



THE PRIESTS

From Farina's writings:

"You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the candlestick that must shine and heal."

"Let us think of the extent of our vocation, the holy Divine Mysteries which we continually touch upon, the strict obligation we have to continually strive for our sanctification. Let us recur with great affection to the Immaculate Mother of God, the advocate and singular Patroness of the Catholic priesthood."

Brief comment:

Farina compares priests to a reality that has the power to illuminate, to warm, to bring out that which is hidden by darkness.

The priest has, then, the mission to guide people with his light and turn them away from the darkness of error.

It is a vocation of the highest dignity because it brings man closer to the mystery of divinity. The Mother of God, invoked with confidence, has the power to defend, help, protect and guard priests.

((Excerpt from Nicola Gori's book, 'Con la Passione nel Cuore')

Food for thought and sharing:

Looking back over my personal history, I think about the figures of priests who were important for my growth ... what do I remember about them? What did they pass on to me? Did I follow their advice?

Commitment:

- Pray for priestly vocations and for priests in difficulty.
- Do something concrete to help in the mission of some priest.

Anecdote about Farina's life:

On the eve of Holy Christmas 1876 he ordained me a priest. After the service, I went to his study to thank him. And he said to me: 'D unquestionably, you are now a priest! You will go to confession. Remember to always be good, always good to penitents. And if our Lord reproaches you, answer him: 'I have learnt from you!''

(Testimony of Don Antonio De Marchi, February 1922).