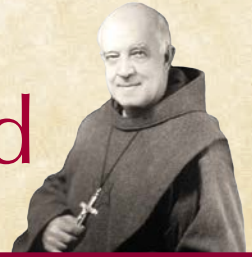


Father Paul of Graymoor Guild



The Membership Newsletter

A Message from the Guild Director

Dear Guild Member:

When the cause for the canonization of Servant of God Father Paul of Graymoor was opened by Cardinal Dolan of the Archdiocese of NY in September 2015, we did not realize the response that we would get. Long-time benefactors of Graymoor were, of course, interested in praying for Fr. Paul to be made a saint. People from many countries are coming to the **FatherPaulofGraymoor.org** website to learn more, and the prayer cards have been translated into Italian. People have sent in prayer intentions and viewed the videos, listened to the recordings and learned about the life of this Apostle of Christian Unity and Charity.

The investigation phase began when the Archdiocese opened the cause. As it comes close to completion, we have heard from people who have prayed for Fr. Paul of Graymoor to intercede on their behalf and those who have been affected and influenced by his holiness and devotion.

An apostle is one "who is sent." Father Paul was "sent" by the Holy Spirit to bring a new spirit of Christian unity to the Church and to extend a hand of mercy and compassion to the poor who came to the doors of Graymoor seeking help in their poverty and need. It was his heart, sensitive to Christ's poor, that was fast-knit to the heart of Christ, that became the fount of charity known as the Society of the Atonement. His friars and sisters, sons and daughters of the Atonement, continue Father Paul's mission to work for Christian unity and to serve the needs of the underprivileged and the marginalized.

We ask that you continue to pray for the canonization of Father Paul of Graymoor. The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement will be praying for your intentions and for his canonization as well.

Yours In Christ,

Father Joe DiMauro, S.A.



Father Joseph DiMauro, SA
Director, Father Paul of Graymoor Guild

Father Paul of Graymoor Guild members are granted spiritual benefits including:

- Inclusion in a weekly Mass at Graymoor offered for Guild members and their intentions;
- Daily remembrance in the prayers, Masses and works of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement;
- Inclusion in the Friars' Holy Week Triduum and Christmas Triduum of Masses;
- Inclusion in the Novena of Masses honoring Our Lady of the Atonement from June 30 to July 9, her Feast Day, and an annual Novena of Masses to the Holy Spirit for the intentions of Guild Members and the canonization of Father Paul of Graymoor;
- The Guild Director will pray for intentions sent to the Guild each day and for the canonization of Father Paul of Graymoor.

To find out more about the life and faith of Father Paul, the Guild and how you can support the Cause for Father Paul's canonization, please visit www.FatherPaulOfGraymoor.org.



During the investigative process, V. Rev. Brian F. Terry, SA, Minister General (left) and Father Charles Sharon, SA, Secretary General (right) met with Father Gabriel O'Donnell, OP, Postulator for the Cause (center), in the Graymoor Archives to discuss some research on the life of Father Paul.

The Life of Father Paul of Graymoor

“The-Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost”

On the Feast of St. Thomas on December 21, 1904, Father Paul awakened at 5a.m. hearing in his soul the words: “Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.” He recognized these words had been spoken by Christ to His disciples. Christ had fed a multitude of 5,000 from five barley loaves and two fishes He had multiplied. In obedience, His disciples gathered up twelve baskets of food. As he donned his habit, Father Paul pondered what would happen if Christians in America could be trained to save for the foreign missions. With the fragments which Americans carelessly throw away or the many millions they squander, an army of missionaries could be supplied with the material assistance needed for their work. So he began to plan for a society to supply those necessities for these missionaries. Father Paul was a priest in the Episcopal Church and he diligently persevered to enlist members among the Episcopalians and other Anglicans, but his efforts were futile.

Seven years later, in 1911, after Father Paul and the Society of the Atonement had gone into full communion with the Catholic Church, and he had been ordained a priest, he submitted the Rule of The-Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost to the Auxiliary Bishop of NY. Bishop Cusack hesitated to bless it because he felt it required such perfection that no one could live by it. Father Paul was disappointed, but at Mass the next morning, as he consecrated the Eucharist, Father Paul prayed these words, “...if The-Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost is a creature of my own imagination, I beg you to dismiss it utterly from my mind; but if it comes as an inspiration from You, My God, please give me some tangible proof of it.”

A few days later, a shabby looking old man came as an answer to that prayer. He looked like one of the homeless men that often came to Graymoor for help. Instead, Fr. Paul was introduced to Mr. John Reid of Waterbury, Connecticut, who had traveled to Graymoor to see him by streetcar and on foot. Reid’s parents had left him a small plot of rocky soil, and for years, he had farmed it, spending the minimum

of money on himself so he could give the maximum to God. When he returned to Waterbury, he sent a letter dated seven years to the day when Father Paul had heard “Gather up the fragments.” He enclosed a bank draft to Father Paul for \$5,200. This became the five loaves and two fishes that started the The-Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost.

By 1918, Father Paul had incorporated the The-Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost as a missionary and charitable organization cooperating with the Society of the Atonement with the objective of corporal works of mercy and salvation of souls. The Society asked members live in holy simplicity and self-denial, so that nothing be lost. He set the Fourth Sunday of Lent as the beginning of Self-Denial Week for the Society of the Atonement and members of The-Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost. Father Paul himself ate just one meager meal per day that week of Lent. The proceeds from The-Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost were distributed to missions abroad and in the United States and used to provide scholarships for seminarians.

The-Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost was one of the many charitable ministries that Father Paul of Graymoor established to bring the healing message of the gospel to those in need of it around the world.



Mr. John Reid of Waterbury, Connecticut, was the first member of The-Union-That-Nothing-Be-Lost (UNBL).

His generosity helped Father Paul establish the UNBL to help support Catholic missions.

Mr. Reid later became a Tertiary Friar, Brother Philip, TSA.