



# Father Paul of Graymoor Guild

## The Membership Newsletter

### A Message From the Director

Father Paul's cause is progressing well. The Postulator in Rome, who is responsible for moving the cause along, has asked people to share their testimonies, as well as their experiences with Father Paul. A group of people were interviewed during the month of June.

Many people have reported favors received from the intercession of Father Paul, and it is important that we continue to ask him to intercede for us.

Please feel free to ask Father Paul of Graymoor to intercede for you and your loved ones, and to share them with us here at Graymoor.

Also, please ask your friends and family to join us as members in the Father Paul of Graymoor Guild, which was established to share information about his life and legacy and to encourage people to pray for his cause for sainthood. Membership is important, as it shows that there are many who acknowledge Father Paul as a holy and prayerful man.

Father Paul of Graymoor Guild membership includes many benefits:

- Inclusion in the Masses celebrated daily at Graymoor.
- Inclusion in various Novenas of Masses offered throughout the year.
- Daily, the director of the Guild prays for all the intentions addressed to Fr. Paul.

Finally, the Guild is a way of learning more about the life and faith of Fr. Paul and how his cause for canonization can be supported.

You can become a member by signing up on our website, [FatherPaulofGraymoorGuild.org](http://FatherPaulofGraymoorGuild.org), or by calling us at 888-720-8247. You can also purchase the book, *Fire in the Night: The Life and Legacy of Fr. Paul of Graymoor* for just \$10.00.

*Yours in Christ,*

*Father Joe DiMauro, SA*



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

*Fr. Joe prays for the intentions of Guild members and for the canonization of Father Paul of Graymoor each day and during a weekly Mass offered for Guild members. Submit your prayer intentions at:*  
**[FatherPaulofGraymoor.org/Prayers](http://FatherPaulofGraymoor.org/Prayers)**

### Favor from Father Paul

Recently, I received a phone call from a husband in Massachusetts who was very concerned for his wife's health and well-being. They just returned from a visit with the doctor — she had a tumor.

Her husband asked Father Paul of Graymoor to intercede for them by asking that the tumor be no health issue.

A final meeting was arranged before surgery. The doctor told them the tumor had disappeared. Prayers of gratitude and praise were offered in thanksgiving for the intercession of Fr. Paul.

– *Father Joseph DiMauro, SA*

***Please send your petitions and favors received.***  
**EMAIL: [Favors@FatherPaulofGraymoor.org](mailto:Favors@FatherPaulofGraymoor.org)**  
**Call: (845) 424-2150**



## Men and Women Working Together

These days, the media often reports men abusing women in one way or another. This has caused me to seriously think about love, peace and harmony experienced by men and women throughout the ages.

St. Joseph and Our Lady did not always enjoy a peaceful relationship. When Mary became pregnant, Joseph, who knew he was not the father, became so upset that he was prepared to quietly leave her. It was only when he had a dream telling him to marry her “for all is the work of God” that he became peaceful enough to consent to His will. Both did an outstanding job in raising the Child as their own.

We, the Society of the Atonement, at Graymoor, were blessed to have Father Paul and Mother Lurana as our Founders.

As a child, Father Paul heard his father, who was an Episcopalian priest, speaking to another priest about their church’s need to have a “Preaching Order of Priests.” He was so touched by this that eventually he set out to establish a religious order.

Father Paul was the visionary caught up in following through with his desire to establish such an order. Mother Lurana provided practical input that greatly assisted our foundation. For instance, Father Paul wanted a white habit. Mother Lurana pointed out that it would be difficult to keep clean and proposed a brown Franciscan habit. Often Mother Lurana made suggestions which made the early life of the community at Graymoor both workable and liveable.

Both are recognized as Founders — not co-Founders — of the Society of the Atonement.

We all have gifts which are life-giving blessings for the greater community. We thrive when an openness to one another’s contribution to the group is recognized and accepted.

People are the only ones on earth who have the ability to think and choose love. Our Founders exercised these gifts. They often came together to talk over a situation in a loving and respectful way. Then they prayed over the matter before a choice came forth from their conversations.

The foundation of our early community was prayer, the Scriptures, the teaching and practices of the Church.

Genesis 1:27 speaks well of their daily lives as Franciscan:

*God created man in the image of himself  
In the Image of God he created him,  
Male and Female, he created them.*

We are called to work together for the benefit of all people. Today this reality is clearly seen in the various outreaches we have at Graymoor, and beyond.

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***To become a Guild Member; to order prayer cards or find out how you can support the Cause for Father Paul’s canonization, please visit: [FatherPaulofGraymoor.org](http://FatherPaulofGraymoor.org), or call 888-720-8247.***