

Cher C.S.V. , cher famille de Père Gaston,
and brothers and sisters. Je m'excuse je vais
parler anglais parce ce que mon français est
très pauvre. Viateur, start your watch.

We come together to take this opportunity
to thank God for blessing us all these many
years with such a holy priest. It is impossible
to imagine all the lives that Fr Gaston has
touched in the more than sixty years that
Fr. has been a CSV. How many baptisms and
weddings did he perform? How many
hospital visits did he make bringing the
Sacraments to the sick? Over those years
how many people did he comfort? How
many funerals did he preside over? And
how much love and joy did he bring in his
serving others?

Several years ago when Br. Laurent Madore asked us to serve at the English Mass the Mass was sparsely attended, was on a trial bases and was offered for only two months a season. Much has changed since Father became our celebrant. The success of the Mass today is due to Father's love of people. Father greeted everyone with sincere happiness. He had those sparkling eyes and that big warm smile. He was especially fond of Lita and the people who clean up before Mass and all those who were regular at Mass and the sacristy was often full of people asking Father to bless rosaries, medals, children and families.

I often teased Father that he was only a simple country priest yet he taught me the

profoundness that exists within the being of a simple country priest. He was unpretentious, humble of heart, gentle, compassionate, generous, protective, sometimes he was tough as old shoe leather but he was always willing to listen and forgive. I could go on and on because we all have many wonderful memories of Father. Those memories and those experiences in a sense help us to be who we are today.

Heaven is full of undeclared saints. To be saints - That is our calling in life. Yours, mine and Father Gaston's. We are all called to be saints. That is why God created us. And since God created us to be saints, He also gave us the possibility to actually

become saints in whatever state of life we find ourselves.

When you meet someone like Father Gaston you understand that holiness does not have to be extraordinary. It can exist in the ordinary, in the smallest things of everyday life. Father reminds me of the saying by St. Francis "preach the Gospel always and everywhere and if you must, use words."

I am sure the sweetest words Father Gaston will ever hear is "well done good and faithful servant"

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