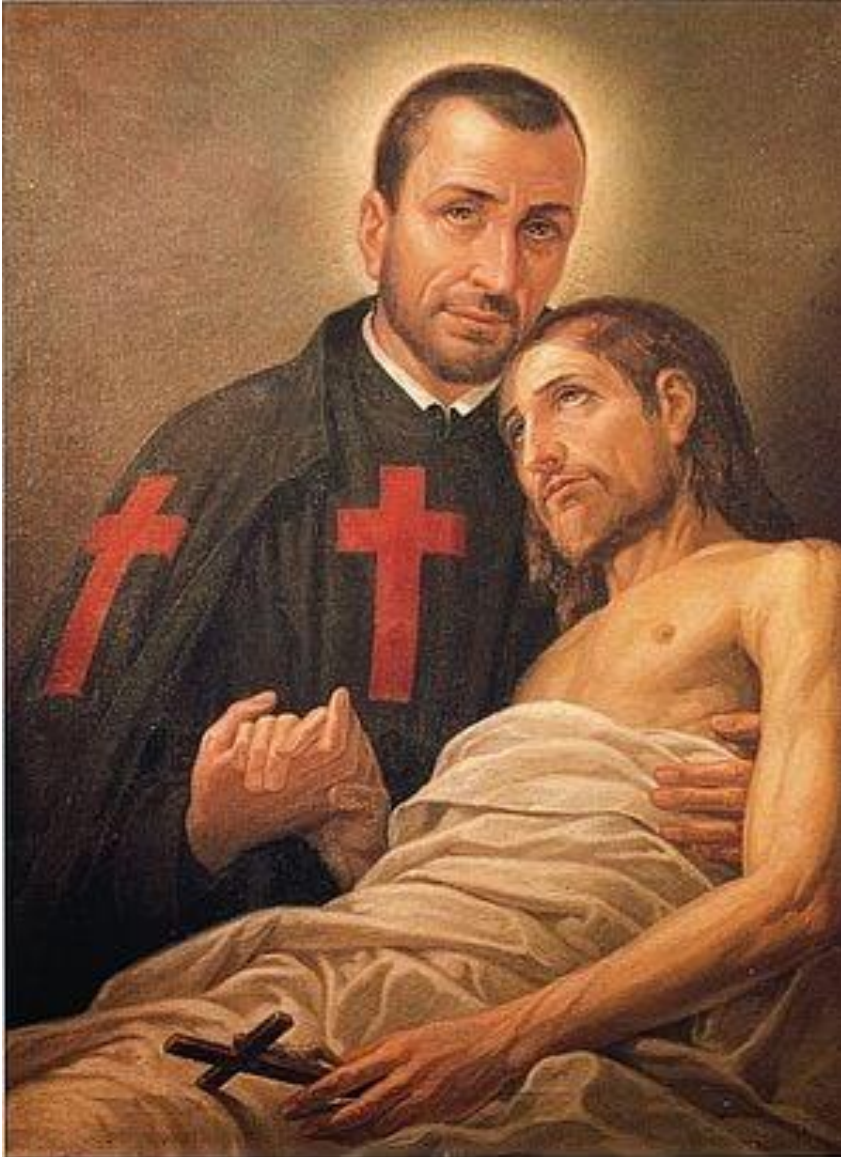


Saint Father Camillus de Lellis, MI a Patron Saint of Doctors,
Nurses and the infirmed (1550 - 1614 AD)



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Saint Camillus founded the "MI," which stands for "Ministri degli Infermi," in the English, "Clerks Regular of the Ministers of the Sick, in Latin "Ordo Clericorum Regularium Ministrantium Infirmis," or simply "The Camillians" - Catholic Clerics dedicated to caring for the sick, injured and dying. His story of penance, faith, hope and love in JESUS CHRIST is stirring.

<https://saintscatholic.blogspot.com/2018/11/camillians-or-clerics-regular-ministers.html>

"A native of the Abruzzi region in Italy, at seventeen Camillus joined the army to fight the [invading Muslim] Turks. He was addicted to gambling and eventually lost even the proverbial shirt on his back.

When he hit rock bottom, he made his way to the Capuchins, taking a job at their friary in Manfredonia. A kindly Friar converted him to Penance, but the Order would not receive him because of a [war-related] wound on his leg.

Hoping to be cured, Camillus went to San Giacomo Hospital in Rome. When he got there, he was struck at the deeply demoralized culture of the hospital. The Nurses were unkept and inattentive, and led disordered lives.

Despite being a patient himself, Camillus began to care for others. He was raised to the level of administrator, and at the same time came under the spiritual care of Saint Philip Neri.

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In 1584, Camillus was ordained and founded the "Order of The Clerks Regular," Ministers of the infirm, or "The Camillians," to serve as Priest-Nurses. To poverty, chastity and obedience he added a fourth vow of "perpetual physical and spiritual assistance to the sick, especially those with the plague."

Camillus urged his Nurses to offer attentive care with up-to-date skill. A contemporary noted, "In the sick he saw The Person of CHRIST. His reverence in their presence was as great as if he were really and truly in The Presence of his Lord." *

Saint Fr. Camillus de Lellis, pray for us, that in seeking to love GOD as He loves us, even unto The Cross of His Son JESUS CHRIST, may we receive strength of The HOLY SPIRIT to care for others in suffering and need, even as when we come before The holy Presence The living LORD Almighty. AMEN.

MATTHEW 25:31-40

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N9uEnVllyWI>

31 When The Son of Man shall come in His Glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon The Throne of His Glory:

32 And before Him shall be gathered all nations: and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33 And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then shall The King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit The Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave Me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took Me in:

36 Naked, and ye clothed Me: I was sick, and ye visited Me: I was in prison, and ye came unto Me.

37 Then shall the righteous answer Him, saying, Lord, when saw we Thee an hungred, and fed Thee? or thirsty, and gave Thee drink?

38 When saw we Thee a stranger, and took Thee in? or naked, and clothed Thee?

39 Or when saw we Thee sick, or in prison, and came unto Thee?

40 And The King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me.

*["Saint Camillus de Lellis." The Magnificat, 10/30/2021. Saints Who Transformed The Culture, p 414.]