

## Pope Saint Pius X

(August 21)

Pope Saint Pius X (2 June 1835 – 20 August 1914), born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto,[a] was Pope from 4 August 1903 to his death in 1914. He was canonized in 1954. Pius X is known for vigorously opposing modernist interpretations of Catholic doctrine, promoting traditional devotional practices and orthodox theology. His most important reform was to order the codification of the first Code of Canon Law, which collected the laws of the Church into one volume for the first time. He was also considered a pastoral pope, in the sense of encouraging personal holiness, piety and a daily lifestyle reflecting deep Christian values. He was born in the town of Riese, which would later append "Pio X" (Pius X's name in Italian) to the town's name.

Pius X was particularly devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the specific title of Our Lady of Confidence; his papal encyclical *Ad diem illum* expresses his desire through Mary to renew all things in Christ, which he had defined as his motto in his first encyclical. Pius X believed that there was no surer or more direct road than by the Virgin Mary to achieve this goal

Pius X was the only pope in the 20th century with extensive pastoral experience and implementation at the parish level, which led him to favor the use of the vernacular language in teaching catechesis, while the encouragement for frequent reception of holy communion became a lasting innovation of his papacy.

His immediate predecessor, Pope Leo XIII, had actively promoted a synthesis between the Catholic Church and secular culture; faith and science; and divine revelation and reason. Pius X defended the Catholic faith against popular 19th-century attitudes and views such as indifferentism and relativism which his predecessors had warned against as well.

He followed the example of Leo XIII by promoting Thomas Aquinas and Thomism as the principal philosophical method to be taught in Catholic institutions. Pius X vehemently opposed modernism, which claimed that Roman Catholic dogma should be modernized and blended with nineteenth-century philosophies. He viewed modernism as an import of secular errors affecting three areas of Roman Catholic belief: theology, philosophy, and dogma.

Personally, Pius X combined within himself a strong sense of compassion, benevolence and poverty, but also stubbornness and a certain stiffness. He wanted to be pastoral in the sense that he was the only pope in the 20th century who gave Sunday homily sermons in the pulpit every week. After the 1908 Messina earthquake he filled the Apostolic Palace with refugees, long before the Italian government acted. He rejected any kind of favours for his family; his brother remained a postal clerk, his favourite nephew stayed on as village priest, and his three sisters lived together close to poverty in Rome. He often referred to his own humble origins, taking up the causes of poor people. I was born poor, I have lived poor, and I wish to die poor. During his papacy, some of the world-renowned Marian images were granted a Canonical Coronation, namely the Our Lady of Aparecida, Our Lady of the Pillar, Our Lady of the Cape, Our Lady of the Rosary of Chiquinquirá, Our Lady of Gaverland (Belgium), (go to Page 5)

**Mon. 08/17**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**  
*Feast*             Weekday  
8:00 AM Mass     Carl T. Mincin, B/day Ann, *Daughter Anna Miller*

**Tues. 08/18**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**  
*Feast*             Weekday  
8:00 AM Mass     Beverly Fabian, *Sally Young*

**Wed. 08/19**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**  
*Feast*             Saint John Eudes, Priest  
8:00 AM Mass     Denise Keagy, *Keagy Family*

**Thur. 08/20**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**  
*Feast*             Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the church  
8:00 AM Mass     Paul Rose, *Winnie Hetrick*

**Fri. 08/21**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**  
*Feast*             Saint Pius X, Pope  
8:00 AM Mass     Chester Kowalski, *Butch and Helen Carper*

**Sat. 08/22**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**  
*Feast*             Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
4:30 PM Mass     Our Lady of Fatima Parish Family

**Sun. 08/23**     **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**  
*Feast*             Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:00 AM Mass     Teresa Miller, Ann, *Daughter Anna Miller*  
11:00 AM Mass     Clementine Kowalski, *Bernard and Rose Creppage*

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**Happy Birthday:**

08/19     Shawn Conrad  
            Alexis Kasun  
            Linda Potopa

08/25     Patty Pufka


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08/20     Danielle and Fredie Sisto

08/22     Darlene and Michael Mickey

08/23     Linda and Brent Ronan

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<b>(Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 9, 2015)</b>					
212 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$2,511.60 of which \$173.00 accounted for non-envelope contributions.					
# Envelopes In Circulation	179	# Used	76	# Unused	103
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Elsewhere in the bulletin we indicate that there are 179 boxes of envelopes in circulation. We use that figure to suggest the number of regular givers to our collections. So far only 69 of those regular contributors have made pledges to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Consider this note as a gentle reminder to fellow procrastinators that "Now is the time for all good men and women to come to the aid of their parish."

**\*\* The Asterisks beside the donor's names means that they have made additional pledges to help Our Lady of Fatima make its goal.**

# *Out and About . . .*

Cathedral/McNelis School Alumni will be gathering on Saturday, August 22, 2015 at 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM at the parking lot. Bring any memorabilia you would like to share with your former classmates.

All are invited to the 5:00 PM mass in the Cathedral.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul are looking for volunteers to help at Their store at 1215 Seventh Avenue, Altoona. Call 814-943-1981 if you have the time to help. All proceeds benefit Emergency Financial aid program.

St. Catherine of Siena, Old Rt 22, Duncansville is having their annual Birth of Mary Celebration on **Tuesday, September 8, 2015**. Masses on that day are 7:45 AM, 12:05 PM, and the 6:00 PM mass with be celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak. .

Our annual "Save Around" books will soon be here. Sign up now so you can have yours as soon as they arrive and start saving.

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Our Lady of San Juan de los Lagos, the Our Lady of La Naval de Manila and the Immaculate Conception within the Sala della Immacolata inside today's Vatican museums were granted its prestigious honors.

Considered a holy person by many, public veneration of Pope Pius X began soon after his death. Numerous petitions resulted in an early process of beatification which started in the 1920s, and which resulted in his canonization on 29 May 1954.

The Society of Saint Pius X, a Traditionalist Catholic group, is named in his honor. A gigantic statue of him is enshrined within Saint Peter's Basilica, while the town of his birthplace was also renamed after his canonization.



### **Activities for the United States**

In 1908, Pius X lifted the United States out of its missionary status, in recognition of the growth of the American church. Fifteen new dioceses were created in the US during his pontificate, and he named two American cardinals. He was very popular among American Catholics, partly due to his poor background, which made him appear to them as an ordinary person who was on the papal throne.

In 1910, the pope refused an audience with former Vice-President Charles W. Fairbanks, who had addressed the Methodist association in Rome, as well as with former President Theodore Roosevelt, who intended to address the same association. On 8 July 1914, Pope Pius X approved the request of Cardinal James Gibbons to invoke the patronage of the Immaculate Conception for the construction site of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Pius X beatified ten individuals and canonized four. Those beatified during his pontificate, were Marie Genevieve Meunier (1906), Rose Chretien (1906), Valentin Faustino Berri Ochoa (1906), Saint Clarus (1907), Zdislava Berka (1907), John Bosco (1907), John of Ruysbroeck (1908), Andrew Nam Thung (1909), Agatha Lin (1909), Agnes De (1909), Joan of Arc (1909), and John Eudes (1909). Those canonized by him were Alexander Sauli (1904), Gerard Majella (1904), Clement Mary Hofbauer (1909), and Joseph Oriol (1909).

Pius X published 16 encyclicals; among them was *Vehementer nos* on 11 February 1906, which condemned the 1905 French law on the separation of the State and the Church. Pius X also confirmed, though not infallibly, the existence of Limbo in Roman Catholic theology in his 1905 Catechism, saying that the unbaptized "do not have the joy of God but neither do they suffer... they do not deserve Paradise, but neither do they deserve Hell or Purgatory." In the Prophecy of St. Malachy, the collection of 112 prophecies about the popes, Pius X appears as *Ignis Ardens* or "Burning Fire."

In November 1913, Pope Pius X declared tango dancing as immoral and off-limits to Catholics. Later, in January 1914, when tango proved to be too popular to declare off-limits, Pope Pius X tried a different tack, mocking tango as "one of the dullest things imaginable," and recommending people take up dancing the *Furigana* instead.

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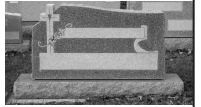
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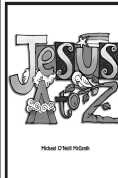
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