



# MY CALL. MY JOURNEY.

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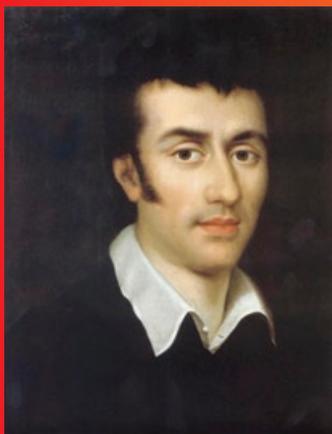
EASTER 2011

**HOLY WEEK  
THE CROSS**



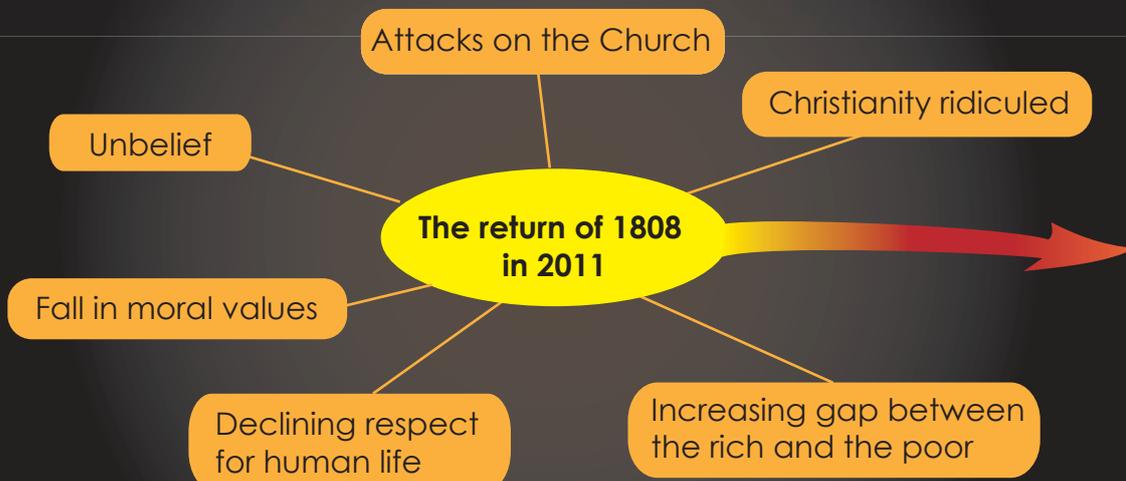
**EASTER  
THE RESURRECTION!**

Eugene de Mazenod on Good Friday 1807 had a profound experience before the Cross. This experience following on from a spiritual awakening during 1806 laid the foundation of a spirituality which developed in the following years. Born 1782 but by 1806 Eugene was exhibiting many of the qualities of a man in the early 20s: ambitious for a good position in life, looking out for a good wife and knew 'everything'. The realisation of the love of Christ was growing the person of Eugene.



Eugene discovered:

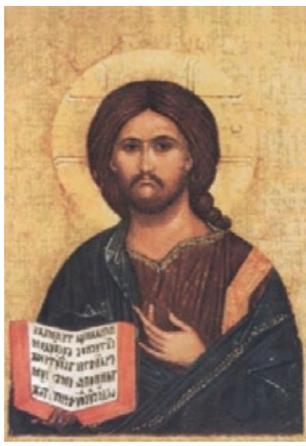
- He was being called to the Priesthood and later to the Religious life.
- His life must be a total giving to the Will of God - Oblation.
- This Oblation centred him on Jesus. The incarnate Son of God was the love of God for him and humanity.
- Mary who gave herself totally to the Will of God would be his guide and mother in his life of oblation.
- To be a Priest meant to be filled with the love of Christ the Saviour and to bring others to live this same experience. He wanted to share this experience especially with those who like himself, 'had looked for happiness outside of God - and found only unhappiness and dissatisfaction'.



Need for good Priests and Religious today!



IS 2011 **YOUR** YEAR OF SPIRITUAL AWAKENING?



# Son Rise!

## THE LORD IS RISEN!

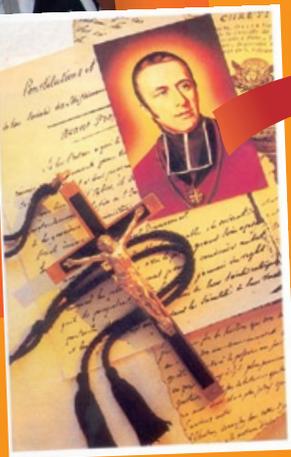
### ALLELUIA. ALLELUIA. ALLELUIA.

Oblates respond where the need of the Church is great.

! Note the Blessing Hand of Jesus is pointing to Himself. He is the 'BLESSING'. He is Risen. He is 'With Us.'

## Oblate Community

The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate mission in Australia through Parishes, Colleges, Tertiary Institutions, Chaplaincies to prisons, hospitals and Notre Dame University Fremantle and special Outreaches to the needy – St Patrick's Care Centre in Fremantle and the Rosies Youth Mission in Victoria and Queensland.



They also mission in 'Lands beyond our shores:' China, Indonesia, Kenya and Zimbabwe. The Oblate Missionaries are working for the Church in some 67 countries

## EUGENE'S RESPONSE

*Hearing the CALL of the Risen Christ he founded the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. 'Christ invites us to follow Him and share in His mission through word and work.'*

*"We come together in apostolic communities of Priests and Brothers united by our vows."*

*"The desire to co-operate with Christ draws us to know Him more deeply, to identify with Him, to let Him live in us. The challenges facing the Church will constantly renew us."*

*"Our principal service in the Church is to proclaim Christ and His kingdom... Wherever we work, our mission is especially to those people whose condition cries out for salvation and for the hope which only Jesus Christ can fully bring."*

*"We are dedicated to the Mission of the Church."*

*"We will always be close to the people with whom we work."*

*"We are members of a prophetic Church. We announce the liberating presence of Jesus and the new world born in His resurrection."*

*"Mary Immaculate is our Patroness. Open to the Spirit, she consecrated herself to God."*

Maybe this is the time for you to say 'Yes Lord.' Consider attending the "DISCERNMENT WEEKEND" in MELBOURNE 1-3 July.

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