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FEAST DAY OF ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI
UNION OF THE CATHOLIC APOSTOLATE

PRAYER TO ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI

More and more, our dear Father St.Vincent, we realize – some times because we are so distant, some other times because we are a little closer - that for your ideal of life always, in every circumstance, to love God is closely united to love our neighbor. And this is true for us now, in this very moment: to love God and to love our neighbor, that is, to love the one who sits at our side.

As your children, we ask you to unceasingly intercede with the Lord so that, through His grace, when returning to our communities, homes, families, ministries, works, services, we may always put the love for God and for those near us at the root of our whole life.

We, each and every one of the Work the Lord has called you to found, ask you to bless us with your own words so that through them we recognize we are brothers and sisters and bear witness to the whole world that we are one Family: *“I see you in God, I deal with you in God. I embrace you, I greet you and I love you in God. In God I always find myself united with you in all that you do, looking forward to our being reunited in God in the kingdom of heaven...”*¹

Amen

¹ OCL III, 694, p. 245, to Melia, Marinoni ed ai Fratelli; the biographical note, page 403-4, of Fr. Francesco Todisco's book, informs us that Melia and Marinoni were priests and that the 'I Fratelli', 'the Brothers', were: Francesco Vaschetti, a Somaschian priest; Gaetano Ceccarini, lay catechist; Teodoro Noethen, a priest; Francesco Triboli, layman; Tommaso Alkusi, layman.