

JULY 2
 SAINTS JOHN FRANCIS REGIS, BERNADINE
 REALINO, AND FRANCIS JEROME;
 BLESSEDS JULIAN MAUNOIR AND ANTHONY
 BALDINUCCI
 PRIESTS, RELIGIOUS
 MEMORIAL

Today we commemorate the priests (both saints and *beati*) who in various parts of Europe were engaged in missions to people in the town or the country. They are: St. Bernadine Realino (born 1530 in Italy, died July 2, 1616, canonized 1947 by Pius XII); St. John Francis Regis (born 1597 in France, died December 31, 1640, canonized 1737 by Clement XII); St. Francis Jerome (born 1642 in Italy, died May 11, 1716, canonized 1839 by Gregory XVI); Bl. Julian Maunoir (born 1606 in France, died January 28, 1683, beatified 1951 by Pius XII); Bl. Anthony Baldinucci (both 1665 in Italy, died November 7, 1717, beatified 1893 by Leo XIII).

From the Common of Pastors, or of Saints Noted for Works of Mercy.

THE OFFICE OF READINGS

Second Reading

From the Formula of the Institute of the Society of Jesus (n. 1).

(Trans. George E. Ganss, S.J., *Saint Ignatius of Loyola: The Constitutions of the Society of Jesus*, St. Louis, 1970, pp. 66-67.)

"To serve as a soldier of God beneath the banner of the cross, and to serve the Lord alone and the Church under the Roman pontiff."

Whoever desires to serve as a soldier beneath the banner of the cross in our Society, which we desire to be designated by the name of Jesus, and to serve the Lord alone and the Church, His spouse, under the Roman

pontiff, the Vicar of Christ on earth, should, after a solemn vow of perpetual chastity, poverty, and obedience, keep what follows in mind. He is a member of a Society founded chiefly for this purpose: to strive especially for the defense and propagation of the faith and for the progress of souls in Christian life and doctrine, by means of public preaching, lectures, and any other ministrations whatsoever of the word of God, and further by means of the Spiritual Exercises, the education of children and unlettered persons in Christianity, and the spiritual consolation of Christ's faithful through hearing confessions and administering the other sacraments. Moreover, the Society should show itself no less useful in reconciling the estranged, in holily assisting and serving those who are found in prisons or hospitals, and indeed in performing any other works of charity, according to what will seem expedient for the glory of God and the common good. Furthermore all these works should be carried out altogether free of charge and without accepting any salary for the labor expended in all the aforementioned activities. Still further, let any such person take care, as long as he lives, first of all to keep before his eyes God and then the nature of this Institute which he has embraced and which is, so to speak, a pathway to God; and then let him strive with all his effort to achieve this end set before him by God—each one, however, according to the grace which the Holy Spirit has given him and according to the particular grade of his own vocation.

Responsory (Is. 61:1; Jn. 8:42)

R. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has appointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has

sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and the opening of prison to those who are bound.

V. I proceeded and came forth from God; I came not of my own accord, but he sent me, to bind. . . .

Concluding Prayer:

Lord our God, you sent out your holy priests to bring the Gospel of peace to towns and villages. In your own day call many others to work in the harvest-fields of your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.