

The charter of the priest who is a friend of animals

He is in wonder at the sight of Creation and all God's creatures.

He is willing to live in harmony with all that was created, and especially the animals, following the example of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Philippe Néri and St. Martin de Porres.

He is motivated by compassion and the love of Christ for all creation.

He persistently exposes animal abuse. To him, animals are not mere food, nor part of the way of thinking of our consumer society.

. Without hesitation, he encourages all Christians, children and adults alike, to follow God's example in loving animals. To do so, he will use references from the observation of nature and the teaching of the Bible, in his homilies and groups of catechism and prayer.

He is disappointed by the hostility and suspicious mind of the hierarchic Church towards a positive discourse on animals.

He is in favour of bringing about more justice and the respect of animals' wellbeing in Christian Ethics. Indeed, to him, the suffering inflicted to animals by man cannot be kept silent.

The priest who is a friend of the animals will by no means tolerate the following sentence :

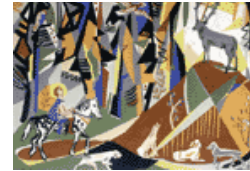
"The animals are here to be at the service of man, who can use and abuse them at will".



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