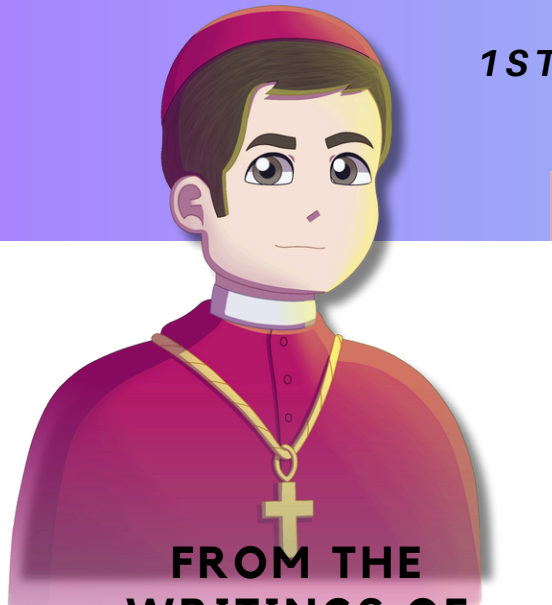


# SAINT GIOVANNI ANTONIO FARINA WITH US

MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2025  
1ST NOVEMBER - GLORY OF THE SAINTS



## FROM THE WRITINGS OF SAINT FARINA

“The story of God’s love for us is indescribable. There is truly only one vocation, universal for everyone, which, according to Paul’s words, directs all from eternity towards their purpose.”

“We must respond to the voice of God.”

“The Lord is master of all souls. Some He calls and wants for Himself. He calls them from everywhere: from the valley, from the mountain, from human conversation, from the noise of the city, from the silence of solitude. He does not pay attention to distinctions of birth or differences between people.”

## BRIEF REFLECTION

Pope Francis has explained very clearly what the path of holiness is, and he has often repeated it:

“We are all called to holiness. The Saints of every age, whom we celebrate together on the first of November, are not simply symbols or distant, unattainable human beings. On the contrary, they are people who lived with their feet on the ground; they experienced the daily struggles of existence, with its successes and failures, finding in the Lord the strength to rise again and continue on the journey. From this we understand that holiness is not a goal we can achieve by our own strength alone, but the fruit of God’s grace and our free response to it. Therefore, holiness is both a gift and a calling... it is a common vocation for all of us Christians, disciples of Christ; it is the path of fullness that every Christian is called to walk in faith, progressing towards the final goal: the definitive communion with God in eternal life. ... It is important to take on a daily commitment to sanctification within the conditions, duties and circumstances of our lives, seeking to live everything with love and charity.”

(Angelus, 1 November 2019).

## ANECDOTES ABOUT FARINA'S LIFE

“Once, he went to the novitiate and a novice had hands covered with sores. The venerable father took those hands, blessed them, gently touched them with his own, and the novice found her hands healed.”

“One day, the Monsignor gave a sister a beautiful bunch of grapes, but first he blessed them. The sister received them gratefully, saying: ‘These grapes, Monsignor, I am keeping for my niece who is suffering from a constant fever; I hope she will recover.’ The good father smiled, but the sister, with great faith, did as she had said. The little sick girl ate the grapes willingly, and from that moment the fever never returned.”

(From the sisters’ recollections).