



# *Brothers of the Sacred Heart*

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THE SUPERIOR GENERAL

Rome, September 30, 2013

To major superiors of entities,  
To our partners in the mission – brothers and lay persons  
To all friends of the Institute,

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

As the bicentenary of the founding of "*Pieux-Secours*" approaches we invite you to turn your thoughts to our founder, Father André Coindre. As we all know, our father-founder died under tragic circumstances. And due to the prevailing religious mindset of the day, memory of Father Coindre was, to all intents and purposes, relegated to a kind of oblivion.

Nevertheless, we all acknowledge him to be the founder of the Institute of the Brothers of the Sacred Heart and of the Society of the Missionaries of Monistrol, and as the man whom Providence chose to exercise such a significantly spiritual influence on Claudine Thévenet and the Religious of Jesus and Mary.

Thankfully, for several decades now, we have been gradually “re-discovering” Father André: the charismatic leader, the man attentive to the Spirit, the fiery-hearted missionary, the preacher gifted with movingly powerful words, the humble servant of the Church, the man full of compassion for young people, “poor and without hope.”

This re-discovery of the authentic character of Father André Coindre has kindled in the hearts of many brothers of the Sacred Heart and Religious of Jesus and Mary, an earnest desire for him to be acknowledged and honored for who and what he really is: a saint.

This letter is an invitation to the brothers at large, to our partners in the mission and to all friends of the institute to offer their views on whether the time has come to initiate the process of the introduction of the cause for beatification of

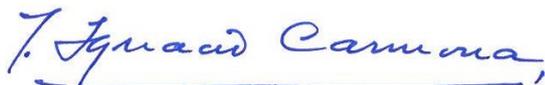
Father André Coindre. A fairly well-acknowledged reputation for holiness is one of the prerequisites for beginning the process of beatification. And such a process would begin through the offices of the Bishop of the Diocese of Blois, where Father Coindre died, but should circumstances allow, and with the permission of the Congregation of Saints, it might be introduced through the intermediary of the Ordinary of the Diocese of Lyon, the seat of most of the apostolic activity of our founder.

We therefore invite all those to whom this letter is addressed to offer us their opinion on the above proposal. Those who so wish may like to be guided in the expression of their views by the questions that follow. The proposal itself and/or the suggested questions, might well be aired within the context of a community sharing.

**But it is essential that any views be expressed by individuals and in writing (*this is a requirement of the Congregation of Saints*), and sent to the institute's Postulator of the Cause of Saints**

Grateful for your collaboration,  
and united with you in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary we remain,

Fraternally yours,



For the superior general in council  
Hno. José Ignacio Carmona Ollo, S.C.  
Superior General.



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Postulator

## **Suggestions for drafting your response:**

1--- What influence does Father André Coindre have in your life on an emotional level?

2--- Between 2000 and 2006, the general administration in Rome published five (5) volumes on the letters and writings and oratorical works of Father André Coindre. To what extent have these books influenced your feelings towards Father Coindre?

3--- Have you ever and/or do you still sometimes request “favours” through the intercession of P. André Coindre, either for yourself, your loved ones, for vocations or for the well-being of the institute? Have you ever obtained a favor(s) through his intercession? If “yes,” please explain briefly.

4--- Have you read the material published on the life and work of Father André Coindre, those published in the past by members of the André Coindre International Center (CIAC), and what has recently been produced under the aegis of the Commission for the promotion of the charism of foundation (CPCF)?

5--- At “head level” or more importantly at “heart level”, do you consider Father André Coindre to be a saint? What leads you to this conviction?

6--- Are you aware of any persons who have obtained favours through the intercession of Father André Coindre?

7--- Do you think the time is right to initiate the process of having the Church recognize the sanctity of Father André Coindre?

**Please send your view(s) regarding the proposal  
to the institute’s Postulator for the Cause of Saints on or before December 31:**

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