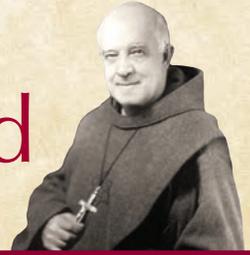


# Father Paul of Graymoor Guild



## The Membership Newsletter

### A Message from the Guild Director

Servant of God Father Paul of Graymoor died on February 8, 1940. I arrived at Graymoor on July 1, 1957, just 17 years after his passing. I always considered this a blessing. There were still elder friars who knew Fr. Paul well, and there were also those who knew him a short time. The Friars often spoke of Fr. Paul, not only telling us stories about the Founder, but often repeating what he taught and the example he gave. I soaked it all in, which was to my benefit.

In those days, we had the custom of praying at the tomb of Fr. Paul after Mass. In a short time, I had a major insight which has been very helpful to me. I knew that the body of Fr. Paul was in the tomb, yet slowly I began to realize his spirit and perhaps even his personality was with us too. I not only prayed at his tomb, but began to experience a deep personal relationship with the founder and father of Graymoor. This experience has given me great confidence in the man of God, so often I put my needs and the intentions of people before him. Each evening, I address a simple prayer asking him to intercede for all those who have sent petitions addressed to him.

Fr. Paul's tomb is on the side of the Holy Mountain facing south. The view from his place of burial is outstanding. Many come to his tomb asking for his intercession. Perhaps you would consider a visit to Fr. Paul, who is buried at Graymoor.

*Yours In Christ,*

*Father Joe DiMauro, SA.*



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Director, Father Paul of Graymoor Guild

### Favors Received Through the Intercession of Father Paul of Graymoor:

Felicia of Chapel Hill, NC, reports she had been praying the prayer for Father Paul's canonization for her friend Joyce E. of Buffalo, NY, who was being treated since last October 2015 for cancer of the lymphatic system. She had undergone some serious treatments and they were not working well. She began to pray the prayer for Joyce, who had to undergo additional treatment. In September 2016, she spoke with Joyce and her most recent tests show she is in total remission.

Frederick H. in Arizona had been praying the Fr. Paul Canonization Prayer and asking that he successfully go through a complex cataract operation which required anesthesia. He wanted to report that the surgery went very well yesterday (August 9, 2016) and his vision is coming back already.

**Visit [FatherPaulofGraymoor.org](http://FatherPaulofGraymoor.org) to see additional favors reported, to request additional prayer cards and to report favors received through Fr. Paul's intercession.**



*V. Rev. Brian F. Terry, SA, Minister General of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement and President of Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM) met with Pope Francis in Rome in November 2016 and presented a prayer card so that the Holy Father may pray for the canonization of Father Paul of Graymoor.*

### Father Paul of Graymoor Lights “The Lamp”

Father Paul of Graymoor began a correspondence with an English clergyman, Spencer Jones, who had written a book entitled *England and the Holy See*. He called for Church unity, and Fr. Paul popularized Spencer’s thesis on the pages of his own magazine *The Lamp*. The first issue of *The Lamp* was published in February 1903 in an effort to defend the principal of

1909, the Sisters and Friars of the Atonement became the first religious order to be corporately received into the Catholic Church since the Reformation. The Church Unity Octave was named the Chair of Unity Octave by the Sacred Congregation of Rites in Rome in 1927. Today, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated in the Northern Hemisphere on those very dates that Father Paul chose. This year, to mark the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, the theme selected is “Reconciliation—The Love of Christ Compels Us.” (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:14-20)



When you pray the Father Paul prayer for canonization, during this week of January 18-25, please add Christian Unity to your intentions in his memory. Visit [FatherPaulOfGraymoor.org/PrayerCard](http://FatherPaulOfGraymoor.org/PrayerCard) to request a prayer card.

corporate reunion between the Anglican Communion and the Roman Catholic Church. As an Episcopal clergyman, Fr. Paul’s soul was restless as he worked for the reunion of Christendom. In his first editorial for the publication, he said he “believed that the breach with Rome is going to be repaired in God’s good time...” The words “Ut Omnes Unum Sint” (that all be one) were printed on every page of *The Lamp*.

Through his prolific pen and *The Lamp*, Fr. Paul spread the Graymoor fire upon the world, inspiring Catholics and non-Catholics to pray for a miracle of Grace—Christian Unity. Spencer believed that one day each year should be set aside to pray for Christian unity, and suggested the Feast of St. Peter and Paul, June 29. The idea appealed to Fr. Paul and from this “seed thought” as he called it, he conceived the idea of the Church Unity Octave—eight full days of dedicated prayer, believing the most appropriate time was from the Feast of St. Peter’s Chair at Rome (January 18<sup>th</sup>) to the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul (January 25<sup>th</sup>).

*The Lamp* carried the first announcement that the first observance of the Church Unity Octave would take place in January 1908, and he was please the announcement was received favorably. As a matter of fact, it was through *The Lamp* that Monsignor Falconio, Apostolic Delegate, had become familiar with Graymoor. Later that year, Fr. Paul began to discuss submission of the Society of the Atonement with Catholic authorities of the Holy See. On October 30,

### 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](http://www.FatherPaulOfGraymoor.org).