



**We Were Born from the Eucharist  
and We Must Live by the Eucharist**  
(Blessed James Alberione)

**4 April 2013**  
**Anniversary of the Birth of**  
**Blessed James Alberione**

*Guide:* “In the Pauline Family, the daily hour of adoration is a must. Our piety is first and foremost Eucharistic. Everything flows from our Eucharistic Master as from a life-giving spring. Born from the Tabernacle, it is here that the Pauline Family finds its nourishment, its life, its way of working, its sanctification. Everything comes from the Tabernacle; without the Tabernacle, there is nothing” (cf. UPS II, 10).

With these sentiments, let us prepare to live this time of prayer in thanksgiving for the gift of the life and vocation of our blessed Founder, Fr. James Alberione, on the anniversary of his birth.

*Hymn to accompany the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Prayer of Adoration**

I am a creature who meets YOU, the Creator.  
I am a disciple of YOU, the Divine Master.  
I am a sick person who comes to YOU, the Doctor of souls.  
I am a poor person who appeals to YOU, the rich One.  
I am a weak person who comes before YOU, the Omnipotent.  
I am a tempted person who seeks refuge in YOU, the sure haven.  
I am a blind person who seeks YOU, the Light.  
I am a friend who comes to YOU, the true Friend.  
I am a lost sheep sought by YOU, the divine Shepherd.  
I am a confused heart who finds YOU, the Way.  
I am a nonentity who finds YOU, the All.

*(Cf. Blessed James Alberione)*

*Time of silence and personal adoration*

*Guide:* Jesus Master, sanctify my mind and increase my faith.  
Jesus, teaching in the Church, draw everyone to your school.  
Jesus Master, deliver me from error, from vain thoughts, and from eternal darkness.

### **From the Acts of the Apostles (3:11-16)**

As the man who had been healed clung to Peter and John, all the people hurried in amazement toward them in the portico called "Solomon's Portico." When Peter saw this, he addressed the people, "You Isarelites, why are you amazed at this, and why do you look so intently at us as if we had made him walk by our own power or piety? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his servant Jesus whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence, when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, this man, whom you see and know, his name has made strong, and the faith that comes through it has given him this perfect health, in the presence of all of you."

*Silent reflection and application of the Word to one's life.*

#### **Canon:**

Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus,  
Confitemini Domino. Alleluia! (Taizé)

*Guide:* Jesus, Way between the Father and us, I offer you all and await all from you.  
Jesus, Way of sanctity, make me your faithful imitator.  
Jesus Way, render me perfect as the Father who is in heaven.

### **From the Acts of the Apostles (3:17-26)**

Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away, and that the Lord may grant you times of refreshment and send you the Messiah already appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the times of universal restoration of which God spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old. For Moses said: "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kinsmen; to him you shall listen in all that he may say to you. Everyone who does not listen to that prophet will be cut off from the people." Moreover, all the prophets who spoke, from Samuel and those afterwards, also announced these days. You are the children of the prophets and of the covenant that God made with your ancestors when he said to Abraham, "In your offspring all the families of the earth shall be blessed." For you first, God raised up his servant and sent him to bless you by turning each of you from your evil ways.

#### **Canon:**

Misericordias Domini in aeternum cantabo. (Taizé)

*Guide:* Jesus Life, live in me, so that I may live in you.  
Jesus Life, do not permit me to separate myself from you.  
Jesus Life, grant that I may live eternally in the joy of your love.

*Reader:* The whole law and all the virtues are summed up in the word “love,” charity (cf. Rm. 13:10, 19). Jesus gives his life for us. Let us strive to understand that our vocation and mission is to place all our energy, all our creativity, our whole life at the service of souls.

*All:* Lord, we beg you to help us live our lives by developing to the maximum our gifts of vocation and grace.

*Reader:* Grafted onto Christ, we will no longer produce the meager, poor fruits of wild olive trees. Instead, we will produce the fruits of Jesus.

*All:* Lord we ask that, grafted onto Christ, we might produce fruits of life in the apostolate.

*Reader:* Jesus, you give vitality and effervescent spiritual activity to those who receive Communion devoutly. It is holiness; it is virtue lived at high wattage: not at low wattage like a dim light bulb, but at the wattage that comes from the life of Jesus Christ in us when we make good Communions.

*All:* Lord, help us experience life at high wattage; fill us with spiritual vitality, with holiness.

*Reader:* When this happens, we will bear the fruits of charity, zeal, diligence in study, devotion, respect for our brothers and sisters, our superiors and our inferiors. We will bear fruits of common life, of a spirit of poverty, of chastity, of obedience, of humility, of patience. St. Paul lists twelve fruits of the Spirit but they are only examples; they certainly do not exhaust the abundance of fruits that our Communions are destined to generate in us.

*All:* Lord, help us produce fruits of charity in our common life and in the religious life.  
(Cf. *Per un rinnovamento spirituale*, pp. 488-491)

### **Let us pray:**

Jesus Truth, may I be light for the world.

Jesus Way, may I be example and model for souls.

Jesus Life, may my presence bring grace and consolation everywhere.

### ***Eucharistic Benediction***

### ***Eucharistic Hymn***

**Let us pray:** Father, in the death and resurrection of your Son you redeemed all people. Guard your work of mercy in us so that, in assiduous celebration of the Paschal Mystery, we will receive the fruits of our salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ***Hymn to accompany the return of the Blessed Sacrament to the Tabernacle***