

# The Perfect Adorer of the Blessed Sacrament

Excerpt from the Homily of Blessed Pope John XXIII  
December 9, 1962

We now want to add a word for the French-speaking pilgrims who have come to be present at the canonization of Saint Peter Julian Eymard, priest, confessor, founder of two religious families consecrated to the worship of the Blessed Sacrament.

This is a Saint who is familiar to Us already for many years, as We have just said, when Providence gave Us the pleasant opportunity, during the period of Our service to the Apostolic Nunciature in France, to visit his native town, La Mure d'Isère, near Grenoble. There We saw with Our own eyes the poor bed, the modest room where this faithful imitator of Christ gave his beautiful soul to God. You can guess, dear children, with what emotion We remember this on the day on which We give him the honor of canonization.

The body of Saint Peter-Julian is kept in Paris; the Saint is present also in Rome, in some way, in the person of his sons, the Priests of the Most Blessed Sacrament; We fondly remember the visits We once used to pay to their church at San Claudio dei Borgognoni, joining them for an instant in their silent adoration.



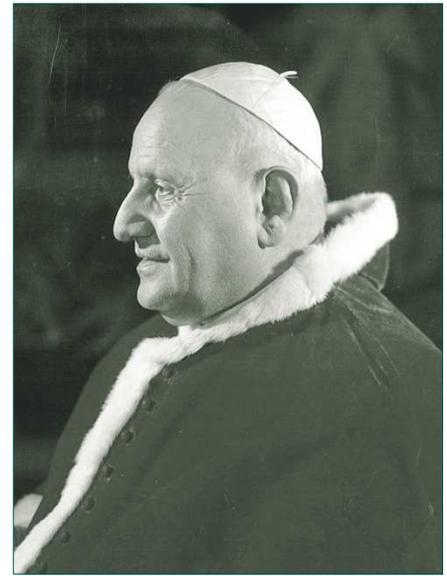
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Next to St. Vincent of Paul, St. John Eudes, the Curé of Ars, Peter-Julian Eymard today takes his place in the phalanx of these shining stars that are the glory and incomparable honor of the Nation that has seen their birth, but whose beneficial influence reaches the whole Church.

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Yes, dear children, honor and celebrate with Us the one who was such a perfect adorer of the Blessed Sacrament and, under his example, place always at the centre of your thoughts, of your affections, of your initiatives of zeal this

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incomparable spring of every grace: the Mysterium Fidei, under its veils of which hides the very Author of grace, Jesus, the Word incarnate.

NOTE: The personal pronouns like "Us", "We", etc. have been capitalized when they refer to the Holy Father. □

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