

SAINT PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI:

*Climbing "To the Heights" of
Friendship, Devotion, and Discipleship*

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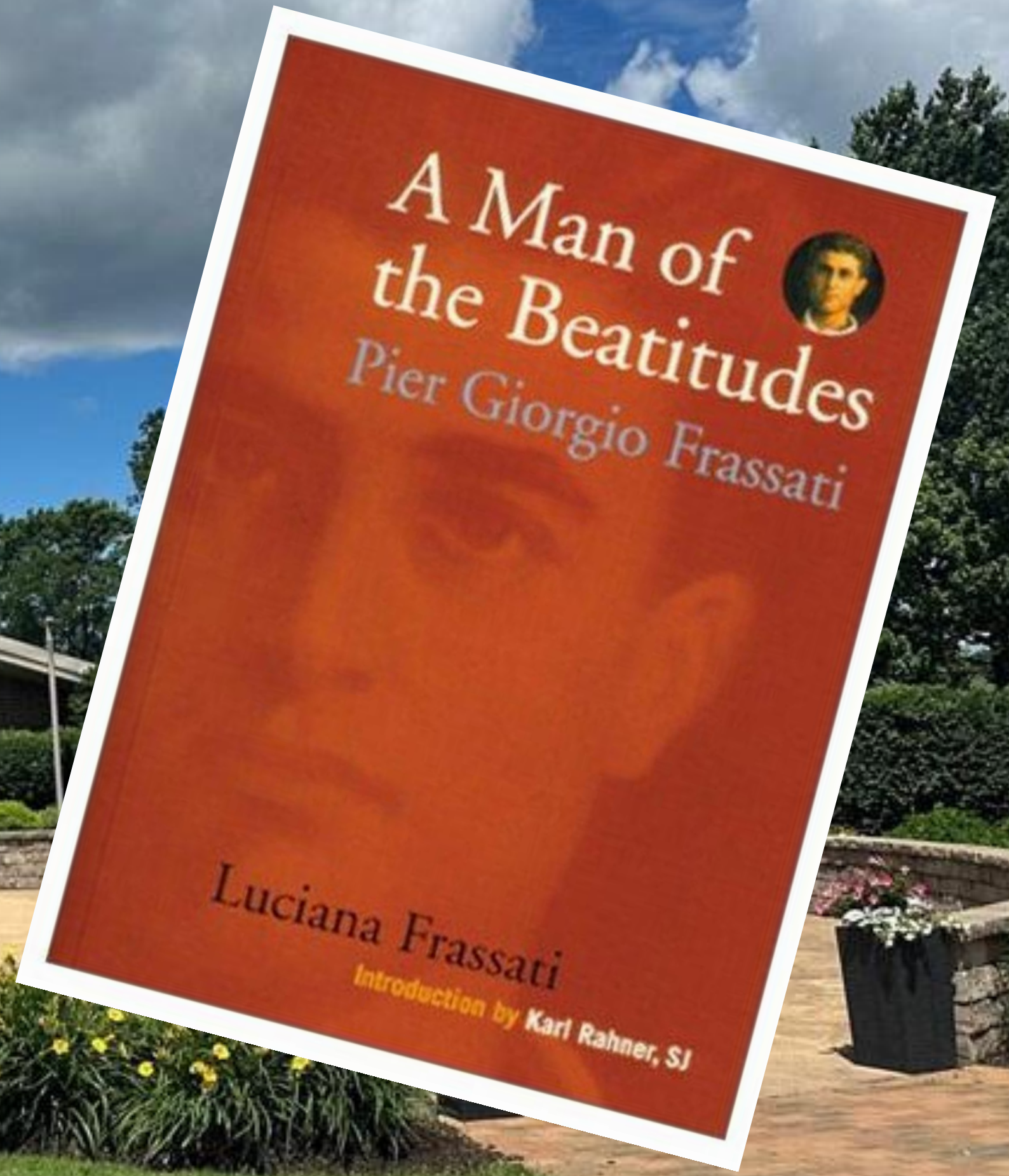


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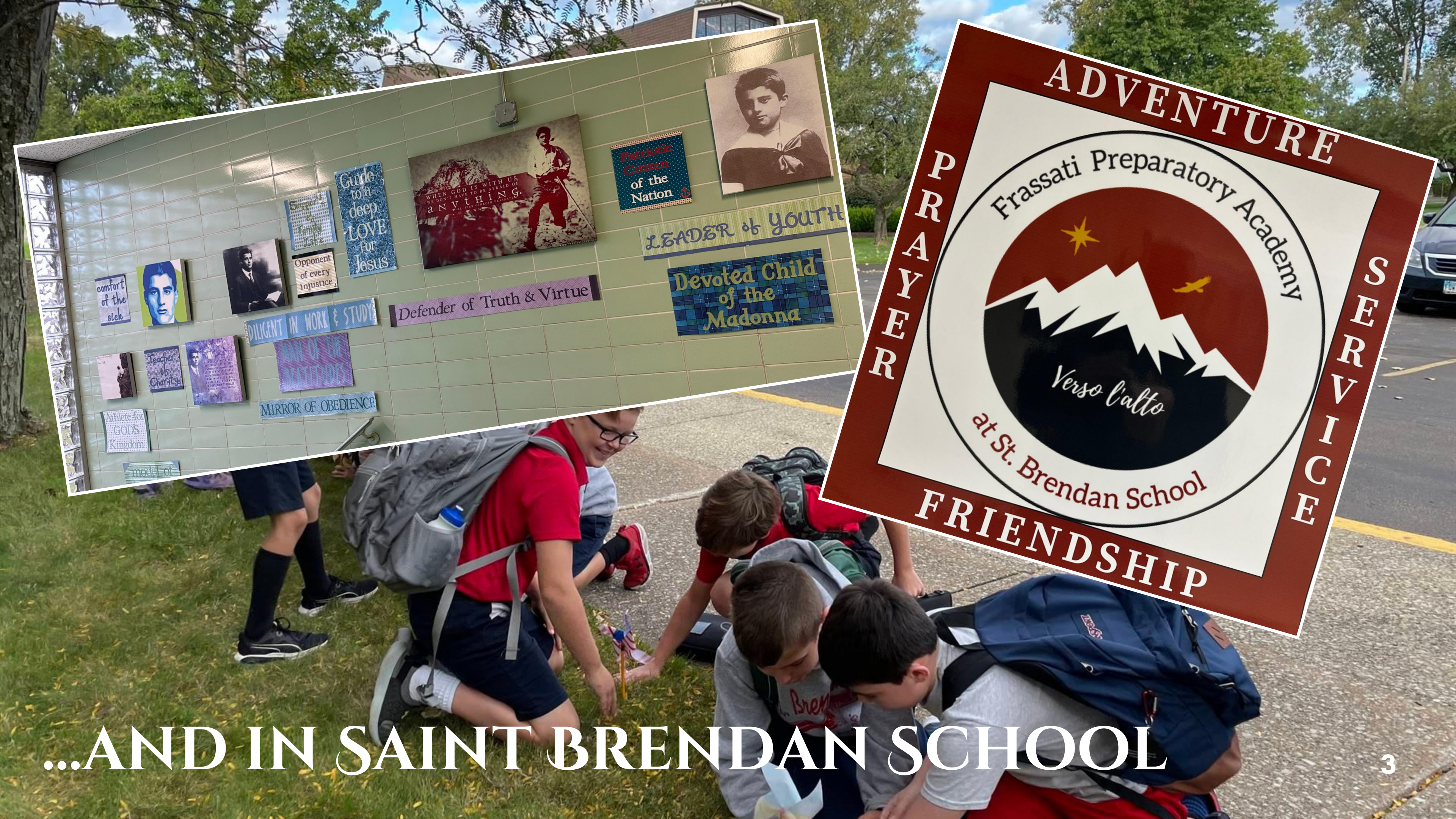
*"...this life
should be a
continual
preparation for
the next..."*

– Pier Giorgio Frassati –





BEGINNINGS AT SAINT BRENDAN'S...



...AND IN SAINT BRENDAN SCHOOL

INITIATED INTO OUR FAMILY



THE JOURNEY TO BECOMING A SAINT

Father

Alfredo Frassati
(1868–1961)

Founder of the Newspaper
La Stampa.
Italian Senator.
Ambassador to Germany.

Mother

Adelaide Ametis
(1877–1949)
Notable Artist.



THE JOURNEY TO BECOMING A SAINT

Pier Giorgio Frassati

Born on April 6, 1901
in Turin, (Northern) Italy.

Died of Polio on July 4, 1925.

Beatified by Pope Saint JPII
on May 20, 1990.

Canonized by Pope Leo XIV
on September 7, 2025.

His Feast Day is on July 4.



THE JOURNEY TO BECOMING A SAINT

Luciana (Frassati) Gawronska

Born on August 18, 1902
in Turin, (Northern) Italy.

Died on October 7, 2007.

She had six children, including
Pier Giorgio's niece, Wanda.

Wanda served as the advocate for
her uncle's canonization and,
at 98 years of age, was present
to see it accomplished.



THE JOURNEY TO BECOMING A SAINT



"In our earthly life ... one of the best expressions of affection is friendship."

- Pier Giorgio Frassati -

Pier Giorgio's World


His parents' marriage was a strained and unhappy union.

By the time of his death, they were on the brink of divorce.

Born into a wealthy, prominent, and politically connected family.

Avid sportsman, studied engineering, liked poetry and music, engaged in practical jokes, loved his friends.

THE JOURNEY TO BECOMING A SAINT



*"All around the sick
and all around the poor
I see a special light
which we do not have."*

- Pier Giorgio Frassati -

Pier Giorgio's World

Dedicated to daily prayer and the celebration of the Eucharist.

Belonged to many Catholic social action and spiritual groups, including the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Third Order Dominicans.

Faithfully served the material and spiritual needs of "his poor."

THE JOURNEY TO BECOMING A SAINT



Pier Giorgio's World

World War I
(1914-1918)

Pier Giorgio was 17 years old.

Political, social, religious unrest.

Fascism in Italy (1922-1925).

Dictators (Mussolini and Hitler).

Anti-Catholicism.

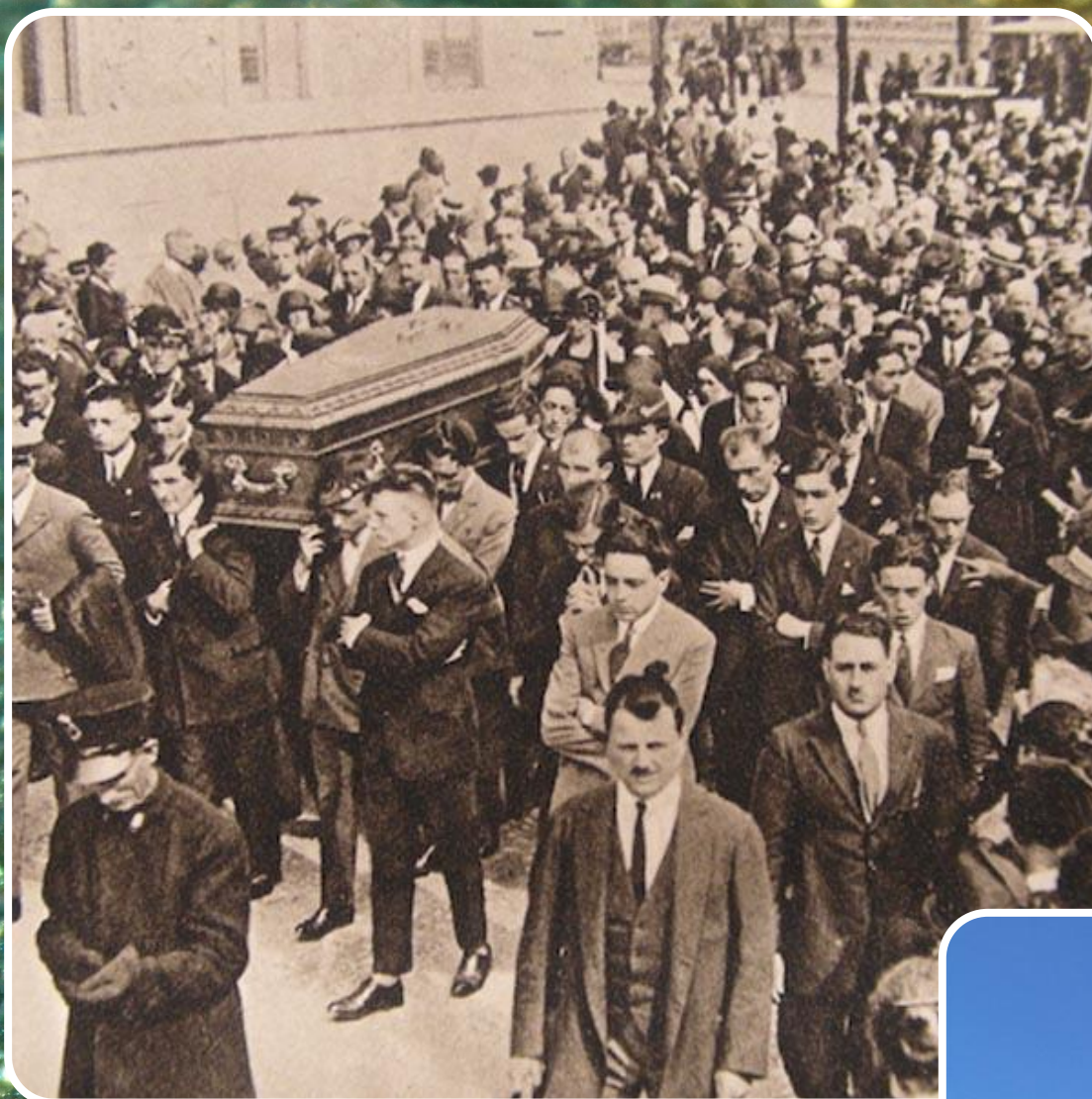
World War II
(1939-1944)

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“It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal.”

Pope Saint John Paul II, 19 August 2000
15th World Youth Day Address



BEING A SAINT...

- **False to assume that the saints are different from us, that they have access to something to which we do not.**
- **Are openly receptive to the movement of the Holy Spirit in their lives.**
- **Desire and allow the Spirit to guide and direct the course of their lives.**



...ON AN ORDINARY PATH.

BEING A SAINT...

- **Pier Giorgio described as...**
 - Joyful and happy, always smiling.
 - With a kind word for everyone.
 - Loyal, sincere, self-controlled.
 - Deeply committed to his personal relationships.
 - Having a subtle sense of humor.
 - Generous and available with his time.



...ON AN ORDINARY PATH.

BEING A SAINT...

- **Not solely the result of natural personality traits.**
 - **Flowing from the formative and transformative action of the Holy Spirit and the working of grace.**
 - **The willingness to allow one's life to be enlightened and formed by God – trusting in God's goodness, mercy, and love.**



...ON AN ORDINARY PATH.

BEING A SAINT...

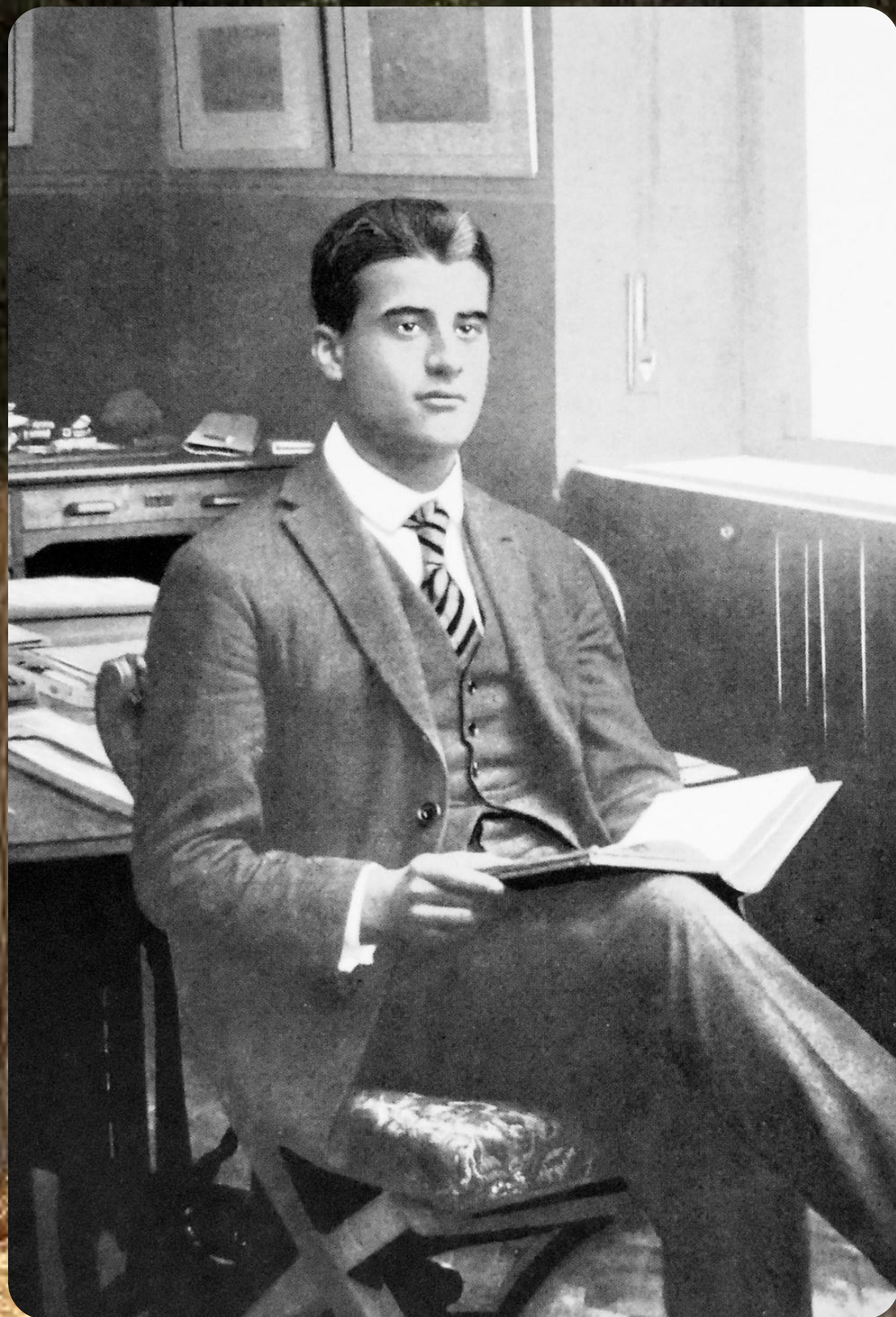
DAILY COMMITMENT TO PRAYER
PARTICIPATION IN THE MASS AND
RECEPTION OF THE EUCHARIST

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT

READING THE SCRIPTURES, ESPECIALLY
THE LETTERS OF SAINT PAUL

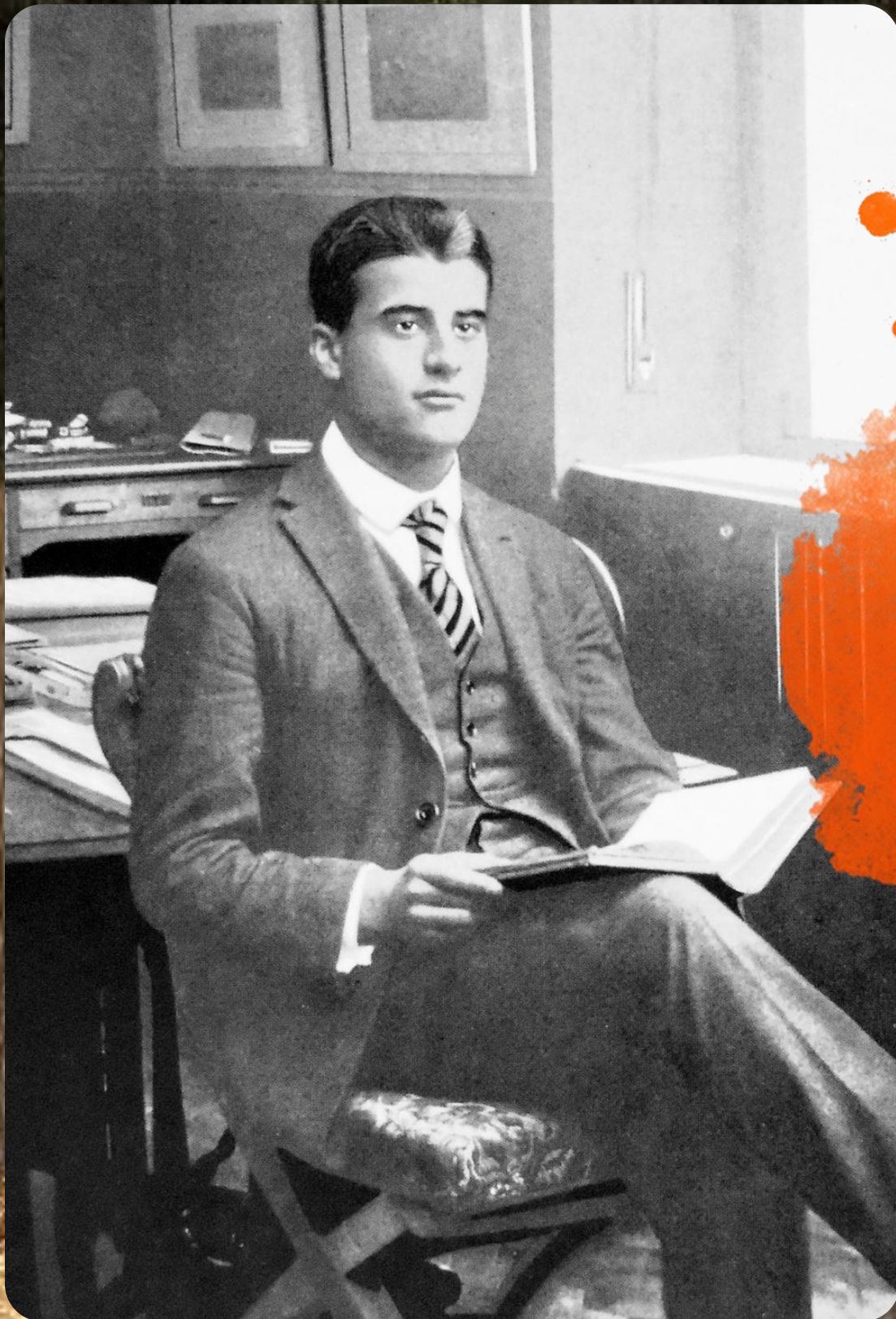
DEVOTION TO MARY AND THE ROSARY

PARTICIPATION IN GROUPS DEDICATED
TO PRAYER, THE SPIRITUAL LIFE, AND
SOCIAL ACTION



...ON AN ORDINARY PATH.

BEING A SAINT...



"Every now and then I ask myself: shall I go on trying to follow the right path? Will I have the good fortune to persevere to the end? In this tremendous clash of doubts, the faith given to me in baptism suggests to me with a sure voice, 'By yourself you can do nothing, but if you have God as the center of your every action, then, yes, you will reach the goal.'"

- Pier Giorgio Frassati -

...ON AN ORDINARY PATH.

BEING A SAINT...

**SOUGHT AND DEVELOPED DEEP
CONNECTIONS WITH...**

**...THE BEAUTY OF CREATION AROUND
HIM - AWED BY THE MOUNTAINS, THE
SEASHORE, HIKING TRAILS, ETC.**

**...WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS [REAL
INTERPERSONAL INTERACTIONS],
ESPECIALLY THE *TIPI LOSCHI*
("THE SHADY CHARACTERS").**

**...THE REALITY OF HIS OWN LIFE - HIS
GIFTS, TALENTS, LIMITATIONS, HOPES,
SORROWS, FAILINGS, SUCCESSES,
RESPONSIBILITIES, ETC.**



...ON AN ORDINARY PATH.

BEING A SAINT...



“Every day that passes, I fall more desperately in love with the mountains. I am ever more determined to climb the mountains, to scale mighty peaks, to feel that pure joy which can only be felt in the mountains. ... If my studies would allow me to do it, I would spend entire days on the mountains contemplating in that pure air the greatness of the Creator.”

- Pier Giorgio Frassati -

...ON AN ORDINARY PATH.

BEING A SAINT...

**MOVED FROM LITURGY TO LIFE,
MOVED FROM
THE ALTAR OF THE EUCHARIST
TO THE ALTAR OF HUMAN NEED,
UPON BOTH OF WHICH
HE OFFERED HIMSELF
IN LOVE OF GOD AND NEIGHBOR.**

**GENEROUS IN OFFERING HIMSELF IN
SERVICE TO FRIENDS, THE COMMUNITY
(BOTH CHURCH AND SOCIETY), AND
ESPECIALLY TO THE POOR.**

A TRUE MISSIONARY DISCIPLE!



...ON AN ORDINARY PATH.

BEING A SAINT...

"Jesus comes to me every day in Communion, and I return the visit by going to serve the poor."

- Pier Giorgio Frassati -

...ON AN ORDINARY PATH.



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CHECK OUT THESE RESOURCES:

www.piergiorgiofrassati.org

www.frassatiusa.org

YouTube videos: Search “Pier Giorgio Frassati”

Novena: <https://frassatiusa.org/novena-prayers>

*Get to Know Him!
Verso l'alto!*

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Check out www.FrassatiUSA.org and the YouTube video, *Pier Giorgio Frassati: Get to Know Him*.



Heavenly Father, give me the courage to strive for the highest goals and to flee every temptation to be mediocre. Enable me to aspire to greatness, as Pier Giorgio did, and open my heart with joy to Your call to holiness. Free me from the fear of failure. I want to be, Lord, firmly and forever united to You. Grant me the graces I ask You through the intercession of Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati by the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit, for You are God forever and ever. Amen.

SAINT PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI