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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES



**ADVENT
CONFESSIONS
THURSDAY
21 DECEMBER
GRADES 3-5**

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on: you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently he starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of – throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were going to be made into a decent little cottage but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself.

-- C.S. Lewis

From: Mere Christianity, Pg. 205



“John answered and said, “No one can receive anything except what has been given him from heaven. You yourselves can testify that I said that I am not the Messiah, but that I was sent before Him. “The one who has the bride is the bridegroom; the best man, who stands and listens to Him, rejoices gretly at the bridegroom’s voice. So this joy of mine has been made complete. **He must increase; I must decrease.**”

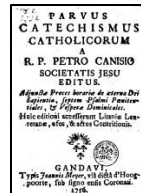
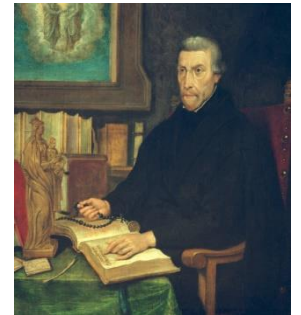
Gospel of St. John, Chapter III:27-30

Missionary Disciple of the Week

ST. PETER CANISIUS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

FEAST DAY: THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER

St. Peter Canisius was born 8 May, 1521 in a town within the province of Cologne, Germany. At age 15, he attended the University of Cologne and became involved with helping to avert and prevent large numbers of people in converting to Lutheranism. He was ordained in 1546 and joined the Society of Jesus (an order that was formed by St. Igitius of Loyola). He became further involved with the counter-reformation of the Catholic Church in a position assisting the Bishop of Augsburg. In 1549, he was sent to Rome and it was there he was given his life’s work, the mission to Germany. He was chosen with two other Jesuit priests to teach theology in the University of Ingolstadt. At a later point, King Romans, sent him to do the same work at the University of Vienna. In 1555, he was chosen with two other Jesuit priests to teach theology in the University of Vienna. In 1555, he issued his famous, *Catechism*. It was his greatest services to the church at that time.



After Vienna, Father Canisius went to Bohemia (what is now Czech Republic). He was tireless in his work of evangelizing and was known to have said, “If you have too much to do, with God’s help you will find time to do it all.” St. Peter also wrote two additional works, *The History of John the Baptist* and *The Incomparable Virgin Mary*. From 1580 until his death in 1597, he labored and also suffered from poor health in Switzerland. In 1925, he was both canonized and made doctor of the church.