



# BC HIGH

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BC High is deeply rooted in the Jesuit tradition of *cura personalis*, which emphasizes a holistic approach to student development. This philosophy underpins our commitment to nurturing every aspect of our student's growth—intellectual, emotional, spiritual, and moral.

Pastoral care is integral to our community and provides a supportive environment where care for each student is evident in all interactions, activities, and school life.

Our House System is a key component of pastoral care and provides structured layers of support designed to help students feel seen, supported, and valued, aligning with the Ignatian tradition of forming the whole person.

Through this collaborative and layered approach of the House System, we have created a nurturing environment where each student can thrive and realize their full potential.

Each House is inspired by legendary patrons who embody leadership and service. Through a community-wide process, students nominated and voted on key figures in faith, culture, and history who exemplify care and aspiration.

Each House selected a patron, designed a crest to honor their patron's contributions, and created a motto that reflects their patron's values. Each year student-led leadership teams as well as students are missioned to carry out their House patron's work and to draw inspiration and guidance in their own personal growth and leadership. Students remain in the same house throughout their high school journey ensuring the legacy of these patrons continues to influence and inspire.

Brief descriptions and reflections of each of the 12 house patrons in the high school as well as the Arrupe Division follow.

# SR. THEA BOWMAN, FSPA

INTEGRITY CAMARADERIE CONSOLATION



## **Born**

December 29, 1937

Yazoo City, MS

## **Died**

March 30, 1990

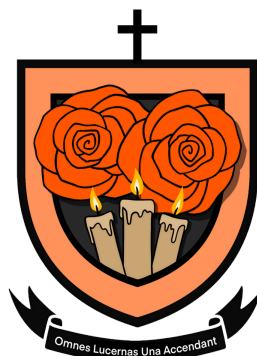
Canton, MS

## **Servant of God**

## **Day Celebrated**

March 30

Sister Thea Bowman, Ph.D., a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration, was a scholar, teacher, musician, poet, and charismatic evangelizer. She was revered as a person of inspiring faith, kindness, and empathy for her fellow image bearers of God. A convert herself, Thea Bowman worked endlessly for the cause of greater inclusion in the Catholic Church, in particular for the reconciliation of Black Catholics with the Church.

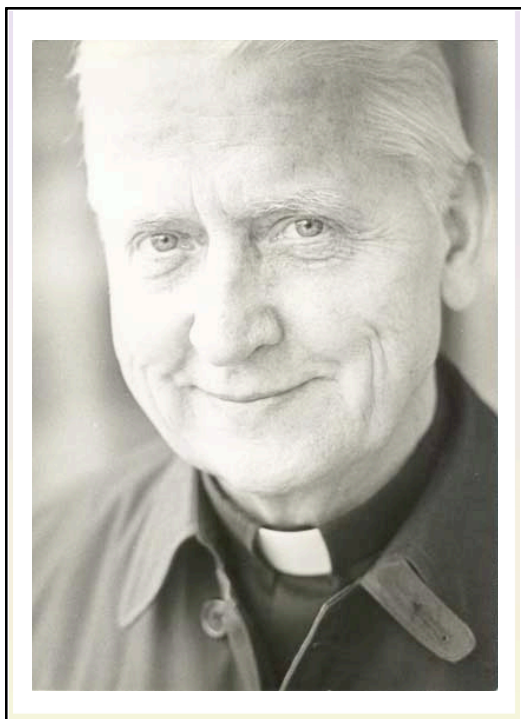


*Omnes Lucernas Una Accendant*

“Let all light a candle together.”

# FR. WALTER CISZEK, SJ

RESOLUTE FAITH COURAGE TO SERVE



## **Born**

November 14, 1904  
Shenandoah, PA

## **Died**

December 8, 1984  
Bronx, NY

## **Servant of God**

## **Day Celebrated**

December 8

Father Walter Ciszek, SJ is a Polish American Jesuit priest who spent twenty-three years as a missionary in the Soviet Union where he faced intense opposition from the atheist communist Soviet government. The Soviet government accused Fr. Ciszek of spying for the Vatican and imprisoned him in a Gulag, a Soviet labor camp for over twenty years. Fr. Ciszek's resolute determination and faith during his imprisonment demonstrates his devotion to God. When he was released back to the United States, Fr. Ciszek spent the next part of his life teaching and writing about his experience heeding God's call to serve the people who were most abandoned, and who needed the loving kindness of Christ most of all.



*Amore Fides Non Separatur*  
"Faith is inseparable from love."

# DOROTHY DAY

COMMITTED LOVING HUMBLE



## **Born**

November 8, 1897  
New York, NY

## **Died**

November 29, 1980  
New York, NY

## **Servant of God**

## **Day Celebrated**

November 29

Dorothy Day was not your typical saint. An activist and journalist focused on issues of poverty and inequity in her early life, she later converted to Catholicism after the birth of her daughter. Deeply motivated by Matthew 25 and by the corporal works of mercy, Dorothy Day co-founded the Catholic Worker movement with Peter Maurin. Beginning in New York City, Day launched a newspaper and hospitality houses with a mission of caring for and living in solidarity with those on the margins. The Catholic Worker movement spread throughout the country with faithful people living and volunteering at hospitality houses, food pantries, farms, and more. When Dorothy Day passed away in 1980, there were 100 Catholic Worker hospitality houses. Now there are over 250. We commit ourselves to being part of her growing legacy of selfless love in solidarity with others.



*Caritas Sola Solutio*  
“Love is the only solution.”

# ST. PETER FABER

LOYAL SINCERE CONTEMPLATIVE



## **Born**

April 13, 1506

Saint-Jean-de-Sixt, France

## **Died**

August 1, 1546

Rome, Italy

## **Canonized**

December 17, 2013

## **Feast Day**

August 2

St. Peter Faber became close friends with St. Ignatius and St. Francis Xavier while they were students at the University of Paris. Together they founded the Society of Jesus and Faber became the first Jesuit priest. He selflessly traveled throughout Europe touching the hearts of communities and individuals by coming to know them personally and guiding them spiritually. Faber is a model of virtue, loyalty and selfless devotion to God, family, and friends. He was canonized in 2013 by Pope Francis.



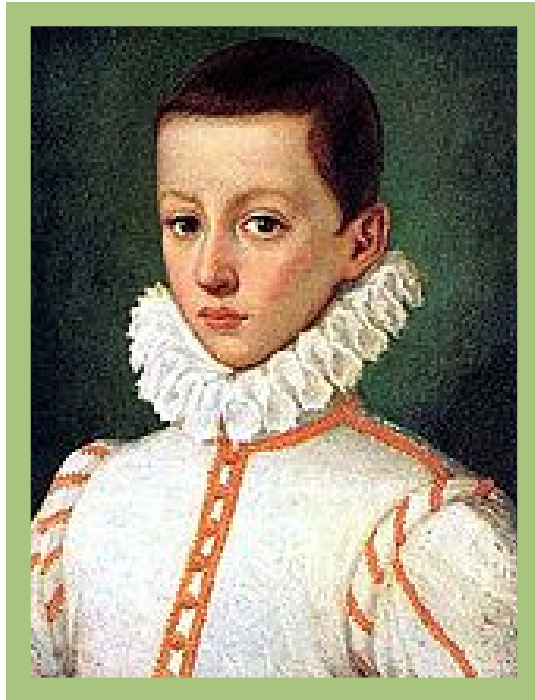
*Audeas Amare*

“Dare to love.”



# ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

HUMBLE VIRTUOUS SELFLESS



## **Born**

March 9, 1568

Castiglione delle Stiviere, Italy

## **Died**

June 21, 1591

Rome, Italy

## **Canonized**

1726

## **Feast Day**

June 21

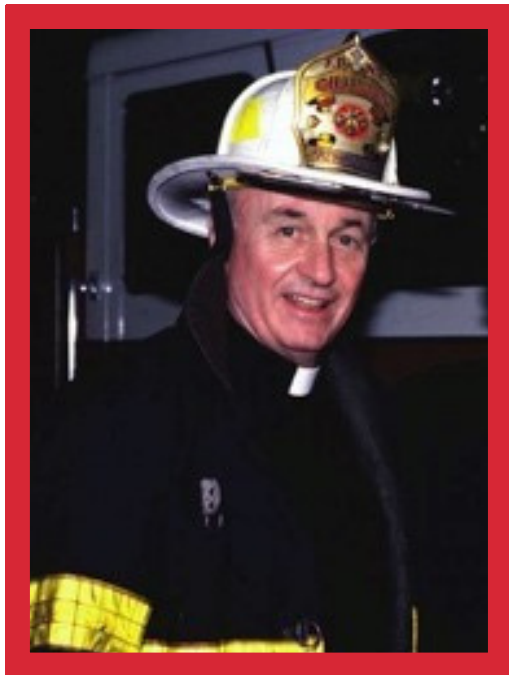
St. Aloysius Gonzaga was born into Italian nobility, but he renounced his family's wealth and status to enter the Society of Jesus. As a young Jesuit, he selflessly cared for the sick during a global pandemic, a time of fear and uncertainty. Because of this sacrifice, he died at a young age and was later canonized as the patron saint of youth. He is also now the patron saint of AIDS patients and their caregivers. Gonzaga House hopes to exemplify Gonzaga's humility, virtue, and selflessness demonstrated throughout his life.



*Ad Maiora Creatus*  
“Born for greater things.”

# FR. MYCHAL JUDGE, OFM

HUMILITY LOVING SERVICE EMPATHY



## **Born**

May 11, 1933

Brooklyn, NY

## **Died**

September 11, 2001

World Trade Center, New York, NY

## **Day Celebrated**

September 11

Fr. Judge was a Franciscan priest and chaplain to the New York City fire department, dedicating his life to showing compassion towards others, accompanying those especially in need. He is well known for his ministry with those suffering from AIDS, homelessness, addiction, and the LGBTQ+ community, extending a hand to those on the margins. Fr. Judge lost his life in the 9/11 attacks administering last rites to a wounded firefighter. In remembering the legacy of love Fr. Judge left behind, the members of Judge House will be guided by the values of humble service and compassion.



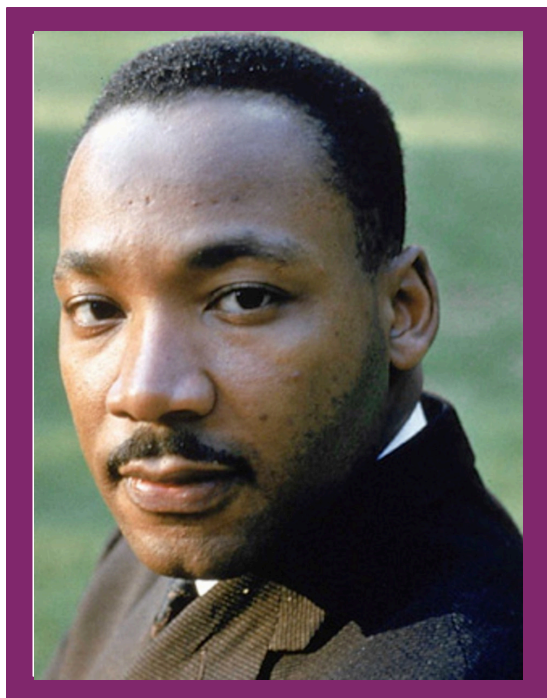
*Domine Me Agas Quocumque Velis*

“Lord, lead me where You wish.”



# REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DETERMINATION UNITY FAITH



## **Born**

January 15, 1929

Atlanta, GA

## **Died**

April 4, 1968

Memphis, TN

## **Day Celebrated**

Third Monday in January

Born in 1929, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a civil rights activist and Baptist minister who spent his life working for racial and socioeconomic justice. A graduate of Morehouse College, King headed the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, and had an instrumental role in ending legal segregation in the United States. King was not a stranger to adversity, and he lived a life committed to nonviolence. King was assassinated in April 1968. King House seeks to embody King's determination to build a more just and inclusive society.



*Ut Minora Reddamus Maiora*  
"To make the small things great."

# ST. PAUL MIKI

VALIANT RESILIENT COMPASSIONATE



## **Born**

1562

Settsu Province, Japan

## **Died**

February 2, 1597

Nagasaki, Japan

## **Canonized**

June 8, 1862

## **Feast Day**

February 6

St. Paul Miki was crucified along with 25 other Catholics in Japan for their deep faith. He emerged as the group's leader as they were forced to march 600 miles from Kyoto to Nagasaki. When he was about to be persecuted, he openly proclaimed how he was a proud Japanese Jesuit and he thanked God for the precious favor of being put to death for having preached the gospel. His devotion to his faith as well as his ability to instill courage and perseverance into his peers are key characteristics in the establishment of Miki House. His strong character is admired by many and that is what we want to animate in the life of Miki House.

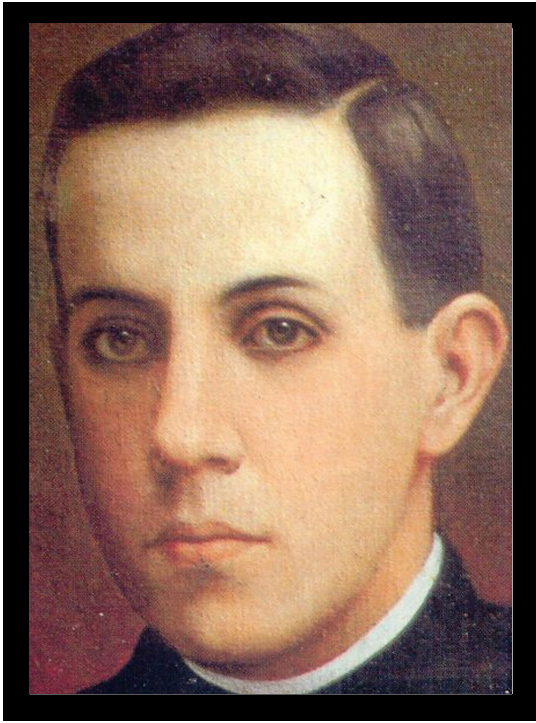


*Fiamus Quid Intus Inveniamus*

“Let us become what we reflect.”

# BLESSED MIQUEL PRO, SJ

FORTITUDE VIGOR CHARITY



## **Born**

January 13, 1891

Guadalupe Zacatecas, Mexico

## **Died**

November 23, 1927

Mexico City, Mexico

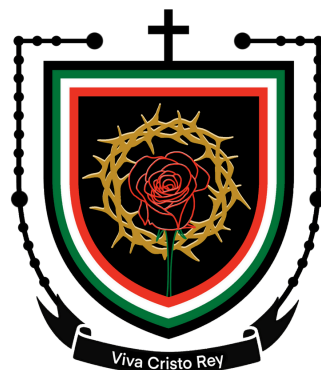
## **Beatified**

September 25, 1988

## **Day Celebrated**

November 23

Blessed Miguel Pro, SJ was born in Guadalupe, Mexico, in a time of great political turmoil and anti-religious sentiment. He became a Jesuit novice in 1911 but had to flee after only a few years because of increased government suppression. When he returned to Mexico, he wore countless disguises to avoid the authorities' suspicion; yet despite these harsh conditions, he always maintained his wit and vigor. His life was cut short at the hands of a firing squad; however, we do not forget his impact as we aim to represent his energy, faith, and capacity for love in our house today. Long live Cristo Rey.

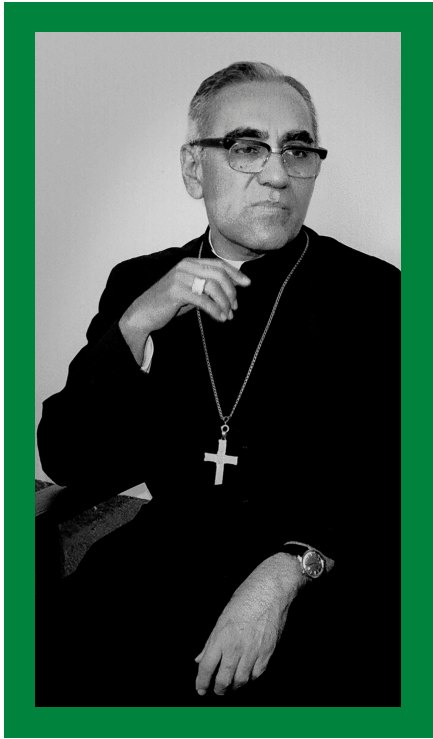


*Via Cristo Rey*

“Live, Christ the King!”

# ST. OSCAR ROMERO

PEACEMAKER COURAGEOUS CHAMPION OF THE POOR



## **Born**

August 15, 1917

Ciudad Barrios, El Salvador

## **Assassinated**

March 24, 1980

San Salvador, El Salvador

## **Canonized**

May 6, 2018

## **Feast Day**

March 24

Archbishop Oscar Romero was a leader of faith and courage that denounced violence and spoke out for human rights on behalf of the poor in El Salvador. After witnessing the oppression of those he served, Romero became a vocal champion of peace and justice during a time of government repression and press censorship. His radio broadcasts spoke truth to power during a civil war, which ultimately led to his assassination while celebrating Mass. He is an example that Christ's love can be found in all those around us, regardless of gender, religion, race, sexuality or socio-economic status. We seek to celebrate Romero's legacy by embodying his example of finding the light of God in one another, challenging injustice, and advocating against issues confining people to lives of poverty.



*Non Possidere Plus, Sed Integrior Fieri*  
“Not to have more, but to be better.”



# ST. MOTHER TERESA

SELFLESS COMPASSIONATE DEVOTED



## **Born**

August 26, 1910  
Skopje, Macedonia

## **Died**

September 5, 1997  
Kolkata, India

## **Canonized**

September 4, 2016

## **Feast Day**

September 5

Mother Teresa received the Nobel Peace Prize and was canonized as a Saint in 2016. She is known for her humanitarian work and lifelong dedication to helping the poor. Following her founding of the Missionaries of Charity, the scope of her influence expanded immensely, and she facilitated charitable activities across the globe. In our pursuit of selflessness, compassion, and devotion, we hope to model her strong character and bring these characteristics to life in our house.

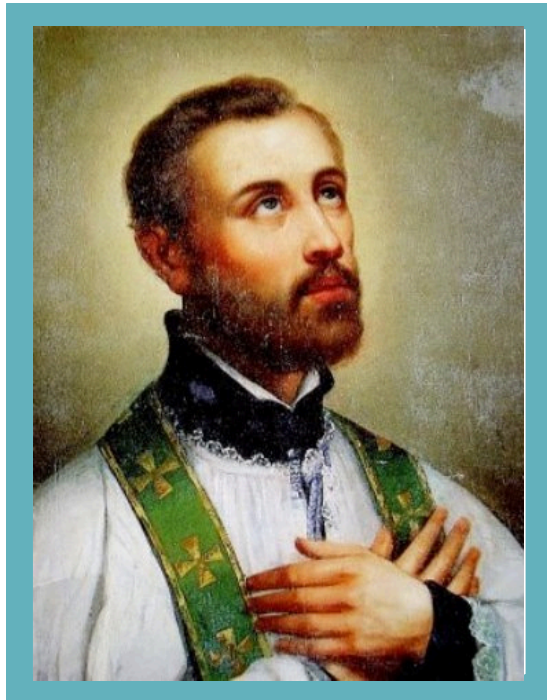


*Exigua Amantissime*

“The smallest things with the greatest love.”

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

GENTLENESS HUMANITY RESTLESSNESS



## **Born**

April 7, 1506  
Javier, Spain

## **Died**

December 3, 1552  
Shangchuan Island, Jiangmen,  
China

## **Canonized**

March, 1622

## **Feast Day**

December 3

With Ignatius Loyola and Peter Faber, his roommates at the University of Paris, Francis Xavier was one of the three founding members of the Society of Jesus. Even before official written approval of this new religious order in the fall of 1541, Xavier was already on his way to India where he worked with great zeal as a missionary for several years before journeying to Japan where he again evangelized tirelessly. Xavier's extensive travels and effective preaching are principal reasons for the spread of Christianity in South and East Asia.



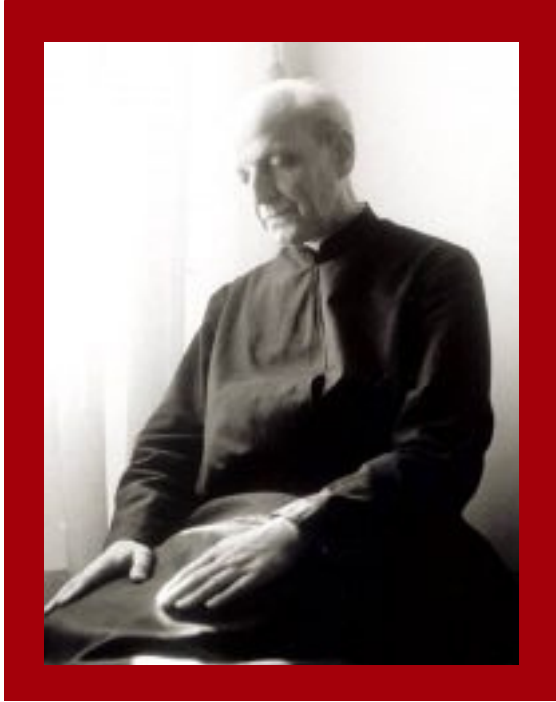
*Domine Me Veritatem Vulgatum Ducas*

“Lord, lead me to spread the truth.”



# FR. PEDRO ARRUPE, SJ

SERVICE COMPASSION JUSTICE



## **Born**

November 14, 1907

Bilboa, Spain

## **Died**

February 5, 1991

Rome, Italy

## **Servant of God**

## **Day Celebrated**

February 5

Pedro Arrupe was a man of great spiritual depth committed to those on the margins. He went to Japan to serve Japanese Christians but was imprisoned by Japanese authorities during World War II. After the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Arrupe cared for many survivors. He traveled extensively, often celebrating Mass in the poorest regions of the world, connecting with people everywhere. He pushed for the creation of the Jesuit Refugee Service to fight for policies that support refugees and asylum seekers. Throughout his life, he lived as God calls us to live, as Men and Women for Others.



*Allis Viri Feminaeque*

“To all men and women.”



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