

# Notable Jesuits

“God is within us...we are in Him,  
and...this presence of God is a great  
motivator for respect, love, joy, and  
fervor.”

- St. Claude La Colombiere, SJ

# Peter Faber – 16<sup>th</sup> Century



- Interesting Facts:

- Helped start the Jesuits with St. Ignatius (one of the 6 men to start the society)
- Before had been a shepherd in the mountains.
- Had a gentle spirit and a tendency to be very hard on himself.
- Become a master at the Spiritual Exercises

- Contributions:

- Extremely gentle with others, a gifted pastor.
- Worked for the renewal of the Church a person at a time.
- Helped people learn the Spiritual Exercises.
- Princes and priests would all come to him for instruction and guidance.

# Quote Time!

“Seek grace in the smallest things,  
and you will find also grace to  
accomplish, to believe in, and  
to hope for the greatest things.”

- Peter Faber



# Aloysius Gonzaga – 16<sup>th</sup> Century

- Interesting Facts:

- Left his powerful Italian noble family to become a Jesuit.
- At a very early age, given adult responsibilities. A lot of pressure from his family.
- Two of his brothers died because of the political corruption his family was involved in.
- Suffered from a kidney disease, and in the process of recovery spent time in spiritual reading and prayer.
- Died while he was still very young, taking care of others.

- Contributions:

- Strong in private devotions and contemplating on his own.
- Perseverance even in poor health and even though his family didn't support him.
- Took care of the sick, especially those suffering from the Plague.



# Quote Time!

“It is better to be the child of God than the king of the whole world.”

- Aloysius Gonzaga



# Francis Xavier – 16<sup>th</sup> Century

- Interesting Facts:

- Came from a wealthy, noble family.
- Ambitious, proud man who wanted to accomplish great deeds in the world. Ignatius patiently encouraged Francis to look at his life differently. “What profits a man,” Ignatius asked Francis, “if he gains the whole world and loses his soul?” They became best friends.
- Helped start the Jesuits with St. Ignatius (one of the 6 men to start the society).

- Contributions:

- Ignatius chose Xavier to do mission work in India, Japan, and China.
- Xavier’s great ambition was to bring the world to Jesus Christ.
- Preached the Gospel to the poor and sick, spending most of the time listening and ministering to their needs.
- His only attention to his personal needs was to have a pair of boots and his book of meditations with him.



# Quote Time!

“It is not the actual physical exertion that counts toward a man’s or woman’s progress, nor the nature of the task, but the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken.”

- St. Francis Xavier





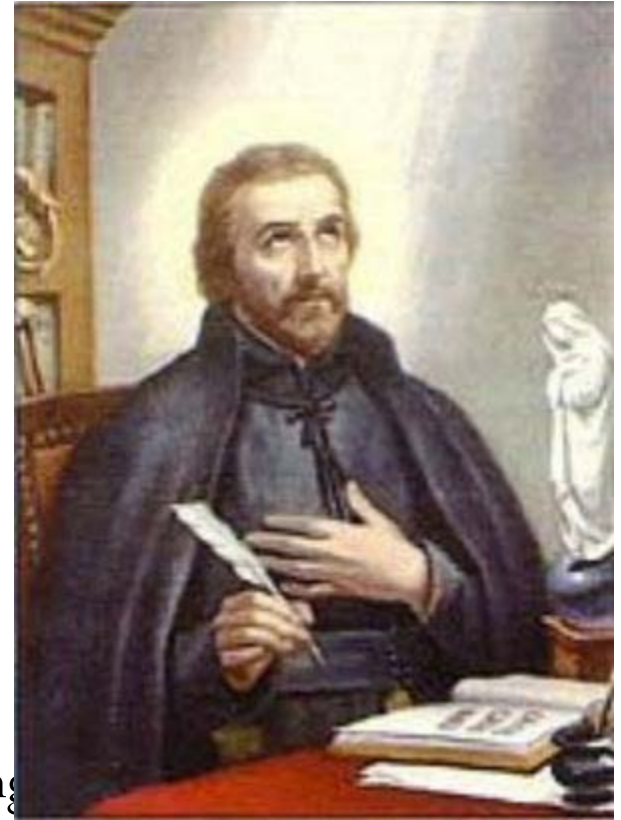
# Peter Canisius – 16<sup>th</sup> Century

- Interesting Facts:

- Known as the apostle of Germany.
- Lead the Catholic Reformation in Austria.
- Loved writing!
- Had a lot of ENERGY!

- Contributions:

- Preached and taught in churches and Universities.
- Created peace between Catholics and Protestants, during the time they were fighting.
- Wrote books that were translated into 15 different languages...a HUGE deal at the time!
- Reached out to the sick, people suffering from the Plague.

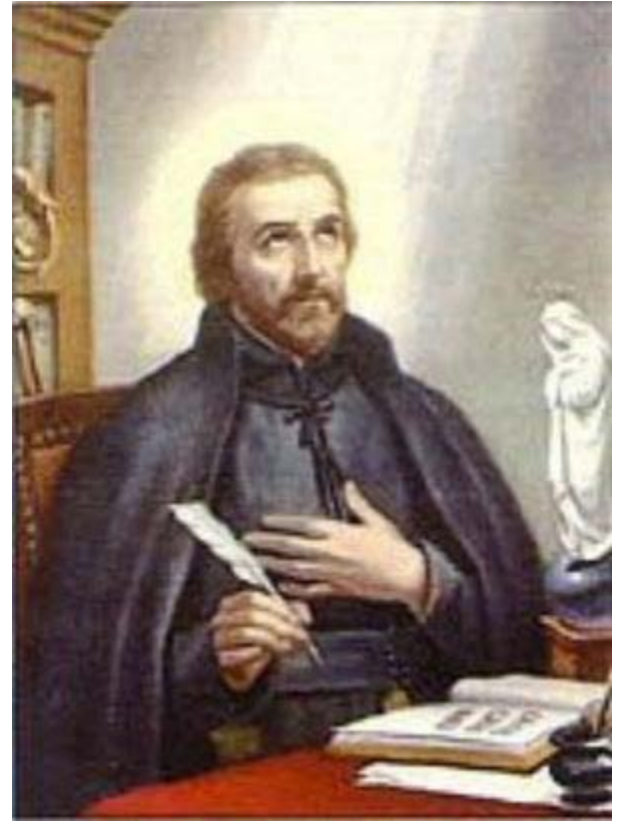




# Quote Time!

“May I be united with the praise that flows from you, Lord Jesus, to all; united with gratitude drawn from your heart, good Jesus, that causes us all to thank you.”

- St. Peter Canisius



# John Francis Regis – 16<sup>th</sup> Century

- Interesting Facts:

- Born into a family of moderate wealth.
- So impressed by his Jesuit teachers that he wished to become a Jesuit himself.
- Despite his challenging academic schedule (he had a LOT of homework)...he would spend many hours in the chapel.

- Contributions:

- Missionary work (especially in France/Europ
- Inspired people with his poetic words and reflections.
- Organized social services, especially for prisoners, the sick and poor.
- Took care of women – kept them safe, off the streets, and away from prostitution by giving them jobs as lace-makers.



# Quote Time!

“Our true worth does not consist  
In what human beings think of  
us. What we really are consists in  
what God knows us to be.”

- St. John Francis Regis



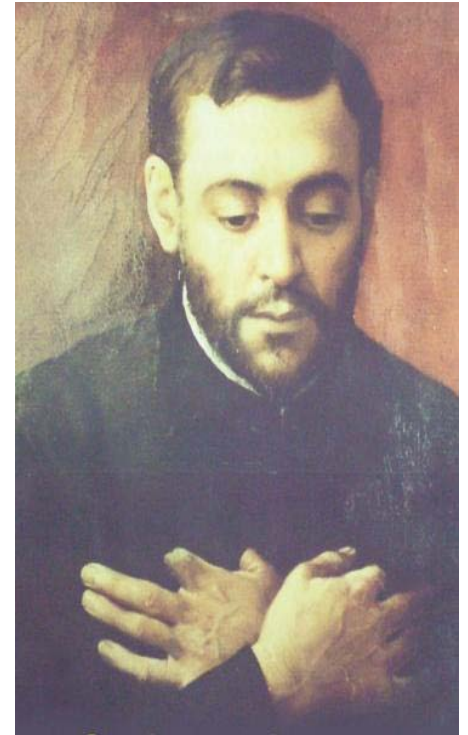
# Isaac Jogues – 17<sup>th</sup> Century

- Interesting Facts:

- Inspired to become a missionary after reading a book about Jesuit missionaries in Ethiopia and the Indies.
- Went to Canada to serve the native people there.
- A lot of conflict there at the time, he was eventually captured, tortured and martyred by the Mohawk tribe (they considered him a sorcerer and blamed him for disease and famine).

- Contributions:

- Missionary work
- Choose to work with people and love people even when other people told him not to; saw good in all people...even those who persecuted him.

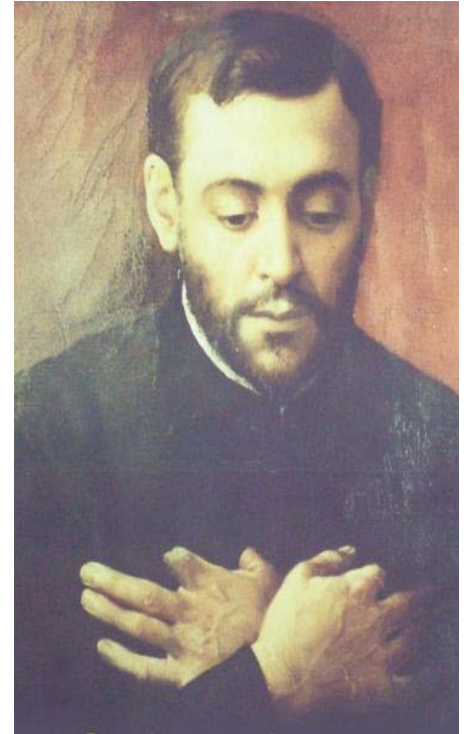


## Quote Time!

“My confidence is placed in God who does not need our help for accomplishing his designs.

Our single endeavor should be to give ourselves to the work and to be faithful to him.”

- St. Isaac Jogues



# Jean de Brebeuf – 17<sup>th</sup> Century

- Interesting Facts:
  - A brilliant student, spoke many languages
  - Considered handsome and a good leader
  - Struggled with Tuberculosis (physical disease)
- Contributions:
  - Missionary work in Canada(at first he had little success, but he embraced different cultures, languages, experiences, and people and this is what made him such a great leader)
  - He lived with those he served
  - Martyred for his faith and service



# Quote Time!

“May God and my savior Jesus,  
what return can I make to you for  
all the benefits you have given me?”

- Jean de Brebeuf





# Robert Bellarmine – 17<sup>th</sup> Century

- Interesting Facts:
  - Born to a poor Italian family
  - His father wanted him to be a politician and help provide for the family, his mother wanted him to enter the Society of Jesus (His mom won).
- Contributions:
  - Became a “Doctor” of the Church (means he is one of the most influential people to guide The Catholic Church).
  - Although one of the most powerful people in the Catholic church, he gave most of his money to the poor. Once he gave the tapestries (curtains) from his bedroom To the poor, saying that the walls wouldn’t catch cold.



# Quote Time!

“Sweet Lord, you are meek and merciful.  
Who would not give herself/himself  
wholeheartedly to your service, is she/he  
began to taste even a little of your love?”

- St. Robert Bellarmine



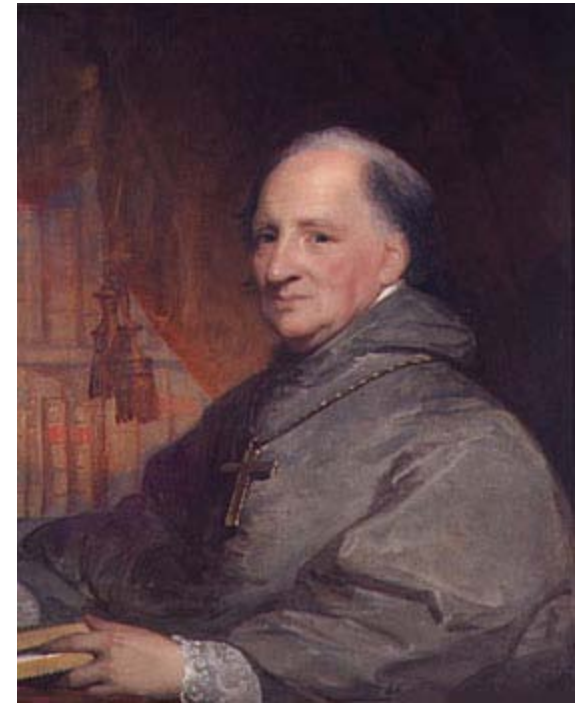
# John Carroll – 18<sup>th</sup> Century

- Interesting Facts:

- Archbishop of Baltimore (means he's the Main Catholic leader for that area).
- 4<sup>th</sup> of 7 children; lived with his mom.
- Benjamin Franklin recommended he be the first Bishop of the United States.

- Contributions:

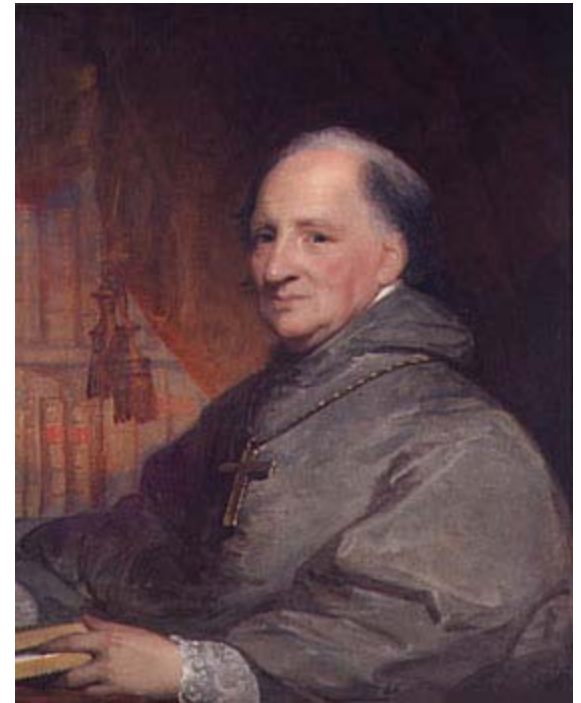
- During this time, Catholics weren't allowed to worship publicly, so a chapel was built for him at home so he could Celebrate Mass for local Catholics.
- Traveled and worked with Benjamin Franklin to be a voice for Catholics in the United States but also around the world.



# Quote Time!

“Of those things that give me  
Most consolation at the present  
Moment, one is that I have always  
Have been attached to the practice  
Of loving the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
When I pass away, I know God and  
Mary will take care of my people.”

- John Carroll



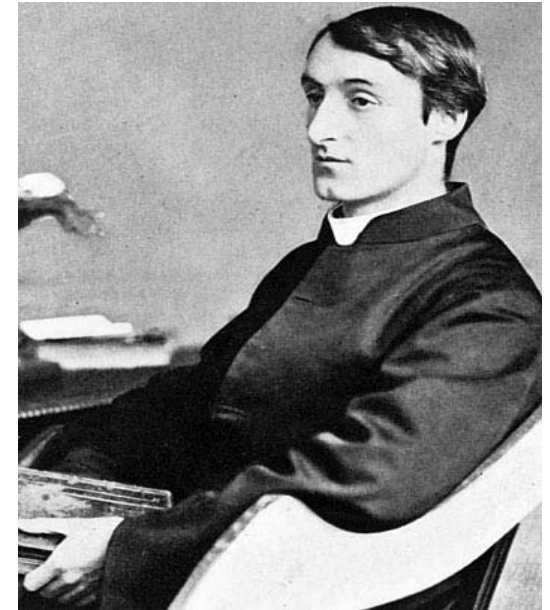
# Gerard Manley Hopkins – 19<sup>th</sup> Century

- Interesting Facts:

- A 19<sup>th</sup> Century poet
- His poetry exists today only because his friends published it after his death.
- Studying at Oxford
- Converted from being a Protestant to Being Catholic, then joined the Jesuits.

- Contributions:

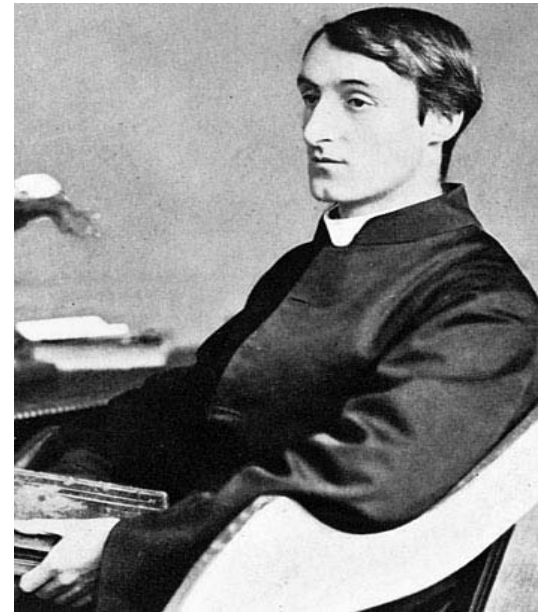
- His poetry helps draw people closer to God. Many people think his poetry is playful. He can jump from Image to image, showing the uniqueness of each thing and how God is manifest (present) everywhere!



# Quote Time!

“The world is charged with the  
Grandeur of God. My own heart  
let me more have pity on; let  
Me live to my own sad self hereafter kind,  
Charitable; not live this tormented mind  
With this tormented mind tormenting yet.  
Glory be to God for dappled things.”

- Gerard Manley Hopkins





# Pedro Arrupe – 20<sup>th</sup> Century

- Interesting Facts:
  - Born in Spain
  - Went to medical school and became a Doctor, then became a Jesuit.
  - Worked in Japan and healed people after the Bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.
  - Arrested and imprisoned in Japan because they were afraid he was a spy.
- Contributions:
  - Ministered to the wounded
  - Discovered the heart of the poor – came up with the phrase “men and women with and for others”.
  - Became the Superior General of all the Jesuits (means he was in charge of all of them just like Ignatius used to be).
  - Believed in justice and that the goal of Jesuit education should be to serve.





# Quote Time!

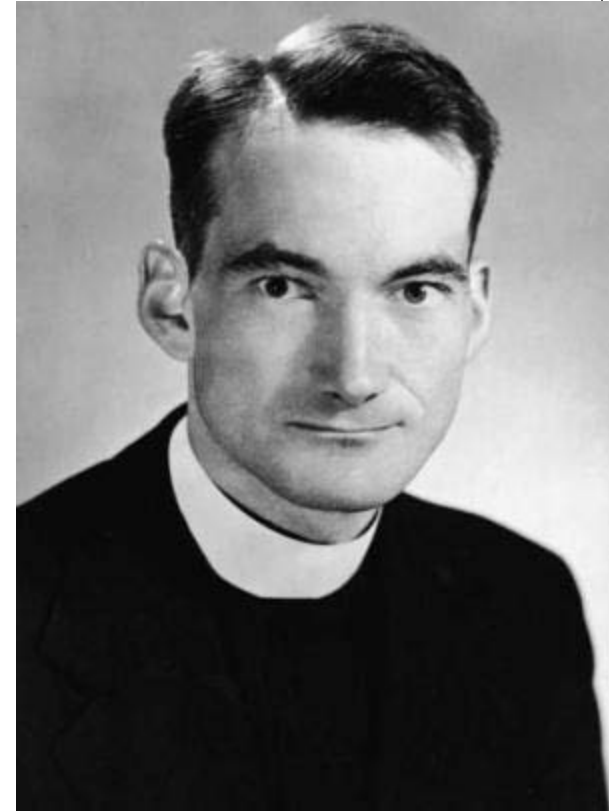
“Today our prime educational objective must be to form men-and-women-for-others; men and women who will live not for themselves but for God and his Christ – men and women who cannot even conceive of love of God which does not include love for the least of their neighbors.”

- Pedro Arrupe



# Avery Dulles – 20<sup>th</sup> Century

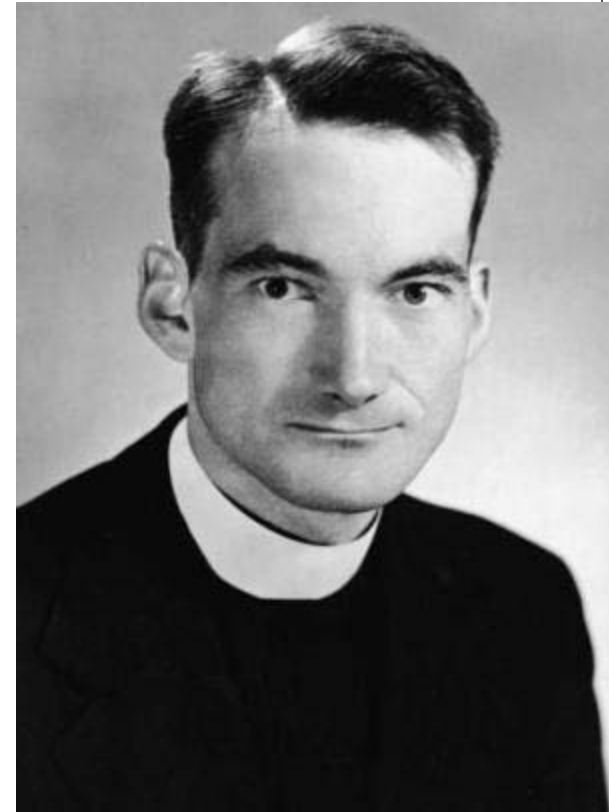
- Interesting Facts:
  - Went to Harvard to study.
  - Was in the Navy and became a lieutenant; also a Professor.
  - A member of the Theological Society of America.
  - Known as “The American Jesuit”
- Contributions:
  - Helped people view the Church as a “community of disciples”.
  - Very good at seeing multiple sides of things, especially in politics, religion, etc. He helped people listen to each other and communicate effectively about their opinions.



# Quote Time!

“The greatest danger facing our Church in our country today is that we keep fighting each other. We must remember that we are a community of disciples. We might be imperfect, but we are a community.”

- Avery Dulles



# Karl Rahner – 20<sup>th</sup> Century

- Interesting Facts:

- One of the most important Theologians of the 20<sup>th</sup> cent.
- Son of local college professor.
- Joined the Jesuits because his older brother Hugo did as well.
- The Spiritual Exercises had a lasting influence on his spiritual and intellectual development.

- Contributions:

- Helped develop theology within Catholic church
- Very good a philosophy and made a lot of smart contributions in that area of study.
- Very good teacher, public speaker, writer and pastor.



# Quote Time!

“Thanks to Your mercy, O Infinite God, I know something about You not only through concepts and words, but through experience. I have actually known you through living contact; I have met You in joy and suffering. For You are the first and last experience of my life.”

- Karl Rahner



# Pierre Teilhard de Chardin – 20<sup>th</sup> Century

- Interesting Facts:

- A Jesuit paleontologist. LOVED science!
- His writing faced a lot of rejection at first from Catholic authorities but eventually was able to overcome that and make a difference anyway.

- Contributions:

- Explored the early origins of the human Race, and took adventurous travels of discovery to the backlands of China (found the Peking man - First human cranium found)
- Studied and wrote about the intimate relationship between natural sciences/the material world and the spiritual world/faith. He loved both and believed that all matter (atoms, protons, etc.) is connected to the sacred....everything in the world is infused with Divine presence.



# Quote Time!

“Lord Christ, you are divine energy. We may imagine that creation was finished long ago. But that would be quite wrong. It continues in still more magnificent forms in the highest zones of the world... Our role is to help complete it, if only by the humble work of our hands. This is the real meaning and the price of our acts.”

- Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

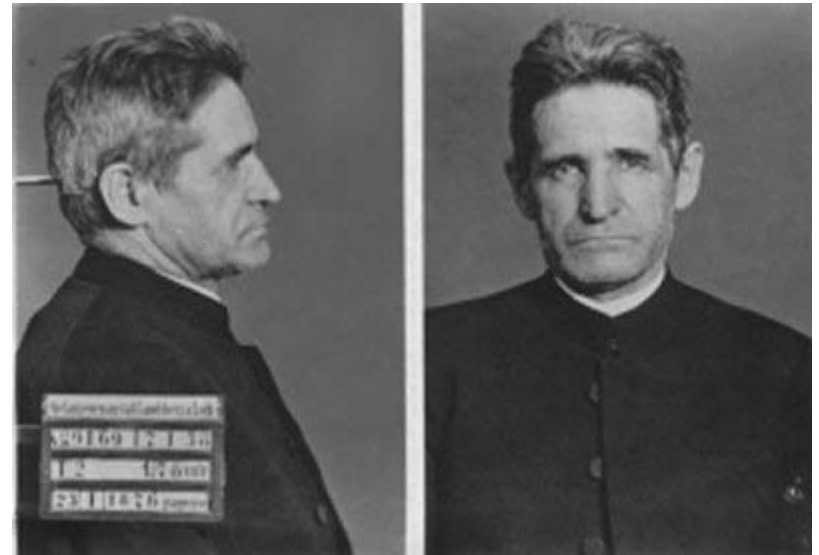




# Rupert Mayer – 20<sup>th</sup> Century

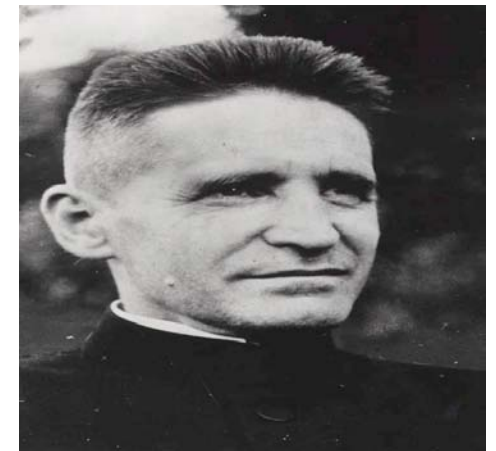
- Interesting Facts:

- Born in Germany
- Family involved in business
- Played the violin, road horses
- Arrested and sent to a Concentration Camp for Standing up to the Nazis.



- Contributions:

- Said Mass at local Train stations for people who worked on Sundays and couldn't go directly to church.
- One of the first to stand up to Nazis and Recognize what they were doing, that it was strongly Against what Christians believed.



# Quote Time!

“Lord, let happen  
Whatever you will; and as  
You will, so will I walk;  
Help me to know your will!  
For whatever you will for me is  
Gain. It is enough that I belong to  
You. My heart rests safely in Your  
Hands.”

- Blessed Rupert Mayer

