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Daily Reflections



MEMORIAL OF SAINT PIUS X, POPE

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A Quote

“Since, however, it has been pleasing to the Divine Will to raise Our lowliness to such sublimity of power, We take courage in Him who strengthens Us ... and setting Ourselves to work, relying on the power of God, We proclaim that We have no other program in the Supreme Pontificate but that ‘of restoring all things in Christ.’”

ENCYCLICAL OF POPE PIUS X, ON THE RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

Reflection

Today, we remember Saint Pius X, a pope whose humble beginnings fueled his powerful love for God and people. In his first encyclical, he proclaimed that his mission as pope was clear: to restore all things in Christ through God’s strength.

His humble background deepened his connection to people's struggles and wounds. When he reformed Church discipline, liturgy, and pastoral life, it was with the same Spirit that formed his warmth and gentleness, especially toward the marginalized.

He didn't hide his simplicity; he lived it with integrity. His strength, his warmth, and his gentleness came not from prestige or power, but from staying close to the source of all love: the Spirit of Jesus.

That challenges me.

Often, we let shame about our backgrounds, origins, or lack of knowledge make us feel we don't belong. We hold back, stay quiet, and assume others are more qualified to speak, lead, or love. Or, when in positions of influence, we may distance ourselves from those who remind us of our roots.

But Saint Pius X shows us another way.

He let his roots deepen his compassion. He stayed close to the poor, the overlooked, the wounded. He didn't allow social expectations or fear of being "less than" stop him from becoming a channel of grace to others.

We are called to do the same.

In a divided and wounded world, when dignity is denied and the poor are invisible, Saint Pius X calls us to his core mission: help "restore all things in Christ." We do this not out of superiority or shame, but by allowing the Spirit of Jesus to move us toward healing and compassion for those who are most in need.

Saint Pius X reminds us that true holiness is measured not by status, but by the profound love we choose to live and share with others.



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For Pondering

Ask yourself:

- What does PiusX's recognition of his own "lowliness" teach me about how God uses humility in service and love?
 - Where in my own life might shame about background or status be holding me back from connecting with others or sharing Christ's love?
 - How can I rely more on God's strength and foster genuine warmth toward others, especially those who feel overlooked or wounded?
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For Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, let Your passion be my strength to sustain, guard, and protect me.

Let Your wounds be my food and drink to nourish, fill, and invigorate me.

Let the shedding of Your Blood cleanse me of all my sins.

Let Your death obtain eternal life for me and Your cross lead me to everlasting glory.

Let these constitute for me refreshment and joy, health and uprightness of heart.

Amen.

SAINT PIUS X

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