

## Dew Droplets of a New Dawn

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Dew droplets of a new dawn day is a wonder of a beautiful nature that God has given to us. Bathed in the early sun, glistening dew droplets make every plant fresh and vivid. How soothing and refreshing are the touches of the dew droplets precariously hanging on the blades of grass. They can always raise our hearts to God in thanksgiving.

“Become contagious dew droplets of a new dawn of God’s paternal care, let us shine and reflect God’s love in the society we

The wake of the year 2020 came to us with the tragic news of the fast spread of Covid 19, transmitted through the respiratory droplets. We live in a world that fear the droplets that carry the virus. We wore masks and distanced ourselves from our brothers and sisters. If droplets have such an effect on humanity why not we who are called by Christ, become a droplet of His unconditional love?

St. John Calabria was one such big droplet in the history of the Church, through him Christ shown out to the world, and his life has become a great rainbow of faith, hope and charity. Touched by the Word of God St. John Calabria discovered the paternity of God, which propelled him to a particular lifestyle of faith and trust in God the Father. From his deep and tangible experience of the Paternity of God was born the Calabrian family. A family called to witness to the Paternal care of God the Father. *With the specific mission to seek first the kingdom of God which, for us, becomes a reality in the commitment to revive in the world faith and trust in God, Father of all humans through the total abandonment to his providence, intensely lived and clearly witnessed in all personal and community events and in historical events of the world. [constitution No.5]*

Father Calabria always insisted that God is Father and we are brothers and sisters, sons and daughters of the same father in Heaven. Faith, trust and filial abandonment was the pulse of his spiritual life and he learned to perceive the Hand of God in every event of his life. Fr. Calabria was deeply concerned with the personal sanctity of each and every individual, “Be Living Gospels” was his untiring words to his confreres. At the foot of the Crucifix, Fr. Calabria wrote the first and fundamental rule of the congregation, he wrote that, “the *fundamental Rule of the Congregation of the Poor Servants of the Divine Providence is the person of Jesus Christ as revealed to us from the whole Gospel*”. [ Constitution No: 1]

His deep faith in the paternity of God extended with a special concern to those who were poor, marginalized, abandoned, sick, old, rejected, addicted and suffering brothers and sisters of the society. Fr. Calabria constantly reminded his confreres of the importance of reaching out to the poor in the society. “He wrote to Don Stanislaus: “*Go in search for the souls: the abandoned creatures, sinners, old people, poor, sick, the desperate. They are the gems of the Congregation, the key that opens heaven to us.*” [ Your Father Knows.. by Fr. Peter Cunegatti, page 149]

Fr. Calabria by abandoning himself to the Divine Providence has brought life and light to many who suffered the second World War and its upshots. We live today in a society that is torn apart by the pandemic covid 19, so it’s time for all of us to become contagious dew droplets

of a new dawn of God's paternal care, let us shine and reflect God's love in the society we serve.