



LOOK TO ST. PETER JULIAN EYMARD FOR INSPIRATION DURING THE PARISH YEAR OF THE REVIVAL

As a young boy, when his sister would return from receiving Holy Communion, he would sit super close to her and lay his head on her chest, saying, “I can feel His presence.”

Saint Peter Julian Eymard (pronounced A-mard) loved Christ and thrived in faith, because he knew the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist at a very young age.

His sister and half-sister were watching him one day, when he went missing. They frantically searched all over the house and neighborhood for their five-year-old brother before it dawned on them to go to the place he loved to be – their church. There he was up on the sanctuary beyond the altar. He was standing on a step stool so he could be close to the tabernacle. You can imagine their relief to find him, but their distress as well. When they reverently as they could went up to the sanctuary to get him down and put the stool back, he told them matter-of-factly that he was there “listening to Jesus.”

When he was finally of age (12) to receive his First Holy Communion, he held both hands to his chest as if embracing Christ, and later wrote he did so telling Jesus, “I shall be a priest, I promise you!”

Saint Peter Julian was born on February 4, 1811. His whole life he wanted to be a priest, but his father didn’t want that life for his son, because he would likely be the target of hate. The majority of people were against the Church at that time.

However, after his mother passed away, he went to be an Oblate of Mary Immaculate. However, because of asthma and severe migraines he was sent home with little hope of returning to fulfill his dream.

In that time at home as he became stronger. He was able to be present for his father’s death. This motivated St. Peter Julian even more to live his life for Christ. He applied to the bishop of the Diocese of Grenoble to be a seminarian and was accepted. He was ordained at 23. A few years later he was inspired by Marist priests’ preaching to join their congregation which is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. The diocese did not want to lose him, but ultimately respected his wishes.

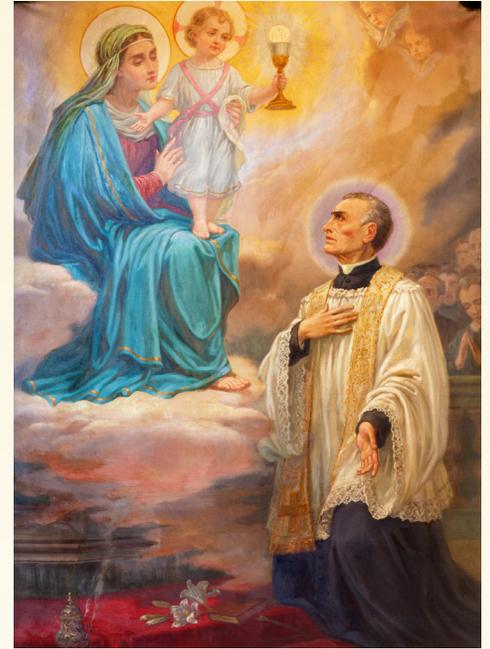
His devotion to the Blessed Sacrament heightened and in 1856, he founded the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament. These men were dedicated to making sure the Blessed Sacrament was honored and guarded 24 hours a day. Lay people also became committed to this practice, which we now know as Eucharistic devotion – Adoration.

He was instrumental also in founding the Sister Servants of the Blessed Sacrament.

In a letter to inspire Eucharistic Adoration he wrote, “Go to the good Lord very simply, with the surrender of a small child. Tell the good Lord what you are thinking, what you want, what is upsetting you. O how happy we become when we discover this interior conversation with our Lord! We carry our treasure everywhere. He becomes the center of our heart and life.”

Known as the Apostle of the Eucharist, St. Peter Julian’s feast day is August 2.

For more on his life [CLICK HERE](#).





One Million ROSARIES

FOR VOCATIONS WITHIN THE
DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON

PLEDGE PORTAL OPENS WITH MORE THAN 5,000 ROSARIES

Within two days of the announcement to our parish priests of the One Million Rosaries for Vocations in WV more than 5,000 Rosaries were pledged.

Will you help energize this pace? It is no secret that the success of this endeavor depends on you.

What is this campaign? If you haven't heard, this movement in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston calls for one million Rosaries to be prayed for vocations between the Feast of the Assumption on August 15th to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on Oct. 7th.

So now that you know, how many Rosaries will you say? How will you promote this mission?

Within three hours after the announcement email to our priests was sent, Monsignor Dean Borgmeyer, of St. Joseph Parish in Huntington, posted a challenge on his Facebook page followed by 494 people to say one Rosary for vocations a day for the next 100 days.

Additionally, within eight hours a Rosary zoom group based in Fairmont pledged more than 900 rosaries!

HAVE YOU ENTERED YOUR PLEDGE ON [DWC.ORG/ONEMILLIONROSARIES?](https://dwc.org/onemillionrosaries/)

Several pastors including Fr. Carlos Melocoton, of St. Michael Parish in Wheeling, printed a bulletin insert for parishioners that attended last weekend's Masses that outlines the campaign with a QR code/link to the online pledge form.

Reach out to those among your parish or circles, especially the elderly who may not have access to a computer or be technically savvy – connect with them and use your smart phone/device to log onto the diocesan site to add their commitment to the tally.

In a perfect world if all 66,925 Catholics would just say 15 rosaries within the 54 days of the campaign, we would have more than 1,003,000 prayed.

WHILE THIS IS ASK IS HUGE, IT IS POSSIBLE.

Share this campaign with your prayer warriors outside of WV and even outside of the country.

A weekly rosary group in the Bethlehem section of Wheeling eagerly accepted the mission after Joyce Bibey, manager of writing and social media for the diocese, shared the project.

“More than 20 people gathered on that particular day to pray together for the unborn,” Bibey said. “It was a diverse group with genuine reverence and confidence in our Blessed Mother to go to her son with their united prayers. Looking around the room, I was inspired to see a young girl, who jumped right in to lead the third decade of the Sorrowful Mysteries (it was a Tuesday). This time set aside was very important for this group. One woman had driven 90 minutes to get there.

“After our Rosary, I was able to speak to the group about the project and how they can get involved. I was immediately encouraged by their reactions and genuine enthusiasm to join us on this journey,” Bibey said. “This is exactly an example of how we can reach and even surpass our goal – taking accountability and going out of our comfort zone to share our mission.”

She added, you don't have to be a pro at reciting the rosary – “most of us aren't.” Let this be a moment to start a great habit of going to our Blessed Mother through the calming Rosary – a time to have her present our special intentions to Jesus.

The diocesan website page dedicated to the One Million Rosaries project, as well as <https://faithinwv.org/the-rosary/>, have a plethora of resources to guide you.

According to the State of Priestly Vocations Report conducted by Vocation Ministry in 2022, nearly 3,500 parishes in the US are without their own parish priest. Like the diocese of Wheeling-Charleston most priests serve more than one parish, mission, and chapel.

Believe in the power of the Rosary. Be optimistic, have faith, and be an active prayer warrior for all Catholic vocations in WV.

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At our annual Leadership for Life Weekend, teens experience a unique combination of traditional **fun-in-the-sun** summer camping activities and leadership training to SAVE LIVES in the pro-life movement.

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Weekend Retreat

August 25-27th, 2023

Friday, arrival: 4-6 pm

Sunday, pick up 9-10 am

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Address: 3309 Horseshoe Run Rd, Parsons, WV 26287
Contact Info: 304-476-9015 or sadie@wvforlife.org
Learn More and Register at: wvforlife.org

Who: Youth ages 13-17 (High school)



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

When given the opportunity to ask for anything, Solomon asks God for an understanding heart.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119

“Lord, I love your commands.”

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

We are blessed to be called by God - predestined to be conformed to the image of the Son. All things will work for good for those who are faithful and love Him.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

The kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure - priceless.

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL SCRIPTURE TEXT](#)

BIBLE.USCCB.ORG/BIBLE/READINGS/073023.CFM

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we share the great treasure of our faith with all those searching for hope, peace, and happiness, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That our nation’s leaders choose wisely Solomon and turn to God Almighty for guidance, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our enemies, those who have hurt us, those we disagree with, and those who have abandoned us, and for ourselves that we willingly forgive them as we ask Christ to forgive us, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our special intentions and all those we said we would pray for, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer

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MASS ONLINE

Saturday 6pm Masses will continue to be livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Joseph, and will be available on our website each Sunday at DWC.ORG.