

A Priest for Eternity

(Extracts from Father Marcel Roussel's personal note-book)

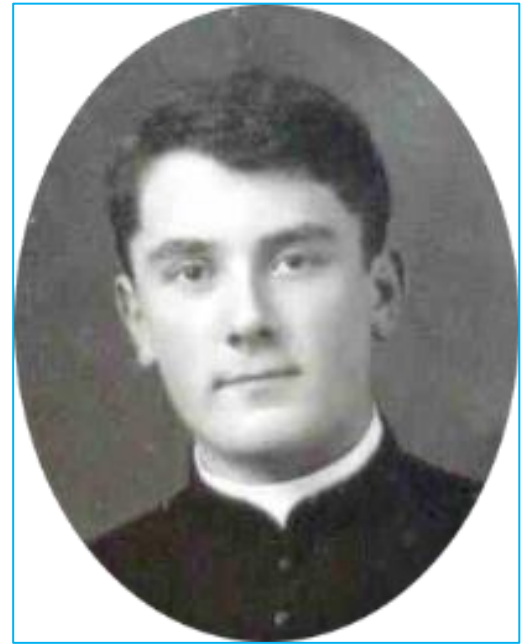
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*« Tomorrow... the greatest day of my life!
And also the day which will have no evening
since I am to be your priest for Eternity!
O Mary! Tomorrow! Be quick and engender
Jesus the priest in me! »*

December 22, 1934

*« O Jésus! I am your eternal priest!
I suffer realizing that this day will end, but I
console myself realizing that I shall remain
your priest!
How good Heaven will be!
Since an Ordination is so good!
O invisible Jesus who could doubt that you could bestow such happiness!
This evening I had the joy of blessing my brothers with your own body!
O Jesus keep this monstrance where you were resplendent!
Tomorrow, I will offer you to God your Father and then, everyday!
O Jesus how beautiful my life is going to now, isn't it? Our life together...
This morning, this blessing of my little sisters in tears...
Father and Mother... both in Heaven!
I asked the Virgin Mary to give them my first blessing!*

*Odette, my cousin... and all her relatives at my knees!
And during the Ordination priests laying their hands on me...
The parish priest, immediately after the ceremony, kissing my hands, my consecrated
hands!
This evening they will smell of holy oil...
O Jesus may my hands always be fragrant with the scent of Ordination...*



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