

SAINT GIOVANNI ANTONIO FARINA WITH US

MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025
DAY 7 - BLESSED VIRGIN MARY OF THE ROSARY



FROM THE WRITINGS OF SAINT FARINA

“For us it is all the more necessary to turn to the powerful intercession of the Mother of God with the prayer so pleasing to her, the Holy Rosary.”

“We are confident that our dearest children will respond fervently to the invitation of the Holy Father [Leo XIII] and join him in prayer to obtain the salvation of so many who have gone astray and the return of society to the paths of truth and justice, from which it has so greatly departed.”

BRIEF REFLECTION

The Rosary is a means of keeping ourselves in God's grace, of coming into contact with Mary and obtaining her support.

Farina repeated this several times, almost with urgency: through the prayer of the Rosary we receive strength to overcome evil. By her very nature and mission, Mary is the adversary of Satan. In her, evil and sin have never had any power.

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

ANECDOTES ABOUT FARINA'S LIFE

“From 1883 onwards, in harmony with the wishes of Pope Leo XIII, Farina insisted in his pastorals on devotion to the Virgin, recommending the recitation of the Holy Rosary and Marian pilgrimages.”

“In October 1886, at the venerable age of 83, he wished to take part in the annual votive procession to Our Lady of Monte Berico, walking part of the way up to the Sanctuary on foot, arousing the admiration of the faithful who implored the Lord to preserve for a long time ‘the Angel of our Church’, our Bishop, to whom Our Lady of Monte Berico must have maternally smiled as she saw him arrive at her feet, rosary in hand, united with all her children.”

(From the testimonies published at the death of Bishop Farina by the Vicenza newspapers *Il Berico* and *La Provincia*)