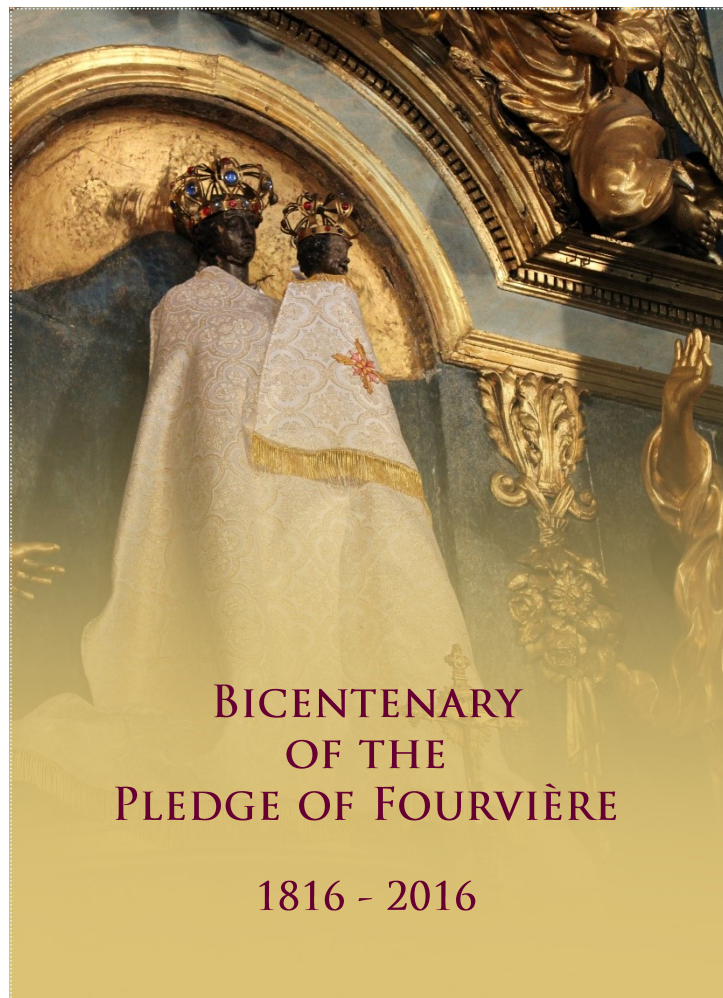


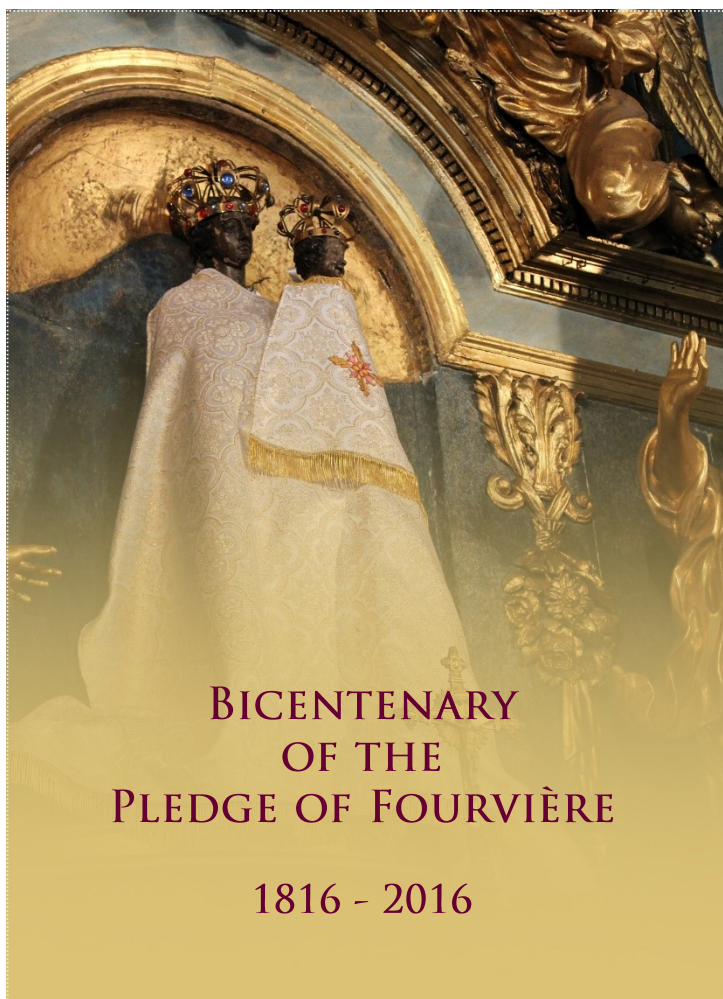
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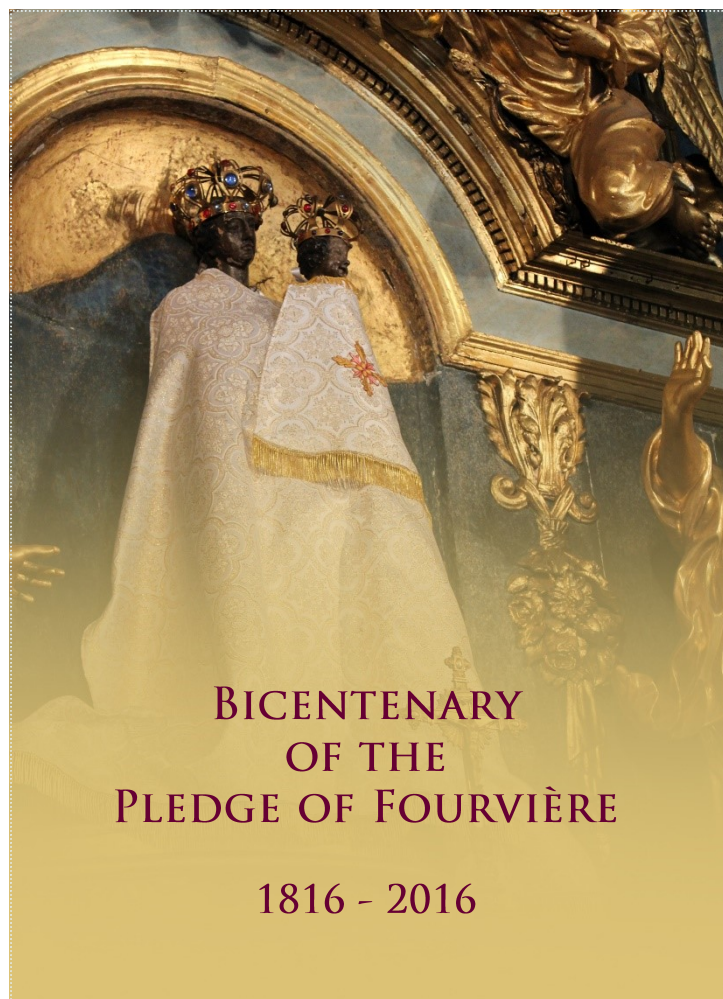
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... to understand more clearly our call to carry on their intentions in our present world
... to embrace anew the work of Mary given to us today for the building up of your Church for tomorrow in simplicity, humility and compassionate solidarity
... and to step out into mission, open to the promptings of the Spirit, responsive to the needs of God's people, ready to spend ourselves and all we have, trusting in the help of Mary our good mother and our first and perpetual superior.

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