

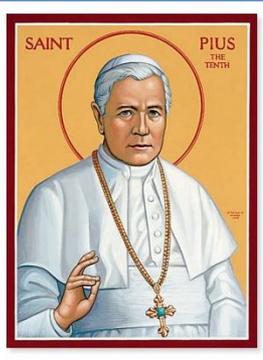
BIOGRAPHY

Pope Pius X, whose name previously was Joseph Sarto, was born in a village called Riese in the Venetian province. He enrolled among the students in the seminary of Padua and, when he had been ordained a Priest, was first a Curate in the town of Tombolo, then pastor at Salzano, then Canon and Chancellor of the Bishop's Curia at Treviso.

He was so outstanding in holiness that Pope Leo XIII made him Bishop of the Church of Mantua. Lacking in nothing that makes a good Pastor, he laboured particularly to teach young men called to the Priesthood; he fostered the beauty of Divine Worship and the growth of devout associations; he saw to the needs of the poor with generous charity. Because of his great merits, he was made a Cardinal and created Patriarch of Venice.

After the death of Pope Leo XIII, he took up the Supreme Pontificate like a cross, having refused it in vain. Placed upon the Chair of Peter, he gave up nothing of his former way of life. He shone especially in humility, simplicity and poverty. He ruled the Church firmly and adorned Her with brilliant teaching. As a most vigilant guardian of the faith, he condemned and suppressed Modernism, and the sum of all heresies; as a most zealous defender of the freedom of the Church, he boldly resisted those who strove to bring about Her downfall; he provided for the sound education of Clerics, brought the Laws of the Church together into one body; and greatly fostered the Cult and more frequent reception of the Eucharist.

Worn out with his labours and overcome with grief at the European War (WWI) which had just begun, he went to the Heavenly Homeland on 20th August in the Year of Our Lord, 1914. Pope Pius XII numbered him among the Saints.



**ST PIUS X
POPE & CONFESSOR**

**FEAST DAY:
3 SEPTEMBER (1962)
21 AUGUST (1969)**

COLLECT

○ God, Who to safeguard Catholic Faith and to restore all things in Christ, didst fill the Supreme Pontiff, Saint Pius, with Heavenly Wisdom and Apostolic Fortitude: grant in Thy Mercy: that by striving to fulfil his ordinances and to follow his example, we may reap eternal rewards. Through the Same Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son. Who Liveth and Reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen

NOVENA TO ST. PIUS X

Glorious Pope of the Eucharist, St. Pius X, you sought "to restore all things in Christ." Obtain for me a true love of Jesus so that I may live only for Him. Help me to acquire a lively fervour and a sincere will to strive for sanctity of life and that I may avail myself of the riches of the Holy Eucharist, which is Sacrifice and Sacrament. By your love for Mary, Mother and Queen, inflame my heart with tender devotion to her. Blessed model of the priesthood, obtain for us holy, dedicated priests, and increase vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Dispel confusion, hatred, and anxiety. Incline our hearts to peace so that all nations will place themselves under the Reign of Christ.

Amen

St. Pius X, pray for me. (Here mention your request).