



YOUNG PEOPLE

From Farina's writings:

"O young people, you are our ward, our delight, our love".

"Sprout and flourish, spreading your fragrance".

"Do well what is suggested to you. Remember that the crown will be won not by those who begin, but by those who go to the end".

Brief comment:

Young people are precious, valuable, unique. How beautiful when they live their belonging to Christ with joy, with the enthusiasm and vivacity typical of their age ... God wants to be loved by joyful hearts!

Farina invites young people to persevere in the good, not to be discouraged in times of difficulty and to seek in God the strength to overcome them.

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

Food for thought and sharing:

- How do the children and young people of our time feel? Loved? Valued? Or only criticised?
- What is my attitude towards children and young people? Am I a consistent witness to the Word and Love of God?

Commitment:

Let us love young people, let us encourage them, let us give them hope, let us bear credible witness to the joy of our encounter with Jesus!

Anecdote about Farina's life:

"His patience and fatherly kindness with young people had no limits. No one was more willing to forgive than he was. He wanted all resources of indulgence to be exhausted before punishments were meted out. He never reproached the young for being lively, cheerful."

(From the recollections of biographer Sebastiano Rumor)