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LOYALTY

“STICKING WITH SOMEONE.”

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DEFINITION

This week our strength building on the virtue of Love for God is LOYALTY.

The strength to make a cause more important than yourself enabling you to make sacrifices to achieve it.

Who inspires you the most to be more LOYAL?

Tell me about a person who has been especially LOYAL to you during your life.

Let's live today with a full heart, a heart that is LOYAL and willing to put the others first.

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RESOLUTION

Loyalty is the strength to make a cause more important than yourself enabling you to make sacrifices to achieve it.

Strive to smile at others. Make an effort to make others feel welcome and wanted even if you are not in the best of moods.

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SAINT STORY

BLESSED MIGUEL PRO

November 23

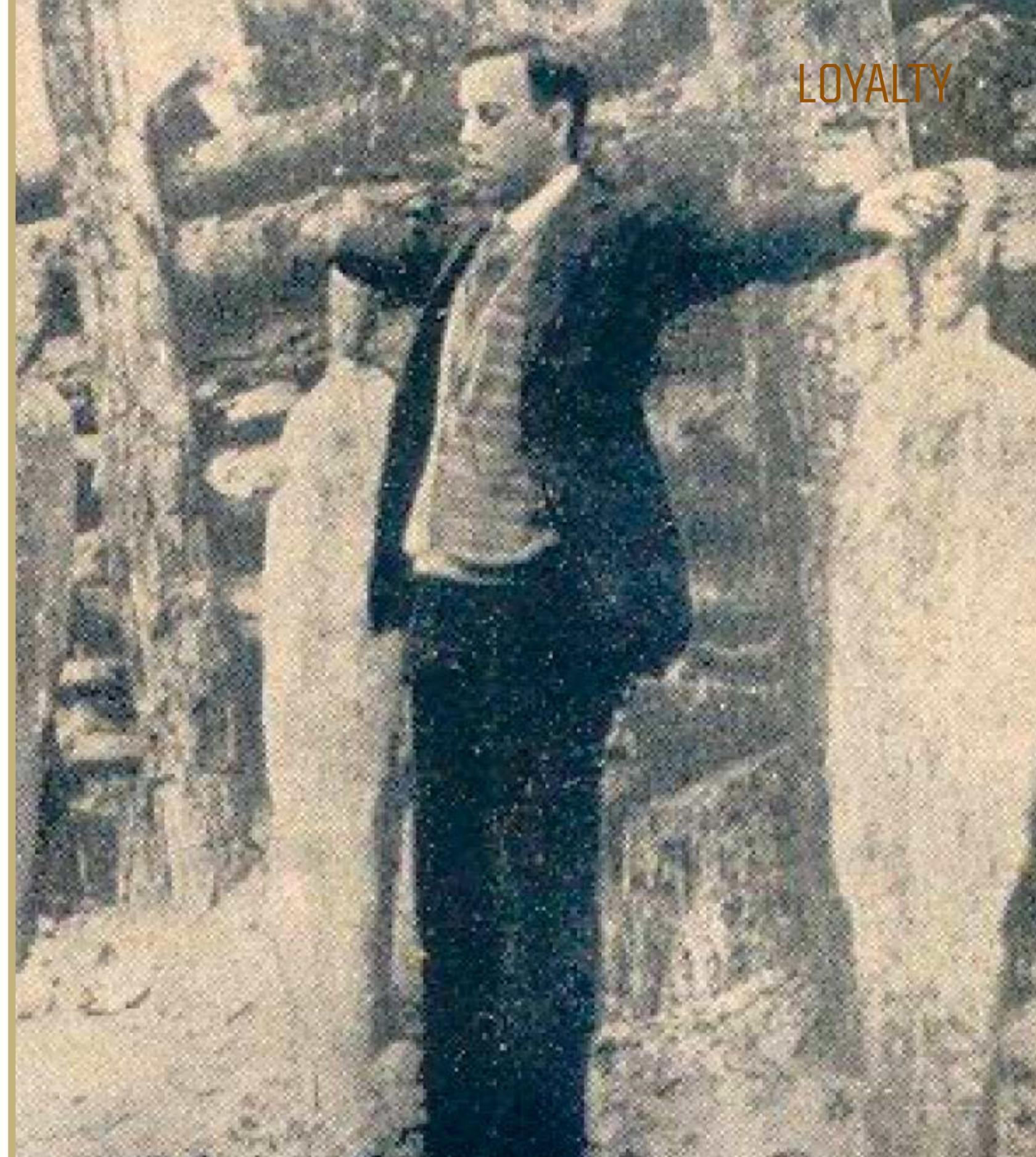
1891-1927

Blessed Miguel Pro was a Mexican Jesuit Catholic priest in a time when the Catholic Church was being persecuted in Mexico. To better serve the faithful in secret, Fr. Miguel would put on disguises to hide his identity as he traveled about bringing the Most Blessed Sacrament to those in need. Eventually he was caught, arrested and unjustly accused of being a rebel.

As Fr Miguel walked from his jail cell to the courtyard and the firing squad, he blessed the soldiers, knelt, and briefly prayed quietly. Declining a blindfold, he faced his executioners with a crucifix in one hand and a rosary in the other and held his arms out in imitation of the crucified Christ and shouted out, "May God have mercy on you! May God bless you! Lord, Thou knowest that I am innocent! With all my heart I forgive my enemies!" Before the firing squad was ordered to shoot, Pro raised his arms in imitation of Christ and shouted the defiant cry of the Cristeros, "Viva Cristo Rey!" – "Long live Christ the King!". When the initial shots of the firing squad failed to kill him, a soldier shot him at point-blank range.

At Pro's beatification in Saint Peter's Square on September 25, 1988, Pope John Paul II said:

"Neither suffering nor serious illness, nor the exhausting ministerial activity, frequently carried out in difficult and dangerous circumstances, could stifle the radiating and contagious joy which he brought to his life for Christ and which nothing could take away. Indeed, the deepest root of self-sacrificing surrender for the lowly was his passionate love for Jesus Christ and his ardent desire to be conformed to him, even unto death."



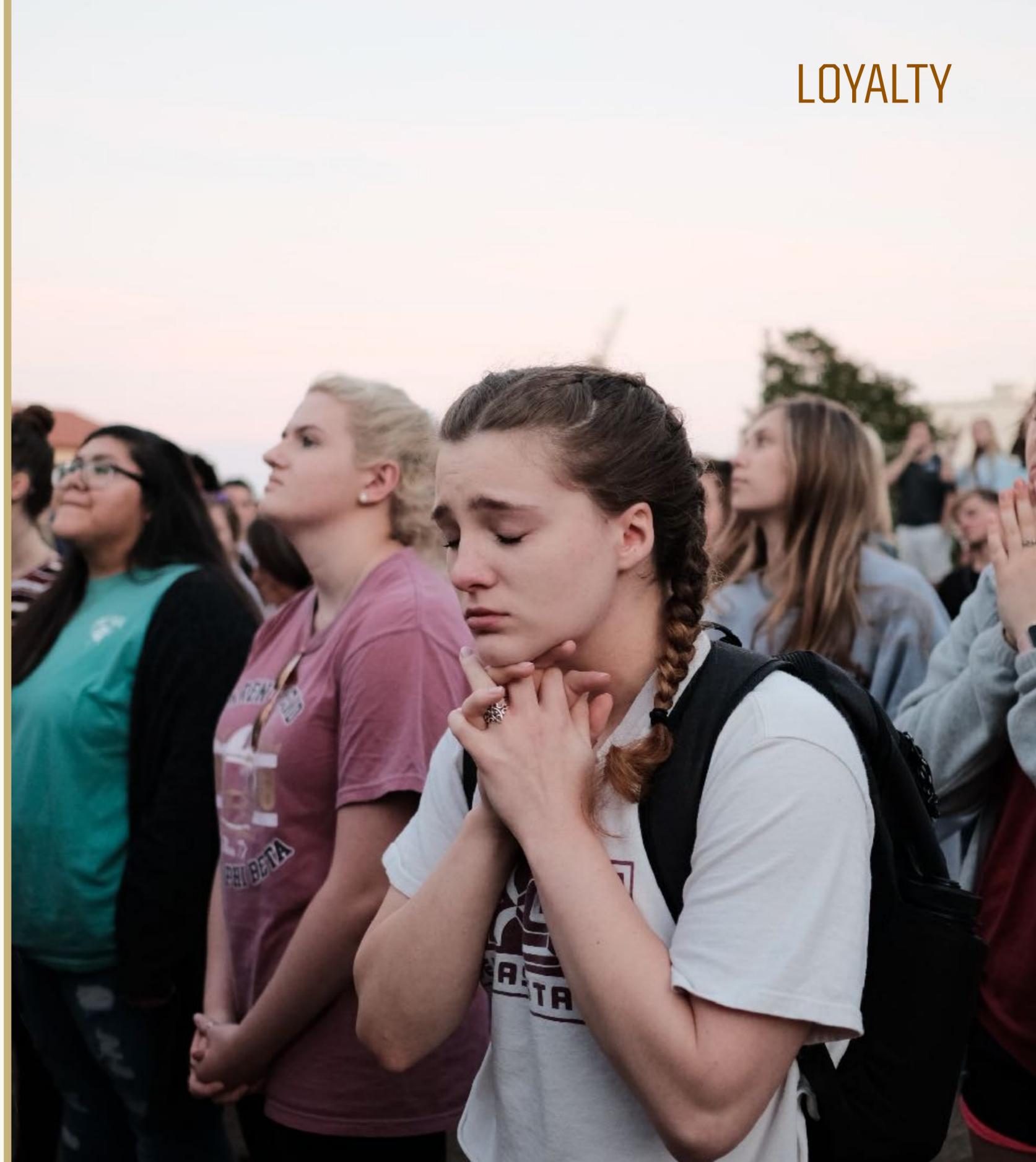
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*“In every disappointment let your heart fly directly
to your dear Savior.*

Jesus will never leave you or forsake you.”

- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



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VICE

EXAMPLES OF DISLOYALTY

- *When you give your word that you will do something and you don't do it.
- *When you make a promise and you go back on it.
- *When you are a part of a team, job, group and you agree to do a few things as your role and you don't follow through.
- *When you know you haven't kept your promise or your word and you make excuses for it ... you were too busy, you forgot, you ran out of time ...

The easiest way to appreciate how ugly and hurtful this vice is, is to imagine friends or teammates doing these things to you when you are depending on them.



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