

The *Year of Fr. Querbes* was inaugurated on September 1st, 2009, in Vourles, France, with a Mass at St. Bonnet Church. It was in Vourles in 1831 that Fr. Louis Querbes founded the Parochial Clerics of St. Viator, known today as the Viatorian Community.

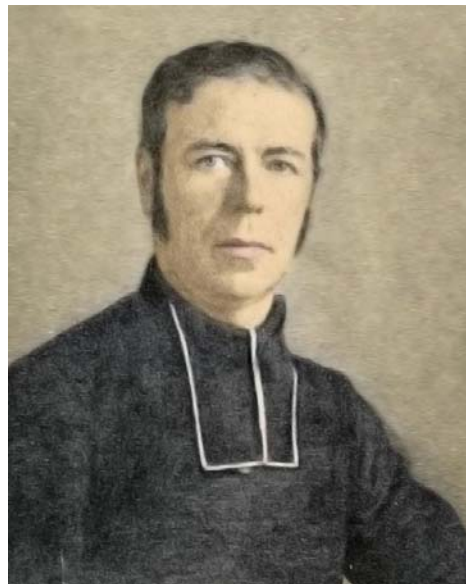
Nearly 100 associate and professed Viatorians gathered to commemorate the sesquicentennial anniversary of the death of Fr. Querbes on September 1st, 1959.

Prior this special Mass, members of the community participated in a three-day program of spiritual renewal, walking in the foot-steps of Fr. Querbes, praying at his grave site, attending lectures, and celebrating the Eucharist at the two churches of his ministry, St. Nizier in Lyons and St. Bonnet in Vourles.

The *Querbesian Year* will be celebrated throughout the community until August 31st, 2010. Members of each province and foundation will undertake educational and spiritual activities and programs to make Fr. Querbes better known throughout the sixteen countries where they minister and live.

Prayer for the Beatification of Fr. Louis Querbes

Heavenly and gracious God,
be forever blest for your gift in Fr. Louis Querbes,
a dedicated pastor committed to education of faith,
and in the service of sacred liturgy,
and Founder of the Viatorian Community.
Grant, we pray, that you number Fr. Louis Querbes
among the saints in your heavenly kingdom.
We also pray that in your infinite goodness
And through his intercession
we be granted the following (...)
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



Servant of God
Fr. Louis Querbes
Founder of the Clerics of Saint Viator
(1793-1859)