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OUR 160 YEARS

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Handwritten musical score for the hymn 'OUR 160 YEARS'. The score is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first two staves contain the main melody. The third staff begins with a '(REFRAIN)' label above the notes and includes the lyrics 'CELE - BRATE, CELE - BRATE, OUR ONE HUN - DRED AND SIX - TY YEARS; CELE - BRATE, CELE - BRATE OUR ONE HUN - DRED AND SIX - TY YEARS!'. The fourth staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line.

There was once, you must know, in the French town of Bordeaux
A remarkable priest of God,
An apostle of truth, and especially of the youth,
He was called Father Chaminade. (Refrain)

He had once gone to Spain, when in France a chaos reigned,
And the country was all dark deeds,
And a heavenly sign at the Saragossa shrine
Gave an answer to France's needs (Refrain)

Twenty years without rest was this man of God possessed
With desire to fulfill his plan,
Then one mem'orable day, it was on the first of May,
Mary sent him the first young man. (Refrain)

There were others who came and they said they felt the same
And they wanted to serve the Lord,
Mary's praises he voiced, Father Chaminade rejoiced
And his prayers found a great reward. (Refrain)

There were just seven then, only seven fervent men
On a solemn October morn,
Through their vows now made one, something splendid was begun,
And a new congregation born. (Refrain)

It was long, long ago, in the French town of Bordeaux,
Mary's banner was first unfurled,
And the man who can't die lives with Mary up on high
And his spirit, throughout the world! (Refrain)