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Reflecting on Father Moye's Ordination (1754)

In March of 1754, Father John Martin Moye embarked on a lifelong journey of spiritual dedication and pastoral service with his ordination to the priesthood. At a time marked by religious upheaval and profound societal changes, Father Moye chose to live a life deeply rooted in faith, compassion, and action. His ordination was more than a personal milestone; it marked the beginning of a remarkable legacy of education, missionary outreach, and profound spiritual renewal.

Father Moye's visionary spirit led to establish numerous schools and communities, particularly dedicated to serving the poor and marginalized. His unwavering belief in Divine Providence guided every decision, transforming ordinary challenges into opportunities for grace and growth. Today, we continue to witness his impact through ongoing educational initiatives, spiritual formation, and community outreach programs that echo his original mission.

Reflecting upon Father Moye's ordination, we are reminded of the timeless lessons of courage, humility, and trust in God's Providence. His example inspires us to approach our own vocations with renewed dedication and open hearts. As we journey through Lent, let Father Moye's legacy encourage each of us to discern and deepen our commitment to serve and uplift those around us, embodying the same profound compassion and steadfast faith he modeled over two centuries ago.

In celebrating Father Moye's legacy, we also acknowledge the importance of community and mutual support in sustaining his vision. His life's work was deeply collaborative, relying on the dedication of countless individuals inspired by his faith-filled leadership. As we reflect on this, let us consider how we too might strengthen our own community bonds, continuing to nurture an environment where compassion, education, and spiritual growth flourish for generations to come.

MOYE QUOTES



Let us leave the future to Providence and take advantage of the present. Let us do everything that depends on us and God will take care of what concerns us.



A Lenten Reflection

Provident God, during this season of Lent, guide our hearts toward renewal and growth. Help us shed all that separates us from Your grace and open us to the fresh beginnings of Spring. Strengthen our trust in Your Providence, renew our spirits in hope, and deepen our capacity for compassion. May we emerge from this season transformed, ready to embrace new life in Christ, who is our strength and our hope.

Amen.

It would be a good Lenten exercise for us to compare our daily life with that of some migrant or foreigner, to learn how to sympathize with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the Father.

- Pope Francis -

Jubilee Year and Spring

The Catholic Jubilee Year is a profound reminder of renewal, forgiveness, and divine guidance. As we enter the spring season, nature itself echoes the themes of rebirth and hope that are central to Jubilee celebrations. This special year invites us to reflect deeply on the ways God's Providence continually guides and nurtures our lives and communities.

Just as spring brings visible signs of new life and renewal after winter, the Jubilee Year calls us to trust anew in God's loving care. It is a moment to recommit ourselves to faith, letting go of past burdens and opening our hearts to the hopeful promises that Divine Providence offers.

May this Jubilee and springtime inspire us to live more fully in gratitude, generosity, and trust. As flowers bloom and life renews, let us also cultivate gratitude and openness, confident in the blessings God has prepared for us. May we embrace each moment of this sacred season as an opportunity for deeper spiritual awakening.

Through the renewal of spring, let us also renew our commitment to serve and uplift one another.



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