## SAINT GIOVANNI ANTONIO FARINA WITH US

MONTH OF MAY 2025

DAY 13 - BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF THE ROSARY

(FATIMA)

DAY 24 - BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HELP OF

CHRISTIANS

DAY 31 - VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

MARY

## FROM THE WRITINGS OF SAINT FARINA

""Let us turn to Mary with the holy Rosary. She will comfort us in our sufferings, assist us in difficult moments, lift us in our worries, and support us in adversity."

"O our Mother, you who are a sign of peace, a serene star, obtain for us forgiveness and indulgence. Your Son Jesus denies you nothing."

## **BRIEF REFLECTION**

The Rosary is inseparably linked to Mary. Through this prayer, we gain the strength to overcome evil. It is a tool to help us remain in God's grace, and also a way to come into contact with Mary and receive her support.

In Mary's union with her Son, Christian tradition has always seen an infallible power against evil and everything that oppresses humanity.

In difficult times, when we are overwhelmed by suffering, trials, and life's adversities, Saint Farina invites us to entrust ourselves to Mary's help.

(Freely adapted from Nicola Gori, "With Passion in the Heart")

## ANECDOTES ABOUT FARINA'S LIFE

"On October 16, 1886, Bishop Farina, despite his venerable age of 83, wished to take part in the diocese's annual votive procession to Our Lady of Monte Berico, walking a portion of the path up to the Sanctuary. May the Lord continue to preserve for many more years the Angel of our Church, our bishop, to whom Our Lady of Monte Berico must have smiled maternally, seeing him arrive at her feet with the rosary in hand, united with all his children."

(Article from Il Berico, October 16-17, 1886)