

# Deo Gratias!

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Dear brothers and sisters,

We have just celebrated the beatification of our four brother martyrs of Picpus. For those of us who attended in Paris and for those who followed the beatification mass online it was a feast both for the Church and for the SSCC family. I thank all the brothers, sisters and lay people who, in one way or another, joined in this feast. Also I extend to the provincial of France, Christian Flottes and, through him, our gratitude to the brothers, sisters and lay people who prepared everything - the welcome and the various celebrations - and who made us feel like a family.

"The testimony of our martyrs reveals, in a paradoxical way, the strength of God's love in weakness. We see that faith in Jesus does not function as a stop-gap in the face of suffering, calamities that may occur or fierce violence. It is rather a strength that helps us to take on these situations and to go through them with patience and to base our existence on what is most definitive: the love of God manifested in Jesus". (Homily during the Mass of Thanksgiving in Picpus).

May our brother martyrs intercede for the Congregation and renew us in our desire to serve the Gospel in the Church.

Fraternally,

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