

2006

PASSIONIST COMPANIONS PROGRAMME

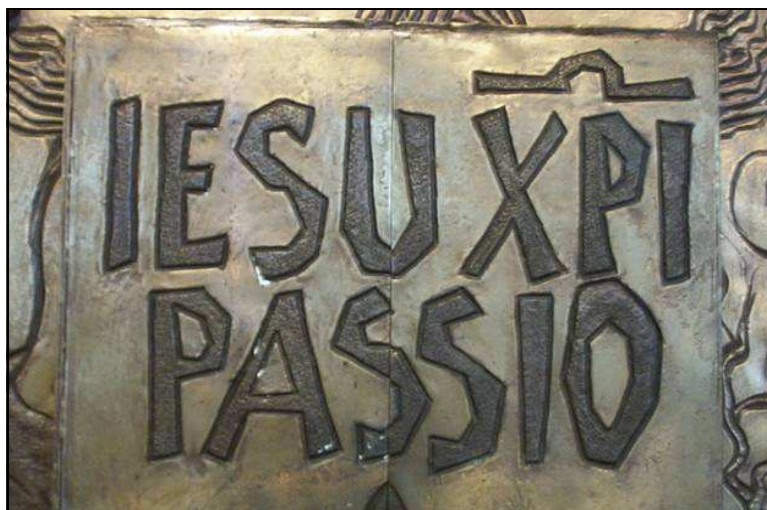
Province of the Holy Spirit – Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea

TOPICS FOR 2006

St. Paul of the
Cross

The Passion
of Jesus in the
Gospel of St.
Luke

The
Passionist
Saints



Introduction

The 2006 Passionist Companions Programme, the third in a series to be offered in recent years, provides a way of reading, praying and reflecting on the Passionist Charism.

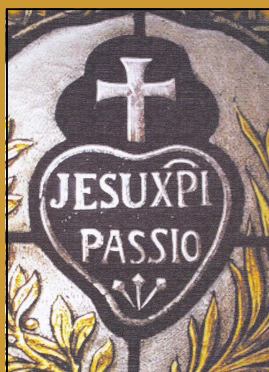
In 2006 it is available each month on the Holy Spirit Province Web Site at www.passionists.com

The Programme provides three segments:

- The first reflects on the life, spirituality and teachings of St. Paul of the Cross.
- The second invites Passionist Companions to take up the Passion of Jesus in the Gospel of St. Luke for their own personal reading, prayer and reflection during the year.
- The third celebrates some of the many men and women who have lived the Passionist Charism since the time of St. Paul of the Cross.

The Programme can be used either individually, in groups of Passionist Companions or by Communities.

For more information on the 2006 Passionist Companions Programme please contact Fr. Gary Perritt, C.P., (gary.perritt@passionists.com) or visit the Holy Spirit Province Web Site (www.passionists.com).



St. Paul of the Cross

The 2006 Passionist Companions Programme reflects on the life, spirituality and teachings of St. Paul of the Cross, Founder of the Passionists. The programme will use resource material from a book by Father Martin Bialas, C.P., entitled "The Mysticism of the Passion in St. Paul of the Cross" (Ignatius Press, San Francisco).

Father Martin Bialas was professed a Passionist in 1963 and ordained a priest in 1968. He is a member of the Vice Province of the Five Wounds: the Passionists of Germany and Austria.

As well as writing on the life and ministry of St. Paul of the Cross, Fr.

Martin suggests ways of coming to know St. Paul by use of -

The Spiritual Diary of St. Paul of the Cross,

The Rule of the Passionist Congregation,

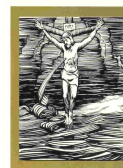
The Letters of St. Paul of the Cross,

The Sermons and Meditations of St. Paul of the Cross,

The witnesses to the Beatification and Canonisation of St. Paul of the Cross,

The writings of one of the first Passionists, Father John Mary Cioni, C.P.

Martin Bialas



The Mysticism of the Passion in St. Paul of the Cross

Ignatius

**“The
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work of
love”**

St. Paul of the Cross

21st June 1757

The Passion of Jesus in the Gospel of St. Luke

The Passion of Jesus in the Gospel of St. Luke becomes a feature of the Passionist Companions Programme during 2006.

The Passionist Companions will be invited to take up the Passion in St. Luke's Gospel for their own personal reading, prayer and reflection during the year.

St. Paul of the Cross wrote, "The Passion of Jesus is a work of love",

A resource for this year's Companions Programme will be some material from a book entitled "Praying Luke" by John Reilly (St. Paul Publications).

The Passion of Jesus in the Gospel of St. Luke (22:1 - 23:56)

Preparation for the Passover

Last meal together

Last table talk

Prayer on the Mount of Olives

Betrayal and arrest of Jesus

Peter's denial

Morning Trial

Before Pilate and Herod

Pilate's Judgement

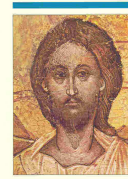
Journey to the Cross

Jesus is Crucified

The Death of Jesus

The Burial of Jesus

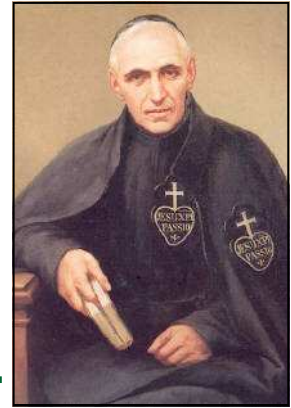
**PRAYING
LUKE**



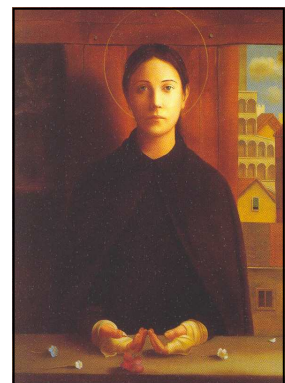
John Reilly

The Passionist Saints

The 2006 Passionist Companions Programme will celebrate the lives of some of our Passionist heroes. Each month we will learn a little more of some of the men and women who have lived the Passionist Charism since the time of St. Paul of the Cross. As we reflect on their lives, we could ask for their assistance in living the Passionist Charism today.

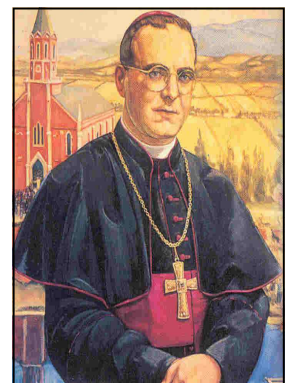


February	Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows
March	Venerable Mother Mary Crucified Constantini
April	Venerable Galileo Nicolini
May	Saint Gemma Galgani
June	Blessed Niceforo Tejerino and his Companions
July	Saint Maria Goretti
August	Blessed Dominic Barberi
September	Saint Vincent Strambi
October	Blessed Bernard Mary Silvestrelli
November	Blessed Bishop Eugene Bossilkov



St. Paul of the Cross gathered companions who shared his dream, his special charism, or gift, to keep the Passion of Jesus Christ always on his mind, on his lips, and in his heart.

Over the years, men and women have worked hard and given much of themselves to keep Paul's vision alive, to carry on the work of proclaiming Christ Crucified to a suffering world.





St. Paul of the Cross
1694-1775

May
the
Passion
of Jesus
be
always
in our
hearts

Passionist Companions
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PRAYER TO ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

St. Paul of the Cross,
our father and brother,
as we stand with you before the Cross of Christ
may our minds, our hearts and our lives
be overwhelmed by the love shown there for us.
As you followed the example of Jesus Crucified
may we too be emptied of all things
but the desire to do God's will
and so keep alive the memory
of the Passion and Death
of Jesus Christ our only hope.
Amen.

PASSIONIST COMPANIONS

People whose way of life, rich variety of backgrounds, interests and experiences, training and viewpoints are sources of strength in the Passionist way of proclaiming the Gospel of the Passion.

AIMS

To assist the development of personal spirituality through immersion in the Passionist Charism

To explore and nurture the Passionist Charism with like hearted people

To live the Passionist Charism in our various circumstances - with our families, in our home, in our community, in our place of work, in our parish, in our relationships.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is by request or invitation, and following a time of preparation.

PREPARATION

Those interested in becoming a Passionist Companion gather for inservices and reflections on the Passionist Charism and Spirituality, for Retreat Days and for social occasions, and for the celebration of Passionist Feast Days throughout the year.

The preparation time also includes private prayer and reflection on the Passionist Charism and Spirituality—by means of the internet, videos and other short reading material.

For more information

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