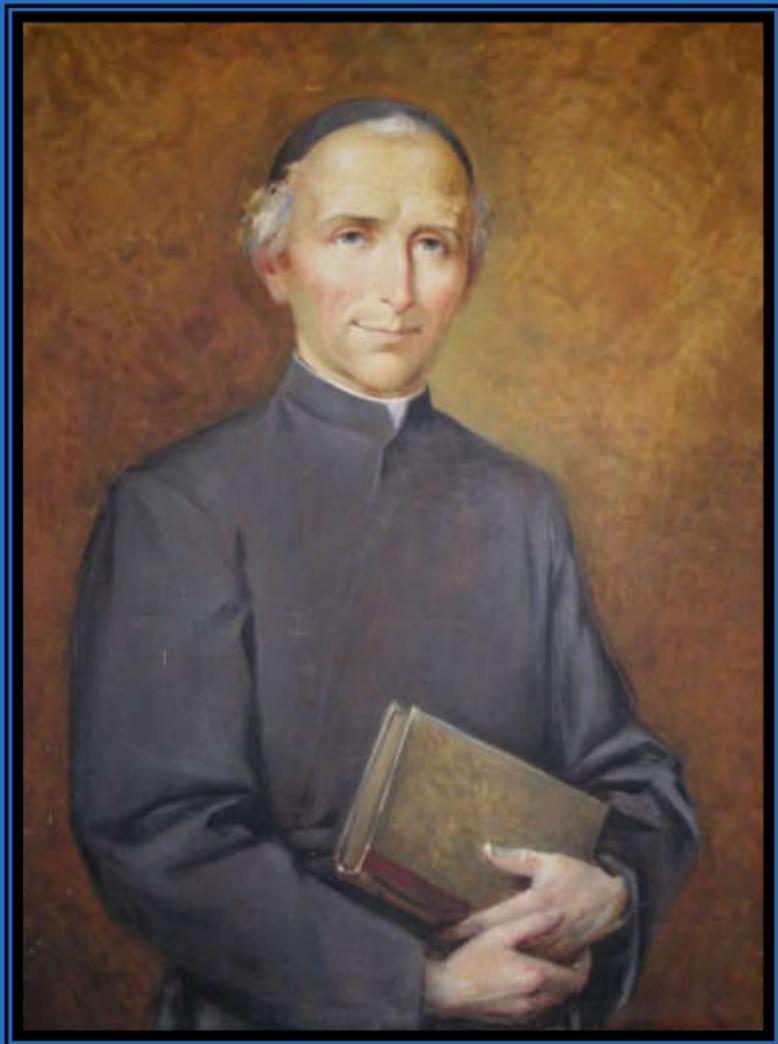


## A Lanterian prayer booklet



“*Mariam cogita, Mariam invoca*”  
*Think of Mary, Call on Mary*



## **ABOUT THIS BOOKLET**

Venerable Pio Bruno Lanteri is the founder and beloved spiritual father of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary. His cause for canonization was begun in 1920 and he was declared Venerable by Pope Paul VI in 1965. Confident in his sanctity, we await with joyful hope for that moment when he will one day be canonized.

This booklet contains some information about Venerable Bruno and a short selection of prayers and practices that he cherished. You may also recognize the founder in Oblate priests and brothers that you have known over the years. We ask for your continued prayerful support of the community as they continue to carry out the work Venerable Bruno began with his confrères over 200 years ago.

More information about Venerable Bruno can be found at [www.omvusa.org](http://www.omvusa.org), and clicking on “BRUNO LANTERI” in the top right corner of the website. Thank you for your support & God bless you and your loved ones!

## **About Venerable Bruno Lanteri**

Two centuries ago, Venerable Bruno Lanteri served the Church in the Piedmont region of northern Italy. It was a turbulent era. The anti-Christian spirit of the French Revolution was running rampant among those who continued to practice religion, the Jansenist heresy obscured the truth of God's love and mercy, while other ideologies undermined the authority of the Pope. It was in this context, in 1816, that Lanteri founded the congregation of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary to preach the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, proclaim the mercy of God, and guide people "to the truth of love." He wanted to show goodness to all and tried to help everyone seek genuine holiness. Lanteri always pointed to fidelity to the Church and fidelity to Mary as the guiding lights along the path of the Christian life. The Oblates of the Virgin Mary received papal approval from Pope Leo XI I on September 1, 1826.

## **Prayer for the Intercession of Venerable Bruno Lanteri**

O Father, fountain of all life and holiness, you gave Venerable Bruno Lanteri great faith in Christ, your Son, a lively hope, and an active love for the salvation of his brethren.

You made him a prophet of your word and a witness to your mercy.

He had a tender love for Mary, and by his very life, he taught fidelity to the Church.

Father, hear the prayer of your family, and through the intercession of Venerable Lanteri, grant us the grace for which we ask...

May he be raised to the altars, that we may give You greater praise. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



## **Marian Prayers**

*Ven. Bruno always encouraged great confidence in Mary, mother of Jesus*

### **HAIL MARY**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us  
sinners, now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

### **MEMORARE**

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known that anyone who  
fled to thy protection, implored thy help,  
or sought thy intercession, was left unaided.  
Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee,  
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee I  
come, before thee I stand, sinful and  
sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy,  
hear and answer me. Amen.

## THE ANGELUS

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

***Hail Mary...***

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord

R. Be it done unto me according to thy Word.

***Hail Mary...***

V. And the Word was made flesh

R. And dwelt among us.

***Hail Mary...***

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

## **From the Writings of Venerable Bruno**

“We can never hope too much. The one who hopes for everything, obtains everything.”

“Remember to lift up your heart often to God, but gently and with peace.”

“Oh, what a great thing it is, and how consoling, to serve as an instrument to glorify God!”

Say then with boldness, "Now I begin," and go forward constantly in God's service. Do not look back so often, because one who looks back cannot run. And do not be content to begin only for this year. Begin every day, because it is for every day, even for every hour of the day, that the Lord taught us to say in the Our Father, Forgive us our trespasses, and Give us this day our daily bread.

## **From the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius**

### ***Discernment of Spirits***

#### *What is proper to God*

It is proper to God and to His Angels in their movements to give true spiritual gladness and joy, taking away all sadness and disturbance which the enemy brings on. Of this latter it is proper to fight against the spiritual gladness and consolation, bringing apparent reasons, subtleties and continual fallacies.

It belongs to God our Lord to give consolation to the soul without preceding cause, for it is the property of the Creator to enter, go out and cause movements in the soul, bringing it all into love of His Divine Majesty. I say without cause: without any previous sense or knowledge of any object through which such consolation would come, through one's acts of understanding and will.

## **From the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius**

### ***Discernment of Spirits***

*What is characteristic of good/evil spirits*

In those who go on from good to better, the good Angel touches such soul sweetly, lightly and gently, like a drop of water which enters into a sponge; and the evil touches it sharply and with noise and disquiet, as when the drop of water falls on the stone.

It is proper to the evil Angel, who forms himself under the appearance of an angel of light, to enter with the devout soul and go out with himself: that is to say, to bring good and holy thoughts, conformable to such just soul, and then little by little he aims at coming out drawing the soul to his covert deceits and perverse intentions.

To learn more about making a retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises, visit St. Joseph Retreat House at [www.omvusa.org](http://www.omvusa.org).



## **Prayer for Vocations**

Loving Father, as Jesus begged the harvest master to send laborers into his vineyard, so we now ask you to bless the Oblates of the Virgin Mary with numerous vocations. May your Spirit draw men of integrity to love you intensely and serve you courageously in poverty, chastity, and obedience. Reveal your mercy toward them and remove the distractions and fears that keep them from echoing Mary's joyful "yes." Guide them in discerning the mission for which you created them, so that they will become wise yet gentle shepherds of souls. We ask this through the intercession of Fr. Lanteri and in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Fr. Pio Bruno Lanteri, pray for your sons, the  
Oblates of the Virgin Mary.



This Booklet is dedicated to the memory of  
Father Gregory Allen Staab, OMV

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, Father Staab grew up in Monroe, Wisconsin. He made his final vows with the Oblates of the Virgin Mary on November 1, 1983, and was ordained to the priesthood by Pope Saint John Paul II on May 31, 1984, in Rome. Father served in Rome until 1988, whereupon he returned to Boston and was assigned to Saint Clement Eucharistic Shrine and Our Lady of Grace Seminary.

Over the years, Father also served in California, Argentina, Massachusetts, and in the Philippines. He returned to Boston in 2014. Father Staab provided spiritual direction based on the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, and, with his deep devotion and great love for the Blessed Virgin Mary, guided many in making their Consecration to Jesus through Mary.

A well-known and beloved priest, Father Staab returned home to Our Lord on March 1, 2018.



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