**Bicentenary Hymn**

1780, the year when our story begins,

Revolution was stirring across the land,

A Breton infant, growing with love in his heart,

Faith and courage, lighting a way in the dark.

A life of service, a passion to share the Good News,

To God Alone he entrusted his destiny,

Through education, a joyful “revolution”

To help young people to grow in all ways,

And be ready to face the world.

**Breaking through all barriers**

**Befriending those in need**

**He's our guardian angel**

**Showing us a life worth living**

**Finding paths to follow**

**In the footsteps of the Lord**

**Bringing us together**

**Proud to be Mennaisians.**

A deep compassion in the heart of Jean-Marie

Meant he was moved by all that he had seen

His faith and values informed all he did and said

To help young children entrusted to him by God.

Loving service in education of the young

Every child being precious in the eyes of the Lord

Our watchful angel, a connection to your presence above

Today, the Brothers, by living your dream

Make children's hearts shine with love.

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