



St. John XXIII

October 11

Who was St. John XXIII?

St. John XXIII, also known as Pope John XXIII, was a significant figure in the Catholic Church. He was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli in Italy in 1881. St. John XXIII was a warm-hearted and compassionate person who loved connecting with people from all walks of life. He had a long and humble journey before becoming Pope, serving as a priest, bishop and papal representative in various countries.

When he was elected as pope in 1958, he surprised many with his down-to-earth and friendly approach to the papacy. St. John XXIII was known for his sense of humour and his genuine concern for others. He wanted to make the Church more open and relevant to the modern world. One of his most remarkable contributions was convening the Second Vatican Council, a historic gathering of bishops and leaders to discuss how the Church could better serve its followers and engage with the world.

St. John XXIII's profound commitment to peace and justice earned him immense respect from people of all faiths and backgrounds. He actively worked towards reconciliation and understanding between different religions, aiming to promote a world of harmony and compassion.

He is considered a saint in the Catholic Church due to his exceptional virtues and dedication to promoting God's love and teachings. St. John XXIII's efforts to bring positive change within the Church and his commitment to reaching out to people around the world left a lasting impact. His canonization as a saint in 2014 affirmed the Church's recognition of his holy life and his significant contributions to the world, inspiring countless individuals to follow his example of love, openness, and kindness.

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Quotes

"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do."

"In this world of ours, every believer must be a spark of light, a centre of love, a vivifying ferment for the Mass; and it will be that all the more as, in the depths of his being, he lives in communion with God."

"Live in faith and hope, though it be in darkness, for in this darkness God protects the soul. Cast your care upon God for you are His and He will not forget you. Do not think that He is leaving you alone, for that would be to wrong Him."

Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;
Dear Pope John,

Your simplicity and meekness
carried the scent of God
and sparked in people's hearts
the desire for goodness.

You spoke often of the beauty of the family
gathered around the table to share bread and faith:
pray for us that once again
true families would live in our homes.

With outstretched hands you sowed hope,
and you taught us to listen for God's footsteps
as he prepares a new humanity:
help us have a healthy optimism
of defeating evil with good.

You loved the world with its light and darkness,
and you believed that peace is possible:
help us be instruments of peace
at home and in our communities.

With paternal gentleness
you gave all children a caress:
you moved the world and reminded us
that hands have been given to us not for striking,
but for embracing and drying tears.

Pray for us so that
we do not limit ourselves to cursing the darkness
but that we bring the light, bringing Jesus everywhere
and always praying to Mary.

Amen.



Patron Saint

Italy

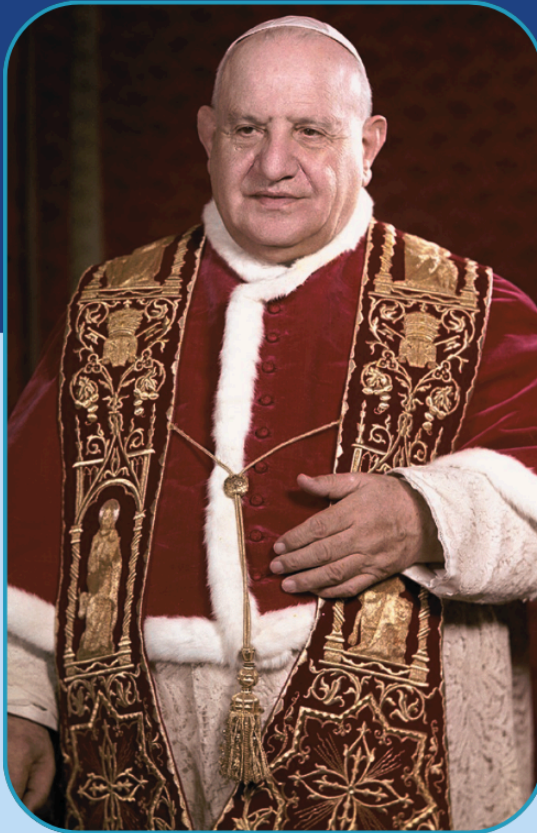
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