

## **St. Anthony of Padua - June 13**

Prayer for Presentation of the Industrial Farm, Graymoor, to St. Anthony:

We salute you, St. Anthony, lily of purity, ornament and glory of Christianity. We salute you, great Saint, cherub of wisdom and seraph of divine love. We salute you by your well-deserved titles: Wonder-worker of Padua, Most Illustrious Son of St. Francis, Glory of the Friars Minor and of the whole Seraphic Family. And we, least and last among the spiritual children of the Patriarch of Assisi, this day present to you, whom we hail as our big elder brother, our loving thanks and deepest gratitude for all the innumerable favors you have secured for us by your all-prevailing intercession with almighty God, and more especially we render you this day public praise and thanks for securing to the Society of the Atonement the farm on the eastside of our holy mountain on June 13, 1916, and one year later, viz., June 13, 1917, completing the full sum of \$6,000.00 in payment for the same.

In the name of all your many clients, who by their generous self-sacrifice have freely and joyfully given in small amounts this large sum of money, that they might have the joy and happiness of presenting this fertile tract of land to you on your birthday, to be called after you--St. Anthony's Industrial Farm--we here and now in St. Anthony's Corner of St. Francis' Church, make the formal act of presentation to your glorious and transcendently illustrious self.

We entreat you to look down with special favor upon the many hundred clients who have united to give you this farm and obtain for them of God temporal and spiritual benefits now and eternal riches in heaven, "where neither moth nor rust corrupts nor thieves break through and steal." [Matt.6:20]

We also entreat you to be the special patron of our Brothers Christopher, and on your new farm provide not only means for their sustenance and useful labor, but also provision for their souls, and grant, as far as you are able to do so in accordance with the wish of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of our gracious Lady of the Atonement, that none of those men who shall work on this farm will fail to obtain the rewards of eternal life and a place among the children of the Atonement in glory everlasting.

Finally, we entreat you, great son of St. Francis, pray always for and watch over our Institute, the Society of the Atonement, that through your mighty assistance and never-failing intercession, in union with all our Holy Patrons, it may realize all and everything that God has willed and planned it to accomplish, to His own greater glory, the exaltation of the

Atonement of His Son Jesus Christ, the increase of the Seraphic Family in heaven, the unity of Christendom and the salvation of souls.

V. Pray for us, O Blessed St. Anthony.

R. That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Almightily and eternal God, Who did glorify your faithful confessor, Anthony, with the perpetual gift of working miracles, graciously grant that what we confidently seek through his merits, we may surely receive through his intercession through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Fr. Paul's Prayer to St. Anthony at the Presentation of the Industrial Farm to St. Anthony on June 16, 1917. The festivity began with a Mass at St. Francis' Chapel, Graymoor, followed by a formal presentation of the farm made at the foot of the statue of St. Anthony in the same chapel. Text in *The Lamp* July 1917 pp.369-371)