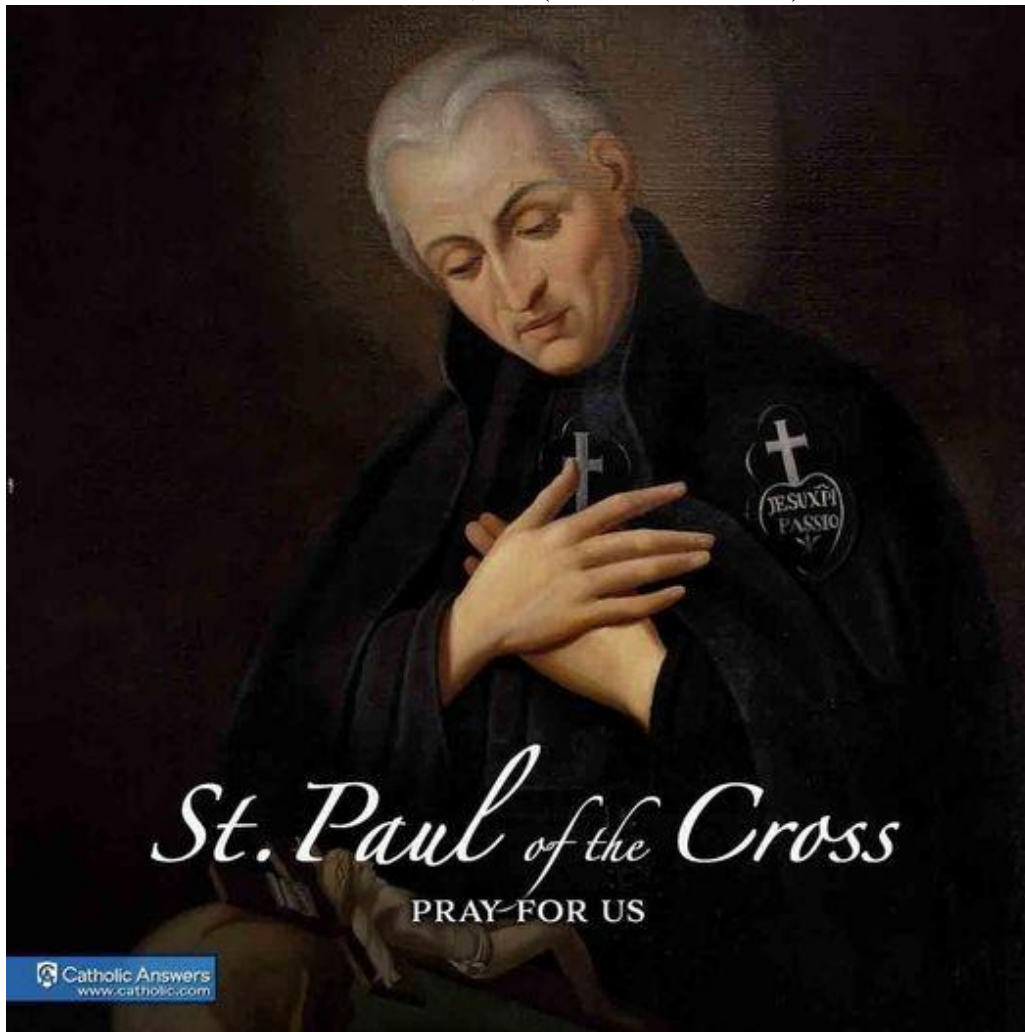


Saint Father Paul of The Cross, CP (1694 - 1775 AD)



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"Paul Daniel was born in 1699 in Ovada, Genoa, Italy. In his teens, he began following a strict regimen of prayer. At twenty-six, while on retreat, he conceived the rule of The Passionists [Congregation of The Passion of JESUS CHRIST], an Order of men committed to a life of rigorous penance for the sake of preaching to the poor.

Their distinctive sign is the black badge bearing a white Cross on top of a white Heart. The Passionist, according to Paul, is "a man totally GOD-centered, totally Apostolic, a man of prayer, detached from the world, from things, from himself, so that he may in all truth be called a Disciple of JESUS CHRIST..." \*

ROMANS 6:12-18

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12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto GOD, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto GOD.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under The Law, but under Grace.

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under The Law, but under Grace? GOD forbid.

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

17 But GOD be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of Doctrine which was delivered you.

18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

"May the Priest Saint Paul [of The Cross], whose only love was The Cross, obtain for us Your Grace, O Lord, so that, urged on more strongly by his example, we may each embrace our own cross with courage.

Through our Lord JESUS CHRIST, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in The Unity of The HOLY SPIRIT, GOD, for ever and ever." \* AMEN.

on living a life "Pleasing to The Master" by Saint Fr. Paul of The Cross, CP

"You who wish to be holy, seek to follow faithfully in The Divine footprints of JESUS CHRIST. Dwell in the interior temple of your soul [with The Lord]; rest in the bosom of The Heavenly Father! Pure Love lets one speak only a little, for the loving soul loses itself in the immense sea of Charity.

But note that just as the Passion of JESUS CHRIST is entirely a Work of The Infinite Love of GOD, so the soul, losing itself entirely in the sea of That Love, cannot help - when it pleases GOD to give it such a Grace - it cannot help, I say, being immersed entirely in the sea of The Most Holy Passion.

How, when I think of a GOD [Incarnate] suffering for me, a GOD scourged, a GOD crowned with thorns, a GOD covered with spittle for me, on The Cross for me, how is it possible, penetrated today and tomorrow with This Greatest of Truths of Faith, for me [desire] to offend Him? It is impossible."\*

\*["Saint Paul of The Cross." The Magnificat, 10/20/2021. Optional memorial & Collect, p 302-303. "Pleasing The Master." St. Paul of The Cross. Meditation of the Day, p 306-307.]