

DECUS MORUM, DUX MINORUM (HYMN)

2. **D** E-cus mo-rum, dux Mi-nó-rum, Francíscus te-nens
 2. Plaudat fra-ter, re-gnat Pa-ter Concí-vis cae-li

1. brá-vi-um, In te vi-te da-tur vi-tae, Chri-ste Red-ém-
 2. cí-vi-bus : Ce-dat fle-tus, psallat coe-tus, Exsúl-tet cae-

1. ptor ó-mni-um. 3. Demptum so-lo, da-tum po-lo, Signó-
 2. lum láu-di-bus. 4. Pro ter-ré-nis vo-tis ple-nis, Re-pór-

3. rum pro-bant ó-pe-ra, Er-go vi-vit, nam a-dí-vit
 4. tat do-na gló-ri-ae : Quem de-có-ras, quem ho-nó-ras,

3. Ae-tér-na Chri-sti mú-ne-ra. 5. Hunc sequán-tur, huic
 4. Summae De-us cle-mén-ti-ae. 6. Re-gis signum du-

5. jun-gán-tur Qui ex Ae-gý-pto éxe-unt : In quo du-ce,
 6. cem dignum In-sígnit ma-nu, lá-te-re : Lux accé-dít,

5. cla-ra lu-ce, Ve-xílla Re-gis pród-e-unt. 7. Est dux
 6. nox re-cé-dít, Jam lu-cis orto sí-de-re. 8. Mi-na

7. fi-dus, cla-rum si-dus : Du-cit, re-lú-cet dé-vi-a De-
 8. gre-gem, dux ad Re-gem, Col-lí-sor ho-stis cá-li-di Nos

7. vi-tá-do, de-mon-strá-do Be-á-ta no-bis gáu-di-a.
 8. condú-cas, et in-dú-cas Ad coenam Agni pró-vi-di.

A-men.

∇. Ora pro nobis, Beáte Pater noster Francíscus.
 R̄. Ut digni efficiámur promissionibus Christi.

1. The glory of morals, the leader of the Minors, Francis, possessing the prize, lives in Thee, the vine, O Christ, Redeemer of all. (cf. I Cor. 4:16 and John 15:1)
2. Let the brethren applaud, the Father reigns a fellow citizen with the citizens of heaven; let grief depart, let the company sing, let heaven rejoice with praises. (cf. II Tim. 2:12; Eph. 2:19; and John 16:20)
3. The works of wonders prove him to be taken up from earth and given to heaven; therefore he lives, for he hath attained the eternal gifts of Christ. (cf. John 3:2)
4. For his full prayers on earth he obtains the gifts of glory, whom Thou dost ornate and honor, O God of highest clemency. (cf. Eccles. 45:9)
5. Let them follow him, let them be joined to him, who would go forth from Egypt; with him as leader, with clear light, the banners of the King go forth. (cf. Exod. chap. 13)
6. (THE SACRED STIGMATA)
The sign of the King marks His worthy leader in hand and side; the dawn nears, the night departs, the star of day is now risen.
7. He is a faithful leader, a glorious star; he guides and shines, by avoiding the devious things and pointing out to us the blessed joys. (cf. John 13:15)
8. Drive thy flock, O guide, to the King; O crusher of the crafty foe, do thou conduct and lead us to the supper of the provident Lamb. (cf. Ezech. 34:12 and I Pet. 5:8)