
THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them," (Mk 10:14)

A Summer of Saints!

Saint Stanislaus Kostka was born in Poland in 1550. His father was a Polish senator and his family was part of the Polish nobility. Young Stanislaus was very faithful to prayer and he was also a very good student. He and his older brother Paul were sent away from home to study at the Jesuit school in Vienna. When Stanislaus was 16 years old, he suddenly became very sick and understood that he was dying. He begged to see a priest who could bring him Jesus in Holy Communion. However, the man who owned the place where Stanislaus was staying did not like Catholics and refused to call a priest. It was at this point that Stanislaus prayed to the Virgin Martyr Saint Barbara. He asked her to somehow obtain the grace for him to be able to receive Viaticum (receive Jesus in Holy Communion for the last time before dying.) His prayer was answered in a very unexpected way. Stanislaus had a mystical experience where the Blessed Virgin Mary came to him and placed the Christ Child in his arms! She assured Stanislaus that God wanted him to enter the Society of Jesus to begin his studies as a priest. He was then restored to health! Stanislaus was very happy to enter the Society of Jesus but his family was completely against it. They saw such a vocation as being "inappropriate" for his noble standing. His brother Paul tried everything he could to stop Stanislaus from pursuing his religious vocation. His father even threatened to have the Jesuits expelled from Poland if he entered but Stanislaus held firm. He entered the novitiate and was with the Jesuits for 10 months. There he advanced greatly in virtue and reached a very high degree of holiness. He died on August 15, the feast of the Assumption of Mary, at the age of 18. He died after receiving Viaticum. *St. Stanislaus, pray for us!*

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A MINI LITANY IN HONOR OF SAINT STANISLAUS:

Faithful follower of Jesus Christ; resolute in the face of angry opposition; admirable in your matchless purity; exact observer of religious discipline; devout adorer of the Most Blessed Sacrament; mirror of obedience, humility and piety; wise above your few years; made perfect in a short while; ushered into Heaven by a chorus of Angels; the refuge and safety for all who call upon you; illustrious in the miracles worked before and after your death; O blessed citizen of the Heavenly Jerusalem.

Pray for us, dear brother Saint Stanislaus, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.