



A DREAM
A GIFT, A REALITY FORTHE WORLD

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On the 18 of February 1988, the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, proclaimed by decree that Pierre Bienvenu Noailles's virtues were lived to a heroic degree. The reminder of this proclamation almost 25 years ago energises us to continue our reflections begun in the fourth Congress of the Family. The spirit of the Congress continues to send us forth as "A Family on mission, gift in a changing world" 1

Each member and each vocation feels the responsibility to share this gift of communion proposed by Father Noailles. The decree of 1988 expresses this in the following way:

"... God showed God's self to Pierre Bienvenu Noailles as the One God - One and Three; a God who is a communion of love and from whom the Word by his incarnation came to be one of us and to form a family the Holy Family. The contemplation of this mystery led him to an ardent and constant desire to conform his life to that of Jesus, Mary and Joseph who...."loved, sought and desired on this earth only God Alone". 2

DECREE OF HEROIC VIRTUES

Pierre-Bienvenu Noailles

wanted his Association to form one single Family with one heart and one soul...

Capable of being in the Church and, in a broken and dechristianized wold, a sign and leaven of faith and unity.

1. Motto of the fourth Congress of Family

^{2.} The Decree of heroic virtues of PBN



For more than a year, I had serious problems with my health and there seemed to be no cause. I decided to have a complete medical examination.

Consequently I had to have surgery.

Many members of the family prayed for me through the intercession of Pierre Bienvenu Noailles. No I am totally recovered thanks to the favour I received

I acknowledge publically the favour that I have received.

Signed: A.P. Canada

For a long time now I have wanted to write and thank God for two favours that were received through the intercession of Pierre Bienvenu Noailles.

A young student had a serious illness; he had to abandon his classes and his family were extremely concerned about him. They asked for a cure through the intercession of Pierre Bienvenu Noailles and he unexpectedly, recovered his health to the great relief and joy of all. Now he is continuing his university studies. I had a very bad pain in my leg. The x-rays were ambiguous and a scan was carried out. On looking at the results the doctor told us: "We don't know what he had but now he is clear". I thank God for this favour received through the intercession of Pierre Bienvenu Noailles.

Signed: C. R. España

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NOTHING CAN HOLD
YOU BACK
GO FORWARD!
Pierre Bienvenu Noailles

(Preface 1851)