

## SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTIONS...

### We Celebrate Saint Alphonsus

Thanks be to God, Church, as we celebrate the feast of our patron Saint Alphonsus this Sunday!! What a great gift the Lord has given to us in his example and writings. The Church has named him a "Doctor of the Church", and has considered him a guide in Moral Theology. We receive many blessings through his intercessions. He was the founder of the Redemptorists, and a spiritual father for this community. His feast falls on a Sunday this year and it is our opportunity to celebrate and lift up the Lord in His Saints!

There are so many virtues and teachings that we could emphasize on this feast day, but I only have room for a couple in this bulletin space. I would like to magnify the Lord as we reflect on a few of the gifts present in Saint Alphonsus' life. The first gift is the gift of evangelization. Our readings this Sunday (only heard where Saint Alphonsus' feast is celebrated) call us to reflect on the need that our world has for Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus sends out His disciples to spread the Good News throughout the area. He sees a great harvest and asks us to pray for more workers in the harvest.

This relates very strongly to the heart of Saint Alphonsus. He had considered going to the foreign missions to bring the Gospel to other places. He had a deep desire to bring the lost into the Kingdom. His mission was changed, though, when he saw that the need for evangelization was also present in the rural areas of Italy. He formed the Redemptorists to go into the areas where the people were abandoned, even in their own home country. He found that there was a great need to go to the poor villages where some had not even heard the name of "Jesus". Saint Alphonsus spent his life making sure that everyone had the opportunity to hear the Gospel. He also sent out preachers to renew the faith of the

Church in areas where it had grown lax and worldly.

The other gift of Saint Alphonsus (among his many) that I would like us to reflect on is his ability to overcome suffering and trials. In his youth, Saint Alphonsus suffered many trials and obstacles. He met them head-on with faith and zeal. Saint Alphonsus also suffered greatly in his last few years. He suffered from great arthritis pain and crippling weakness that left him isolated. He lived to be 90 years old, which was an extremely long life in his time. The Redemptorists of his time testify that he continued to pray, reflect, and love Jesus up to the very end. He was a great example for us in our own trials.

It is because of his own infirmities and his faithful courage that we ask for his intercession for those with arthritis today. He has been a patron for many with physical pains. We seek the grace and power that helped Saint Alphonsus to overcome in the midst of his weakness. We also ask for healing, so that the Lord may be known as a loving healer of those in need. Whether the Lord delivers us from our trials, or gives us the strength to get through them, we are grateful for His love and help.

We give thanks today for the wonderful patron we have in Saint Alphonsus! He has shared so much with the Church, and with us. We hope that we answer the Lord's call, as Alphonsus did, to be workers in His harvest. Saint Alphonsus Liguori, pray for us!!

*Fr. Matthew J. Benk*  
C.S.S.R.

## Mass Schedule...

### SUNDAY MASSES:

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION  
(before each Mass)

7:30-8:00 a.m. and 10:15-10:45 a.m.

### DAILY MASSES:

(M.W. Th & F.) 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesdays: 7:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Saturdays: 9:30 a.m.

### TUESDAYS:

Exposition & Benediction: 9:30 am-10:30 am (1st Tuesday) followed by our Perpetual Help Novena & Mass

## Weekly Readings...



August 1, 2010 - August 8, 2010

### Sunday:

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17  
Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21

### Monday:

Jer 28:1-17 Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102  
Mt 14:13-21

### Tuesday:

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Ps 102:16-23, 29  
Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

### Wednesday:

Jer 31:1-7 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13  
Mt 15:21-28

### Thursday:

Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:12-15, 18-19  
Mt 16:13-23

### Friday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9  
2 Pt 1:16-19 Lk 9:28b-36

### Saturday:

Hb 1:12-2:4 Ps 9:8-13 Mt 17:14-20

### Sunday:

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12  
Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

## SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

## PRAYER CORNER

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>ALTAR SERVERS

10:00 Sidne Williams  
Von Williams

PASTORAL AIDES

10:00 Sandra Branch

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

10:00 Helene LaBerta  
Deborah Grant  
Jean Latham  
Carla Gregory  
Angela Mullen  
Donna Lane  
Jean Nashville  
Richard Lane

Host: Maudelle Fite

Host: Linda Kamp

Host: Joy Camp

Host: Cynthia

Clayton

LECTORS /COMMENTATOR

10:00 Elizabeth Boykin-Moore  
Richard Buckley

ELDERS

10:00 Ruth Jones

INCENSE BEARER

10:00 Joy Camp

USHERS - Group 1

10:00 Lisa Bowie-Perry

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup>ALTAR SERVERS

8:15 TBA

ALTAR SERVERS

11:00 Jacqueline Bryant  
Emma Pou  
Jessica Pou

PASTORAL AIDES

8:15 TBA

PASTORAL AIDES

11:00: Derrion George

EUCCHARISTIC MIN.

8:15 Melba Smith  
Johnny Taylor  
Janet Thompson  
Norman Williams  
Andrew Atherton  
Martha Darris

Host: Ann Conte

Host: Jacque Crawford

EUCCHARISTIC MIN

11:00 Blondell Lucas  
Pat Pou  
Barbara Richter  
Angela Thames  
Jean Anthony  
Anita Banks

Host: Pamela Leong

Host: Mary Middleton

Host: Nikki Taylor

Host: Edna Whitfied

ELDERS

8:15: Andrew Atherton  
11:00: Anita Banks

LECTORS /COMMENTATOR

8:15 Mike Ellermann  
Carol Powell-Henderson  
11:00 Donna Lane  
Bonita Cornute

USHERS - Group 2

8:15 Pat Quain  
11:00 Rosemary Fitzpatrick

***“FOR THOSE STANDING IN THE  
NEED OF PRAYER”***

“O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of our souls and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” To include someone in our Prayer Corner, please call the office Monday through Tuesday 9:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

*(We are saying Special Prayers for persons and families living with HIV/AIDS.)*

**NOTE: Names will remain listed for 2 weeks unless the office is notified.**

INTENTION 07/20/10

Boenker, Jennifer  
Crider, Jeannine  
Jackson, Michael  
Jefferson, Adam  
Thames, Angela  
Williams, Anita  
Tika

INTENTIONS CON'T

King, Michael\*  
Latham, Darrian\*  
Martin, Linda\*  
McGinnis, Kathy  
Mosby, Marvin\*  
Ortwerth, Maria\*  
Parran, Lauren\*  
Perkins, Ivory J.\*  
Raiford, Cheryl TSgt\*  
Smith, Queen\*  
Weekly, Ollie & Family\*  
Williams, Anita

SICKNESS CON'T

Shockley, Larry\*  
Thomas, Webster\*  
Vardiman, Katie\*  
Wallace, Eugene\*  
Washington, Yvette\*  
Weekly, Willie\*  
Williams, Ethel\*  
Wilson, Earl\*  
Worth, Shirley\*  
Yarbrough, Peggy\*  
Zacher, Clarence\*  
Zikovic, Katrina\*

INTENTIONS 07/28/10

Anthony, Marty  
Carter, Emmett  
Clay, Delores\*  
Heneger, Dwyane  
Jefferson, Anna  
McAllister, Mattie  
Valle, Dorothy

SICKNESS

Anderson, Daryl\*  
Barry, Jack\*  
Burke, Leon\*  
Coleman, Ken\*  
Crider, Joanne\*  
Crowley, Tammy\*  
Davenport, Jean\*  
Ervin, Keith\*  
Fisher, Bill\*  
Fitzsimmons, Karen\*  
Gardner, Charles\*  
George, Betty\*  
Hatten, Pam\*  
Hardin, Wilhelmina\*  
Howard, Yvonne\*  
Hudson, Edward\*  
Jackson, Eulalia\*  
Locke, Wilma\*  
Luster, Juanita\*  
McCoy, Steven\*  
McSpadden, Phillip\*  
Miller, Charlotte\*  
Patin, Larry\*  
Perkins, Belinda\*  
Perkins, Charles Sr.\*  
Peuperbaugh, Gary\*  
Ranks, Gloria\*  
Reedy, Judith\*  
Reedy, Sidney\*  
Reichert, Mary Ellen SR\*  
Reichert, Matthew\*  
Rensberg, Corey Sgt.\*  
Scott, Mauri\*

SICKNESS 07/28/10

Cherry, Glenda\*

SICKNESS 07/20/10

Gales, Mary Ann

INTENTIONS

Alexandre, Rosemary S.\*  
Allen-Smith, Queen\*  
Bell, Gilbert\*  
Brown, Eric\*  
Buckley, Darrell\*  
Cloyd Jr., Harvey Carroll\*  
Collins, Amy\*  
Cunningham, Willie\*  
George, Roberta\*  
Latham, Darby Lashar\*  
Davis, Denise\*  
George, Roberta\*  
Glenn, Lesley\*  
Glenn, Rae\*  
Grant, Bernice\*  
Hatchett, Ann\*  
Howard, Yvonne\*  
Hughes, Goyia\*  
Hughes, Irene\*  
Jackson, Eulalia\*  
Jones, Harriett\*  
Kemp, Joanne\*

SHUT-IN

Anderson, Hortense  
Bentley, Barbara  
Buckley, June  
Camp, Cynthia  
Carson, Donetta  
Chopin, Dave & Ann  
Clay, Irvin & Evelyn  
Cooney, Helen  
DuMaine, William  
Fowler, Queen  
Goodlow, Elizabeth  
Jackson, Margaret  
Johnson, Deacon Les  
Joiner, Ruby  
Jones, Mother Julia  
Kulhman, Ann  
McCoy, Carolyn  
Riley, Jerry  
Rinderer, Barbara  
Ringo, Maggie  
Roberts, Juanita  
Robinson, Vernita

HOSPITAL

Albright, Winston\*  
Crenshaw, Roscoe\*  
Gales, Mary Ann\*  
Rodgers, Pearl\*



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Registration for 2010—2011 Religious Education Classes:

**Parish Sponsored Parent Administered Religious Education Program (PSPA)** Parents, as you lay the foundation in education, morality and spirituality for your child, keep in mind their religious education. The PSPA Religious Education Program is for the education of our children who do not attend Catholic schools. This program is home based, meaning the parent and child spend one on one time together with grade level materials dealing with their Catholic education. All children are expected to be involved in a PSR, Catholic school or our PSPA program on a continued basis. Religious education classes are required before Sacramental preparation. God exists in the very foundation in which we raise our children; lets learn all we can about Him. To register, please call Donna L. Lane at (314) 533-0304.

**Youth Baptism** Our Lord said: “Unless a man is reborn in water and the Holy Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.” (Jn 3:5) The Church always understood these words to mean that children should not be deprived of Baptism, because they are baptized in the faith of the Church. This faith is proclaimed for them by their parents and godparents who represent both the local Church and the whole society of saints and believers. (The Rite of the Catholic Church)

**Baptism Classes** for children (7-10 years old) will begin on October 30, 2010. Older children (11-16 years old) will be enrolled in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) beginning September 26, 2010. Please contact Donna L. Lane at (314) 533-0304 to register.

**Youth Confirmation** there will be **NO** Confirmation classes this year.

**First Reconciliation and First Eucharist** Children ages 7-10 years old **and** in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade who are enrolled in a Religious Education program since 1<sup>st</sup> grade are eligible for the reception of these Sacraments. Classes will begin on February 12, 2011. Call Donna L. Lane at (314) 533-0304 to register.

### DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?

*The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)* is the process to assist prospective Catholics in their journey to become active members into the Roman Catholic Church. They hear the preaching of the mystery of Christ, the Holy Spirit opens their hearts, and they freely and knowingly seek the living God and enter the path of faith and conversion. The Sacraments of Christian Initiation are: *Baptism*, *Confirmation*, and the *Eucharist*. The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the Sacrament of Confirmation, and receive the Eucharist, the food of eternal life. They thus receive in increasing measure the treasures of the divine life and advance towards the perfection of charity. To enroll in the 2010 RCIA classes, please call Donna L. Lane at 533-0304. Classes will begin September 26, 2010. Classes for Youth 11-16 years old (RCIC) who wish to become Catholic will start at the same time.

## ST. ALPHONSUS

Blessing of the Arthritics

Sunday, August 1, 2010

Feast Day of

St. Alphonsus Liguori

Founder of The Redemptorists

And

Patron Saint of Arthritics

We will be offering today! the feast day of St. Alphonsus Liguori, founder of the Redemptorists, a special blessing through his intercession for those suffering from arthritis and other serious physical ailments.

The blessing will be offered after Mass, and prayer cards distributed.

There will be a short prayer after Mass to ask the intercession of St. Alphonsus, who himself suffered from severe rheumatoid arthritis that left him permanently bent forward and wheel-chair bound.

Those who could not attend the blessing but would like to receive the prayer card go to our provincial website at [www.redemptoristsdenver.org](http://www.redemptoristsdenver.org) to download the St. Alphonsus prayer.

Thank You



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**BANNES**  
*Jason Thompson*  
 &  
*Tori Clear*

**St. Alphonsus "Rock"**  
**Liguori Church**  
*August 6, 2010*

**TEEN MINISTRY**

The Teen Ministry will have a bake sale August 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> after both masses. Please support their efforts in raising funds to assist them in attending KUJENGA XI. KUJENGA is a Catholic Youth Leadership Conference sponsored by the St. Charles Lwanga Center.

**LWANGA CENTER HAPPENINGS....**

**BIBLE CLASS**

The St. Charles Lwanga Center Bible Study will gather again on Thursday August 5<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. Come and join us as Fr. Art Cavitt facilitates "Women in the Bible" through September. Feel free to call the Center at 314-367-7929.

Sept. 2010—May 2010  
**The Spiritual Exercises of Ignatius Loyola** in everyday life will be offered at St. Charles Lwanga Center. The Bridges Foundation, Inc. will conduct an information session at Lwanga Center on Wednesday, Aug. 11th @ 7 p.m. Contact Cheryl Rauschenbach for more information: 636 225-8433 or e-mail Cheryl at [Cheryl\\_rauschenbach@yahoo.com](mailto:Cheryl_rauschenbach@yahoo.com)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2010—2013**

We want to congratulate our 10 new Pastoral Parish Council members! We also want to thank all 12 of our Parish Council members for their service to our community. We appreciate your ministry!

**New Members**

Rose Jno Baptiste	11:00
Ossie Foster	11:00
Reola Weaver	11:00
Annette House-Blake	11:00
Kevin Triggs	8:15
Sharon Lyons	8:15
Almetta Jordan	11:00
Christine Bluett	8:15
Patricia Pou	11:00
Helene Laberta	8:15

**Returning Members**

Alice Cummings	8:15
Mike Page	11:00

**Social Life Committee**

We are in need of volunteers to assist with the cleanup at our St. Alphonsus Liguori Feast Day pot-luck..

**Sick and Shut-In Ministry**

Volunteers are needed for our sick and shut-in. Volunteers would take communion to our home-bound, nursing home and hospitalized parishioners. A short informational meeting will be held in the sacristy on August 8<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

For more information contact Reola Weaver at (314) 533-9953.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**AUGUST 8**  
 Jane Brown Retirement Mass  
 3:00 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER 12**  
 St. Peter Claver Day Celebration  
 Archbishop Carlson, celebrant  
 8:15 a.m. Mass


**SEPTEMBER 19**  
 Sign Me Up Sunday

**OCTOBER 3**  
 Ladies of Peter Claver  
 Fashion Show

**NOVEMBER 14**  
 Annual Card Party

**NOVEMBER 25**  
 10:00 a.m.  
 Thanksgiving Mass

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You are invited to join us at the thanksgiving celebration recognizing Mrs. Jane Brown's service as the Executive Director of the St. Charles Lwanga Center

3:00 p.m. Eucharist Liturgy  
 Sunday, August 8, 2010  
 St. Alphonsus Liguori  
 "Rock" Church  
 1118 N. Grand Blvd  
 St. Louis, MO 63106

Presentation and Reception will follow the Mass. RSVP by Thursday, August 5, 2010 @ 314 367-7929

## Financial Corner...

Offerings and Tithes

JULY 2010	
Date	Amount
4	\$ 10,168.85
11	\$ 10,304.95
18	\$ 9,005.46
25	\$ 5,900.84
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 35,380.10</b>
<b>Wkly Avg.</b>	<b>\$ 8,845.03</b>



**We Will Have Another  
Memorial Brick Garden  
Sale Campaign**

**Amount needed each week to meet budget: \$12,000**

### STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

That we may remember that the many possessions we strive to acquire are worthless in the eyes of the Lord.

*"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."* - Luke 12:15

The Gospel message today is so contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the many things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not store up or hoard material possessions. Rather, strive to be rich in that which matters to God.



### Not Your Ordinary Missionary

G. Julie Karue, a full-time Catholic missionary at Benedictine College, works with FOCUS (the Fellowship of Catholic University Students) to bring Christ to college students. She shared her mission last Sunday and will be in St. Louis until August 8<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like to contact her, she can be reached at: (508) 791-9696 or [gkarue@focusonline.org](mailto:gkarue@focusonline.org)

## SAINT OF THE WEEK...

**St. Alphonsus Liguori**

**Feastday: August 1<sup>st</sup>**

### Youth

Alphonsus Liguori was born on September 27, 1696, in a suburb of Naples, Italy. He was the eldest of eight children. With a mother of Spanish descent and an Italian father, Alphonsus inherited an interesting combination of Latin genes. His father, attained the rank of commanding officer of a flagship of the Royal Navy. He was an authoritarian who ran his family in the same manner that he commanded his flagship. Alphonsus' mother, was a gentle soul. Alphonsus inherited both the authoritarianism of his father and the religious scrupulosity of his mother. As the eldest son, he was burdened with expectations and obligations that comprised the Italian concept of primogeniture.

Alphonsus received an excellent education in the humanities and in the study of civil and Church law and earned a double doctorate from the University of Naples. Alphonsus was steered to the legal profession by his father. After losing an important court case, Liguori walked out of the court in disgust exclaiming, "Ah, world, I know you now!"

Under the guidance of his mother's spiritual director, he joined various Oratorian confraternities. These confraternities not only provided spiritual services but also introduced him to apostolic work at the Hospital for Incurables and at the local prisons. Alphonsus and his father attended annual retreats given by the Vincentians and the Jesuits. It was during a retreat in 1722 that Liguori experienced a radical conversion; he rejected his secular lifestyle for a more spiritual one, and made a personal vow of celibacy. A large part of his apostolic formation was given by the Society for Apostolic Missions, also called the Propaganda.

### Diocesan Priest

December 21, 1726 he was ordained a priest. He moved to the Chinese College. Alphonsus introduced an innovative apostolic technique called the Evening Chapels. This was a program whereby Alphonsus and his priest friends organized and trained lay catechists. These catechists would work out of slums, catechizing the poor lazzaroni,

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the beggars, and street people of Naples. Alphonsus later departed from Naples for a bit of rest and recreation in the hills above the Amalfi coast. He was shocked by the spiritual abandonment of the poor mountaineers and began catechizing them in the small chapel of Holy Mary of the Mountains.

### **Redemptorist Founder**

After he returned to Naples, a woman entered his life! Sister Marie Celeste Crostarosa a Neapolitan. Their encounter brought about another radical change for Alphonsus. Alphonsus was impressed with Celeste and concluded that her project was indeed the work of God. Within a year she claimed she had received divinely revealed plans for a new missionary institute of men, of whom Liguori was to be the founder. Alphonsus spent almost a year consulting theologians in Naples before he accepted his role as founder of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, which took its first shaky steps on November 9, 1732.

Liguori survived the growth pains of his new institute; by 1747 the Redemptorists numbered thirty-six members and were in great demand throughout the kingdom. They had a reputation of nearness to the people, a popular and solid preaching style, and a benign pastoral approach in the confessional. Fifteen years later, the Congregation had grown to one hundred fifty members.

Liguori joined the struggle against moral rigorism. The battle had raged between two prevalent systems of morality, the Dominicans supporting the rigorist stance (probabiliorism) and the Jesuits defending laxism (probabilism). Although he had to walk a tightrope between the rigorists and the laxists, lest his own Congregation be suppressed. Liguori published his monumental Moral Theology, as well as the eminently pastoral Guide for Confessors. He also published a number of apologias, including The Moderate Use of the Probable Opinion., Alphonsus' moral teachings were vindicated by the Holy See during his lifetime. After his death, Rome gave its seal of approval, declaring him a Doctor of the Church and the patron of moralists and confessors.

His literary output, however, was not limited to moral theology. His pen was as apostolic as his preaching. His one hundred eleven published works were directed to every category of Christians: bishops, priests, religious, and laity. His themes were solidly pastoral and his topics diverse.

### **Bishop**

In March 1762, Clement XIII appointed Alphonsus bishop of St. Agatha of the Goths. The diocese--which was near Naples, economically stable, and populated with clergy and religious was considered a "plum." Liguori was unhappy with the appointment, however, and respectfully asked to be spared the bishopric. But as with his role as founder, so too with the episcopacy; "holy obedience" won the day. The Pope gave his final decision in March, on the feast of Saint Joseph. Liguori viewed his appointment as a punishment for his sins! The Redemptorists immediately petitioned the Holy See to allow Liguori to remain rector major of the Congregation, assisted by a vicar general. Though the request was granted, it later led to conflicts and dissension within the Congregation. Alphonsus took possession of his diocese in July 1762. Despite his poor health, he threw himself into this new ministry with vigor. His first order of business was to reform the serious ecclesiastical abuses in the diocese, beginning with the renewal of the seminary and a spiritual rehabilitation of the clergy and faithful. Second, he attacked the practice of public concubinage, even soliciting the aid of civil authorities. He organized general missions for the diocese that utilized his own Redemptorist missionaries and those of the Propaganda. He also established social welfare programs for the poor and even opened his episcopal palace to the needy. Recurring attacks of ill health and a growing number of complaints against his reformist zeal prompted Alphonsus to offer his resignation several times. Finally, in May 1755, Pius VI accepted his resignation.

### **Final Years**

Alphonsus returned to Pagani "to prepare for death." Here he was to suffer the biggest disappointment of his life. The Congregation's Rule, which Benedict XIV had approved in 1749, had never received royal approval. Thus, in 1779 two Redemptorists, were sent to negotiate with the royal court for approval. The eighty-three-year-old Liguori, deaf, practically blind, and unable to read or write, put complete trust in his emissaries. Unfortunately, they made extraordinary concessions, watering down the original papal Rule to the point of unrecognizability. The vows of religion were changed to mere oaths, the vow of poverty disappeared altogether, the oath of perseverance was omitted, and the local bishops were given the power over the internal affairs of the Congregation and General Chapters were wiped out of the text completely. The almost senile rector major was duped into signing this governmental Regolamento. This document was delivered to Liguori in March 1780 and he went into a severe depression.

Six years after this tragedy, on August 1, 1787, Liguori died, still technically outside the Congregation he had founded. The process for his canonization began a few months after his death. His virtues were declared "heroic" in 1807. Nine years later he was beatified and in 1839 he was canonized. In March 1871, Pius IX declared him a Doctor of the Church, and in 1950, Pius XII declared Alphonsus the official patron of moralists and of confessors.

Adapted from "A Short Biography," [Liguorian Magazine](#)