

Friends of Fr. Joseph Aveni

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Fr. Aveni on "All Saints Day"

"This is the will of God, your Sanctification."

Sanctity is for all. We are all called to become saints. We all must become saints. The saints do not follow their own instincts and their human desires. They practiced virtues. Sanctity is love, love for God and love for our neighbor. Our love for Jesus consists in our love for our neighbor. The saints were all great in their love of God. Jesus asked Peter: "Do you love me more than these?" We should love God more than anyone and anything else. There are some lay people who love God more than religious. St. Peter told Jesus how much he loved Him.



A strong desire to love God is already a strong love for God. We should keep our eyes on heaven and on God, not on the things of this earth. We show our love for God by doing His Will through obedience; love for God shown by deeds and actions rather than by feelings...The Encyclical Letter *Lumen Gentium*, Chapter 5 speaks of the Universal Call to Holiness, All, whether in the hierarchy or not, lay or religious, are called to holiness. "*This is the will of God, your sanctification.*" We must constantly read this teaching of St. Paul, reflect upon it and put it into practice. (*Cf. Conference by Fr. Aveni to the Sisters of Sacred Heart of Ragusa, Merville, October 2000*)



LET US PRAY FOR...

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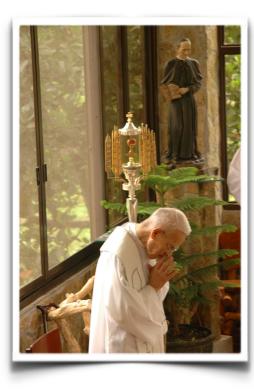
* for prayer requests * for copies of Fr. Aveni's prayer cards...

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TESTIMONIALS

Fr. Aveni through the eyes of those who knew him..

"He was more of heaven than of earth!"

At the time when he gave us these Conferences, I was very diligent to quickly take down his words and thoughts, because I felt that he truly was a saint. I treasured every word that came from his lips, and I am so glad that I wrote everything down. These writings are now a true treasure house of what was in the mind and heart of Fr. Joseph. I am personally convince that these writings are not only beautiful words, but are the verbal expression of the sublime reality of what Fr. Joseph was living, that is, a genuinely holy life. Truly he was more of heaven than of earth. (*Sr. Caroline Sneek, SSC,* Merville, Parañaque)

"The time of prayer in the life of Fr. Aveni was continuous, always and everywhere. His visits in the chapel were frequent. In

the evening, after the night prayers, he remained with Jesus up to the middle of the night... then I came to know that Fr. Aveni, after his adoration in the chapel, was making his round of the dormitories, blessing us. This was how he normally concluded his day, only to resume it at 4:30 a.m. of the same day... I do believe that it is opportune, necessary and urgent to start as soon as possible the process for the canonization of Fr. Joseph Aveni; I am certain that his sanctity could be expressed in the Church as *Model and Master of Spiritual Life*."(*Fr. Giuseppe Ciutti* - Rome)

"We should not waste time to start the process of his Beatification in order to point out Fr. Joseph Aveni to the Rogationists, to the Daughters of Divine Zeal, to the lay members of Family of the Rogate, and propose his as example of life of faith and of works for all men of goodwill for the glory of God and of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary." (**Fr. Sebastiano La Rosa -** Bordonaro, Messina)

PRAYER TO OBTAIN GRACES THROUGH FR. AVENI

God our Father, we give you thanks for the gifts you granted to your priest, Joseph Aveni, configuring him to Jesus, the Master who is gentle and humble of heart. With trusting humility he found in your merciful love the joy of his life, the zeal for the salvation of souls, and the light for his service of spiritual guidance. He loved You in his neighbor and his neighbor in You, and dedicated his life to obtain holy workers particularly to the Asian continent.

Glorify, O Father, this zealous priest, for the praise of your Name so that he may be for the Church an effective sign of your Kingdom.

Through his intercession, grant light to the young people, health to the sick who turn to him, and to us, grant the grace we long for (*mention your personal intention here*), so that we may also find our joy in fulfilling your Will. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(With ecclesiastical approval)

Copies of Fr. Aveni's prayer cards are available upon request.

