Prayer for the La Valla Year (2017)

Amen.

God of new beginnings,
you inspired Marcellin Champagnat
to labour for your kingdom
and to make Jesus Christ known and loved
in the circumstances of the people of his time,
especially young people on the margins.
Through Mary's guidance
Marcellin gathered a community around the table at La Valla.
From our simple foundation in La Valla
we come to the threshold of our third century,
to create a new beginning.
At this time you call us forth in faith, hope and love
to be attentive to the signs of your Spirit in our world.
Give us the same audacity and faith as we journey in faith
to the future which beckons us today and always.