

The esteem and veneration between the Curé d'Ars and our holy Founder was mutual.

"Do you know, who is great in France in our times?" Father Eymard asked one day. "A poor country curate, who performs miracles.—The curé d'Ars. I dare not say he is my friend," he added with his usual humility, "for he is too great a saint."

Another time he said: "I have known the Curé d'Ars, many among you have seen him. How he loved the Blessed Sacrament.

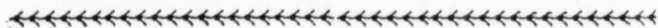
I said to him, one day, in the sacristy:

"You do not pray for the Society of the Blessed Sacrament, there are no vocations." He wept like a child. "How can I pray to Him, I," he answered, "since it is you who have Him."

He alluded no doubt to the great grace of the perpetual Exposition, for God belongs to all and the good Curé had assuredly the first right on his divine Heart. Father Eymard must have frequently visited the Curé d'Ars. In 1854 when he was very ill he was taken to Ars. The holy Curé told him to make a novena to Saint Philomène. That he would not recover at Ars, but would have to go further. Which really happened.

We believe that it was in the month of May 1859 that the last interview between these two great souls, took place. During one of his journeys our revered Father remained several hours with the good Curé. Three months after the Servant of the Lord was called to receive his recompense.

These are a few of the relations that existed between the Curé d'Ars and our venerable Founder.



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We beg to remind some of our Readers that their subscription having expired in January has not yet been renewed. They would greatly oblige us and help along our good work should they remit the small amount at their earliest convenience.