

Novena for the Subprior of Clear Creek Monastery

The Subprior of Clear Creek Monastery, Dom Francois de Feydeau, OSB, recently underwent an operation in which the doctors removed three cancerous brain tumors.

The guestmaster, Father Bethel, has told me on more than one occasion that he does not know how they could ever have made the foundation at Clear Creek without Father de Feydeau. He is enormously talented in so many ways - a superb artist, an able builder & amateur engineer, an authority on Romanesque art, architecture, & spirituality without equal that I know of, and above all a perfect model of a Christian following the Rule of St Benedict. I received a note from Father Prior, Dom Philip Anderson, excerpts of which are below, asking that friends of the monastery join in this novena to Bishop Valdes.

Father Abbot of Fontgombault composed the attached novena prayer. Bishop Francisco Valdes was a Capuchin bishop from Chile, who befriended Fontgombault in the early 1980s. He ordained Father de Feydeau (and Father Bethel) to the diaconate. Since dying in the odor of sanctity in 1982, his diocese of Osorno has begun the procedure to obtain his possible beatification.

Father de Feydeau is recovering very well from his brain surgery, but his cancer is medically incurable. This is why I am asking you to join in the novena for his cure, by the grace of God and the intercession of Our Lady, St. Benedict, St. Francis and the holy Bishop Valdes.

+ Special Novena

Composed by Dom Antoine Forgeot, Abbot of Fontgombault

Bishop Francisco Valdes, our friend, we know through experience the power of your intercession; humbly and with confidence we pray to you on behalf of another Francis, severely stricken in his health: obtain for him a complete and prompt healing, for the good of his soul, the service of his community and the glory of God. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee.

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, Pray for us.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us.

Our Blessed Father, Saint Benedict, Pray for us.

Saint Francis of Assisi, Pray for us.