



✠ AN INVITATION FROM FATHER ARCOLEO ✠

(WITH HELP FROM THE ROMAN MISSAL)

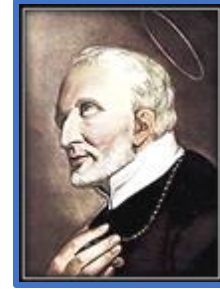


According to Pope Francis, "Saints are not supermen and neither are they perfect. They lived normal lives marked by sadness and joy, hardships and hopes, before reaching the glory of Heaven. But when they witnessed God's love, they followed Him with all their heart, unconditionally and without hypocrisy; they dedicated their life to serving others, they bore suffering and adversities without hatred and responded to evil with good, spreading joy and peace." As we celebrate the lives of four more Saints this week, let us offer the following prayers taken from the Roman Missal:



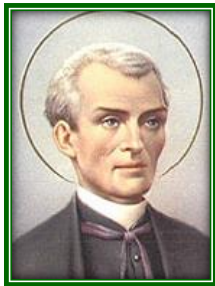
SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA
(FEAST DAY: 31 JULY)

O God, Who raised up Saint Ignatius of Loyola in Your Church to further the greater glory of Your Name, grant that by his help we may imitate him in fighting the good fight on earth and merit to receive him a crown in Heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



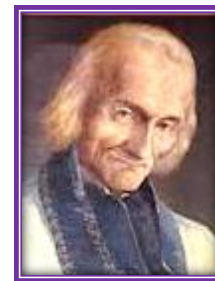
SAINT ALPHONSUS DE LIGUORI
(FEAST DAY: 1 AUGUST)

O God, Who constantly raise up in Your Church new examples of virtue, grant that we may follow so closely in the footsteps of the Bishop Saint Alphonsus in his zeal for souls as to attain the same rewards that are his in Heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



SAINT PETER JULIAN EYMARD
(FEAST DAY: 2 AUGUST)

O God, Who adorned Saint Peter Julian Eymard with a wonderful love for the Sacred mysteries of the Body and Blood of Your Son, graciously grant that we, too, may be worthy to receive the delights he drew from this divine banquet. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



SAINT JOHN MARIE VIANNEY
(FEAST DAY: 4 AUGUST)

Almighty and merciful God, Who made the Priest Saint John Marie Vianney wonderful in his pastoral zeal, grant, we pray, that through his intercession and example we may in charity win brothers and sisters for Christ. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.