

NEVER THE SAME AGAIN
DAY 8 COMPANION SHEET

The grace to ask for today is:

To rejoice with Christ rejoicing and a desire to join Christ in bringing hope to others.

Scripture Passage: Lk 24.5

“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.”

Invite St. Gabriel Lalemant, SJ (1610-1649) to spend the day with you:

Ever since his ordination Gabriel begged to be sent to new France. He was a man of very frail constitution, so he was kept at Québec for the first two years, but in 1648 he finally got the chance to go to Huronia. He learned the language quickly, but he only had one month working beside Brébeuf, before the Iroquois attacked. They had a chance to escape, but “the salvation of their flock was dearer to them than life itself.” They were both tortured terribly. Brébeuf died first, and the next morning Lalemant died after a blow to his head. The Iroquois ripped out Lalemant’s heart and devoured it in order get some of his courage. He had only spent 6 months in Huronia before becoming a martyr on March 17, 1649.

At the deaths of Brébeuf and Lalemant and so many Hurons with them, the remnants of the confederacy of Ouendat people were scattered. Fr. Raguenaud described the burning of Ste. Marie, “We have left our dwelling place, rather I might call it our delight... Nay, more, we even applied the torch to the work of our hands, lest the sacred house should furnish shelter to our impious enemy. In a single day, and almost in a moment, we saw consumed our work of nearly 10 years... We were obliged to abandon the place which I might call our second

fatherland, our home of innocent delights. It had been the cradle of this Christian Church; it was the temple of God... We watched it burn, in less than an hour. It was June 14, 1649 around 5:00pm.” Then they raced to a barge and raft and headed to Christian Island. There they suffered famine. The remaining Hurons asked to move to Québec. So, in June 1650 they left for Québec with the bones of Brébeuf, Lalemant and Garnier as precious relics. The mission to Huronia was all over. But, “The blood of martyrs is the seed of Christians.”

Read and reflect on what Pope Francis says:

In an address to members of the Jesuit Social Justice and Ecology Secretariat, Pope Francis extended an invitation to hope. “If we pay attention to human logic alone, we run the risk of despairing”, he said. Instead, “all of us are witnesses that the humblest, the exploited, the poor and excluded, can and do achieve a lot”, he added. The social apostolate is not to solve problems, said the Pope, “but to promote processes and to encourage hope”. He said, “These processes must help people and communities to grow, to be aware of their rights, to apply their talents, and create their own future.” He ended with a challenge: “Share your hope wherever you are, encourage, console, comfort and invigorate. Open up the future, raise possibilities, generate alternatives, help to think and act differently”. “Walk singing”, said the Pope, “so that life’s struggles and worries... don’t take away the joy that hope brings.” (November 7, 2019)

“We are all bearers of joy. Have you thought of this? That you are a bearer of Joy? Or do you prefer to bring bad news, things that sadden. We are all capable of bringing joy. This life is the

gift that God has given us, and it is too short to consume it in sadness, in bitterness. We praise God, happy simply to exist. We look at the universe, we look at the beauties and we also look at our crosses and we say: ‘But You exist; You have made us so, for Yourself.’ (May 20, 2020)

“Dear young people, my joyful hope is to see you keep running the race before you, outstripping all those who are slow or fearful. Keep running, “attracted by the face of Christ, whom we love so much, whom we adore in the Holy Eucharist and acknowledge in the flesh of our suffering brothers and sisters. May the Holy Spirit urge you on as you run this race. The Church needs your momentum, your intuitions, your faith. We need them! And when you arrive where we have not yet reached, have the patience to wait for us.” (Christus Vivit, #299)

Sing to yourself or recite:

Google: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Mormon Tabernacle Choir, 2015*

1. Christ the Lord is ris’n today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, reply, Alleluia!
2. Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Additional Scripture Passages:

Mt 28.1-10, Lk 24.7-12, Jn 20.1-18, Jn 21.1-17
or any of the passages on the Resurrection