

***St. Peter Julian Eymard*** – Religious founder, born La Mure d’Isere, France, 1811; died there, 1868. In 1829 he entered the Marist novitiate, but obliged to leave because of ill health, he entered the diocesan seminary and was ordained, 1834. In 1839 he returned to the Marist congregation, of which he became provincial in 1845. His entire spiritual life was centered upon the Blessed Sacrament and in 1857, with a single companion, he inaugurated the Society of the Blessed Sacrament in fulfillment of a vow to Our Lady of Fourvieres. The following year he founded a congregation of cloistered women for perpetual adoration, known as Servants of the Blessed Sacrament. The Priests’ Eucharistic League and Archconfraternity are also due to his initiative. His works in four volumes all deal with the Holy Eucharist. ~ *New Catholic Dictionary*

**Canonization Timeline:**

- October 30, 1899: The first process of beatification: presentation of Constitutions of the Congregation and other documents about Father Eymard - 65 witnesses
- February 5, 1990: Second process in Grenoble, France – 89 witnesses
- 1902: 13 volumes of inquiries were forwarded for discussion on beatification to the College of Cardinals
- August 12, 1908: Pope Pius X signed the decree to introduce Fr. Eymard for beatification. Fr. Eymard would be referred to as **Venerable** Eymard
- December 5, 1910: Opening of the Apostolic Processes
- April 9, 1913: Decree of *De Fama Sanctitatis*
- November 11, 1914: Decree of *De Validitate Omnium Processuum*
- April 30, 1918: Discussion concerning the heroic virtues of Venerable Eymard was opened
- November 23, 1920: Cardinals that form the Sacred Congregation of Rites began preparation.
- May 16, 1922: General congregation held its session to discuss the heroic virtues of Venerable Eymard
- June 11, 1922: Pope Pius X requested that the record of Venerable Eymard’s heroic virtues be published
- June 17, 1924: Antepreparatory congregation held to discuss two cures attributed to the intercession of Venerable Eymard
  - Miss Lucinda Cifuentes of Santiago, Chile – cured of cancer in the stomach on April 30, 1916
  - Miss Renee Fouchereau, of Angers, France – cured of aosteoma on the left knee, on January 17, 1919.
- May 9, 1925: Decree approving the two miracles
- May 12, 1925: One more session called *De Tuto*
- June 2, 1925: Venerable Peter Julian Eymard was added to the list of beatification and canonization to be made
- July 12, 1925: Pope Pius X declared **beatification** of Venerable Eymard
- July 28, 1926: Pope Pius XI reopened the cause for canonization. Two more cures were investigated:
  - Fr. Charles Eugene Verdier of Bourges, France was perfectly and instantaneously cured of tuberculosis of bones on May 29, 1948
  - Mrs. Maiafdora C. Vartels of Australia completely recovered from a long-standing and serious heart disease on August 3, 1949.
- July 14, 1962: Two miracles were approved.
- December 9, 1962: Second Vatican Council, Pope John XXIII declared Peter Julian Eymard the apostle of the Holy Eucharist a **Saint of God**.

***Prayer to St. Peter Julian Eymard***

*O Lord, Our God, by your marvelous gift, Christ Jesus entrusted the memorial of our redemption to the Church forever. Grant that like St. Peter Julian, a faithful adorer of this great mystery, we may share in the fullness of Your love.*

*Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You, and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.*



*St. Peter Julian Eymard, pray for us!*