



The Holy Face of Jesus

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The conversion of the Holy Man of Tours, Venerable Leon Dupont

“CREATE A clean heart in me, O God. And renew a right spirit within my bowels. Cast me not away from Thy Face; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.” (Ps. 50:12-13) St. Paul writes: *“But we all, beholding the glory of the Lord with open face, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as by the Spirit of the Lord.”* 2 Cor 3:18

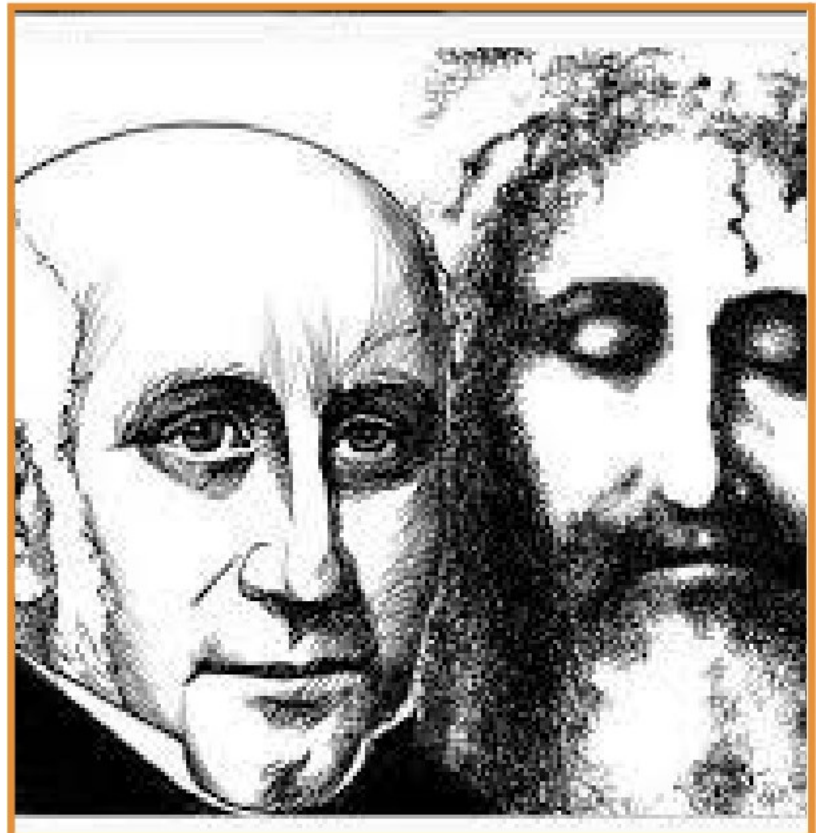
VENERABLE LEO DUPONT

Leo Dupont was a French Aristocrat, born on January 24, 1797. He grew up in the French colony of Martinique. His mother, Marie Louise, had a tremendous influence on his moral upbringing.

When he embarked on an ocean voyage to Paris to begin law school, his mother told him, “You and God, Leo, and the priest in the confessional are the three most important factors in life for you.

His father, who died when he was young, left the family with a sizable fortune. Leo received a handsome allowance and enjoyed a privileged life while studying in Paris, where he lived at a hotel and had an indoor servant named Luke.

Leo also had a new-horse drawn carriage and wore fine clothes. Leo decided that in addition to having an inside servant he also wanted an outside servant so he hired a boy named Clement to serve as the driver of his carriage. Clement, who was recommended to him, had been a street sweeper. Leo, considered himself a Parisian in the fullest sense and a gentleman of the world. Everything was turning out for him just as he wanted. He was 21 years old living and studying in Paris and was a frequent guest of parties at palaces. He had both an indoor and outdoor servant. What else could a man want? Leo was very content.



That is until the day Clement arrived late for work. When he demanded an explanation Clement said he was at a meeting with a man called Mr D’Bordier. It turned out that the man was a fine gentleman who gathered chimney sweeps and other youths from the street and taught them Christian Doctrine and prepared them for the Sacraments. Leo became intrigued by such charitable behaviour and asked to meet Mr D’Bordier. He wanted to know what type of person would gather youth from the slums of Paris and teach them religion outside in the heat?

One day Leo visited Mr D’Bordier and they had a nice discussion about those lessons. Subsequent to that Leo visited a former school friend of his who had become a priest. Leo brought Father up to speed on his latest activities and told him how, once he had hired a driver, he believed that at last he had everything he could possibly want. Then Leo said, “Suddenly I was brought face to face with contradiction. Clement, the last and most cherished of my worldly ambitions turned into a symbol of reproach. Clement . . . completed for me that desirable setting - that final pinnacle in fashion and elegance - which I fancied went into the making of a Parisian gentleman! Yes, this Clement, who, through a force of circumstance, suddenly hurled me into a world I never expected to learn about. You see, Clement bought me face to face with my own soul.”

Leo told his friend about his having met Mr D’Bordier. “Just think of it Father, I meet a gentleman of fine circumstances. Mr D’Bordier, who gathers dirty and neglected chimney sweeps from the gutter to teach them Catechism and to prepare them for the Sacraments, and suddenly I see myself as I am. Though I . . . sought out Clement to hire him, Mr D’Bordier on the other hand sought out Clement, not to hire him, mind you, but rather to hire himself out to Clement without charge, to serve Clement’s spiritual needs. Mr D’Bordier is far sighted - he is working for Heaven. I am nearsighted. I work only to satisfy my worldly ambitions. And yet we both have only one lifetime in which to work for eternity.

When that lifetime is finished we’ll be given no

second chance.” This was the beginning of the radical detachment in the life of Ven. Leo Dupont, the future Holy Man of Tours and according to Pope Pius IX, one of the greatest miracles workers ever.

Prayer composed by Ven. Leo DuPont:

*O LORD Jesus Christ, in presenting ourselves before Thine adorable Face to ask of Thee the graces of which we stand most in need, we beseech Thee, above all, to grant us that interior disposition of never refusing at any time to do what Thou requirest of us by Thy holy commandments and divine inspirations.
Amen*




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Remember, Jesus told Sr Marie Pierre in Tours in the mid 19th century, that He wanted the Holy Face prayers in EVERY TOWN, where they are “a weapon and a shield” and said:
“Woe to those towns that will not make this act of reparation.”

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