Lady of Deliverance,
Have compassion on all our departed,
Especially those who are most in need of the Lord's mercy.
Intercede for all those who have gone before us
And may the purifying love of God lead them to full deliverance.
May our prayer, united with the prayer of the whole Church,
Obtain for them joy beyond all their desires,
And bring consolation and relief to our loved ones
in their suffering and distress.
Mother of the Church, help us, pilgrims on earth,
to be better in living each day of our journey towards the Resurrection.
Heal the wounds of heart and soul.
Help us to become witnesses of the Unseen God,
Seeking already what the eye cannot see.
Grant us the grace to become apostles of hope
like those who keep vigil awaiting the dawn.
Refuge of sinners and Queen of all Saints,
Gather us all together one day,
In our Father's House,
For the eternal Easter,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.
Our Lady of Montligeon, pray for the Souls in Purgatory.

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Further information

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