

Oratio ad S. Joseph

Virginum custos et pater, sancte Joseph, cujus fideli custodiæ ipsa Innocentia Christus Jesus et Virgo virginum Maria commissa fuit; te per hoc ulrumque carissimum pignus Jesum et Mariam obsecro et obtestor, ut me, ab omni immunditia præservatum, mente incontaminata, puro corde et casto corpore Jesu et Mariæ semper facias castissime famulari. Amen.

Prayer to St. Joseph

Guardian of virgins and father, Saint Joseph, to whose faithful custody Innocence itself, Christ Jesus, and Mary, Virgin of virgins, was committed; I pray and beseech thee by each of these dear pledges, Jesus and Mary, that, being preserved from all uncleanness, I may with spotless mind, pure heart, and a chaste body, ever serve Jesus and Mary most chastely all the days of my life. Amen.

Oratio ad Sanctum

In cuius honorem Missa celebrata est

Sancte N., in cuius honorem incruentum corporis et sanguinis Christi sacrificium obtuli, fac, tua potenti apud Deum intercessione, ut, usu hujus mysterii, passionis et mortis ejusdem Christi Salvatoris nostri merita consequar, et, cum illius frequentatione, continuo crescat meae salutis effectus. Amen.

Prayer to the Saint

In whose honor Mass was celebrated

O Saint N., in whose honor I have offered the bloodless sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Christ, grant by thy powerful intercession with God, that, by the utility of this mystery, I may obtain the merits of the passion and death of this same Christ our Savior, and with its frequency come to salvation. Amen.

AIDS Cure Clears Way for Canonization

'96 Miracle Will Raise Luigi Scrosoppi to Altars

VATICAN CITY, MAR. 15, 2001 (Zenit.org).- The miraculous cure of an AIDS patient attributed to Luigi Scrosoppi, has made it possible to declare this 19th-century religious a saint of the Catholic Church.

The case dates back to 1996. Peter Changu Shitima, a young catechist in Zambia, where this disease has become one of the main causes of death, was at home on his deathbed. Doctors of the hospital in Oudtshoorn, South Africa, could do no more.

"He could scarcely lift his legs, and had developed a serious case of peripheral neuritis," according to testimony given in the case. "He could not stay in bed without help. He was a terminal AIDS patient and nothing could be done."

The catechist's parish community then began to pray to Blessed Luigi, religious of the St. Philip Neri Oratory, "given that he was Changu's favorite figure, with whose charism he identified most," the witnesses said in the cause for canonization.

On the night of Oct. 9, 1996, Changu went to bed and dreamed of the blessed. He woke up in the morning feeling absolutely fine.

Pete de Toit, one of the doctors on the case, said: "I sent him home because he was a terminal patient, and he returned brimming with health." Changu is now a seminarian.

Blessed Scrosoppi (1804-1884), Italian priest and founder of the Sisters of Providence of St. Cajetan of Thiene, had this motto in life: "The poor and the sick are our proprietors, and they represent the very person of Jesus Christ." Blessed Scrosoppi will be canonized June 10. His feast is celebrated April 3.