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## CONCLUSION

The best conclusion that we can think of is to quote the description of the death of Claude Francis Poullart des Places as given by M. Besnard. 'While Father des Places devoted himself entirely to the cares demanded by his nascent Community and exhausted himself with austere mortifications, he suffered an attack of pleurisy that was accompanied by a violent fever and a painful tenesmus which for four days caused him atrocious sufferings. But not one word of complaint and still less of impatience escaped his lips. One knew only that his sufferings were intensified because his acts of resignation were more frequent. His very exhaustion seemed to give him new strength to repeat over and over again with the holy king David: "Quam dilecta tabernacula tua, Domine virtutum, concupiscit et deficit anima mea in atria Domini. How I love your palace, Yahweh Sabaoth! How my soul yearns and pines for Yahweh's courts!" (Ps. 83,1).

'As soon as it was known in Paris that he was seriously ill, a great number of persons distinguished by their piety and their rank came to see him: the Directors of St Sulpice Seminary, of St Nicholas of Chardonnet, of St Francis de Sales. The saintly Father Gourdan, to whom he was bound by the strongest ties of friendship, also sent someone to visit him on his behalf. He received the last sacraments in due time and after receiving them he quietly expired around five o'clock in the evening on 2nd October 1709 at the age of thirty years and seven months' (*Koren*, p. 286).