

Institute for Priestly Formation

"Beatitude in Peace: A Meditation on St. Pier Giorgio Frassati"

Advent Morning of Reflection

December 13, 2025

Christ the King Church



- 1901** – April 6, born in Turin to Alfredo and Adélaïde Frassati
- 1910** – Makes his first Confession
- 1911** – Makes his first Communion
- 1913** – Start attending the Social Institute directed by Jesuits.
Becomes a daily communicant.
- 1914** – Enrolls in the Apostleship of Prayer, the Marian Society, and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. From this point forward, every year he makes a retreat.
- 1915** – Receives the Sacrament of Confirmation
- 1918** – Starts to study Engineering – Mining at Polytechnic University
- 1921** – Participates in a pro-Catholic march in Rome and is arrested after defending a priest from a group of thugs.
- 1922** – Becomes a Third Order Dominican taking the name Girolamo and joins the Blessed Sacrament Society.
- 1924** – Defends the family home from eleven fascists who broke in.
- 1925** – July 4, dies from complications from poliomyelitis only 6 days after contracting it.

"For the advent of Christ, for the advent of the people."

motto for People's Party paper

"Much is spoken, much is written on Pier Giorgio and his social, political and charitable involvement. His love of the mountains and his spirit of comradery are set prominently and justly... but of Pier Giorgio and prayer, of his apostolate of prayer, little has been said! But this is not right!"

- to Luciana Gawronska, née Frassati – his sister

"Jesus visits me each morning in Holy Communion, and I repay him in my very small way by visiting him in the poor."

"The only thing that remains is a bond that we hope, with the grace of God, will bind all the Tipi Loschi in this life and in the next: this sacred bond is Faith, the only powerful bond, the only sure rock without which nothing can be undertaken. And let us hope that this Faith that we have received in Holy Baptism, and that has made us companions on beautiful mountain trips will accompany us until the last day of our earthly journey and will be the connection through prayer to spiritually bond all the Tipi Loschi scattered all over the earth."

- to Laura Hidalgo in 1924

"Other than that, I have nothing else to tell you except that my life is monotonous, but every day I understand better what a Grace it is to be Catholics. Poor unlucky those who don't have a Faith: to live without Faith, without a patrimony to defend, without a steady struggle for the Truth, is not living but existing."

- to Isodoro Bonini – February 1925

"Have I perhaps lost the Faith? No, thank God, my Faith is still firm enough and so let us strengthen, let us reaffirm what is the only Joy with which one can be satisfied in this world. Every sacrifice is worthwhile if only for that; then as Catholics, we have a Love which surpasses every other love and which after that owed to God is immensely beautiful, just as our religion is beautiful. Love, which had as its advocate that Apostle who preached it daily in all his letters to the various Faithful. Charity, without which, says St. Paul, every other virtue is worthless. ... Perhaps you might tell me that it's madness to hope this; but I believe, if you pray for me a bit, that in a short time I can achieve this state in prayer."

- to Isodoro Bonini – March 1925

"Thus I should wish that you too will take Holy Communion on the first of the year and so our souls, refreshed by that grace, would be united even if a great distance separates us."

- to his sister in 1921 – this was the only time that he ever pressed her for greater devotion to the faith like his own

"Dearest friend, day after day, I am waiting to find the will-power that will give me the strength to finish my last labor since I am about to harvest what I have sown. Alas the days pass and rather than noting a sign of improvement I see the persistence of the Beast in me that wins the battle with the Spirit. Only in the prayers of friends do I see any strong help for me to regain the vigor to win out over my animal nature and so I put particular faith in your prayers."

- to Marco Beltramo 1925, less than a month before his death

"Prayer and the practice of the sacraments gave substance and tone to his manifold apostolate and to his whole existence. Enlivened by the Spirit of God, he was transformed in a marvelous adventure. Everything became an offering and a gift, even his illness, even his death."

- Pope St. John Paul II May 20, 1990

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, may we, through the intercession of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati, confidently proclaim your goodness to the world by embracing the joy of our hope in You and in Your Son Christ Jesus so that, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, we may live an authentic Christian life of the beatitudes in this world and for the next. Amen.



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