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“STICKING WITH SOMEONE.”

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OPENING PRAYER

Lord, You were the perfect example of LOYALTY as You made us more important than Yourself and You made so many sacrifices for us.

Help us to be LOYAL to one another.

May we be more and more like You each day.

Let us love and help each other!

Our Father is in Heaven,

And Jesus is our Brother,

And Mary is our Mother,

And the Blessed Saints above

And the friends on earth we love,

Nay every human creature is the child of our dear
Father in Heaven.

Let us love and be loved, forgive and be forgiven.



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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 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

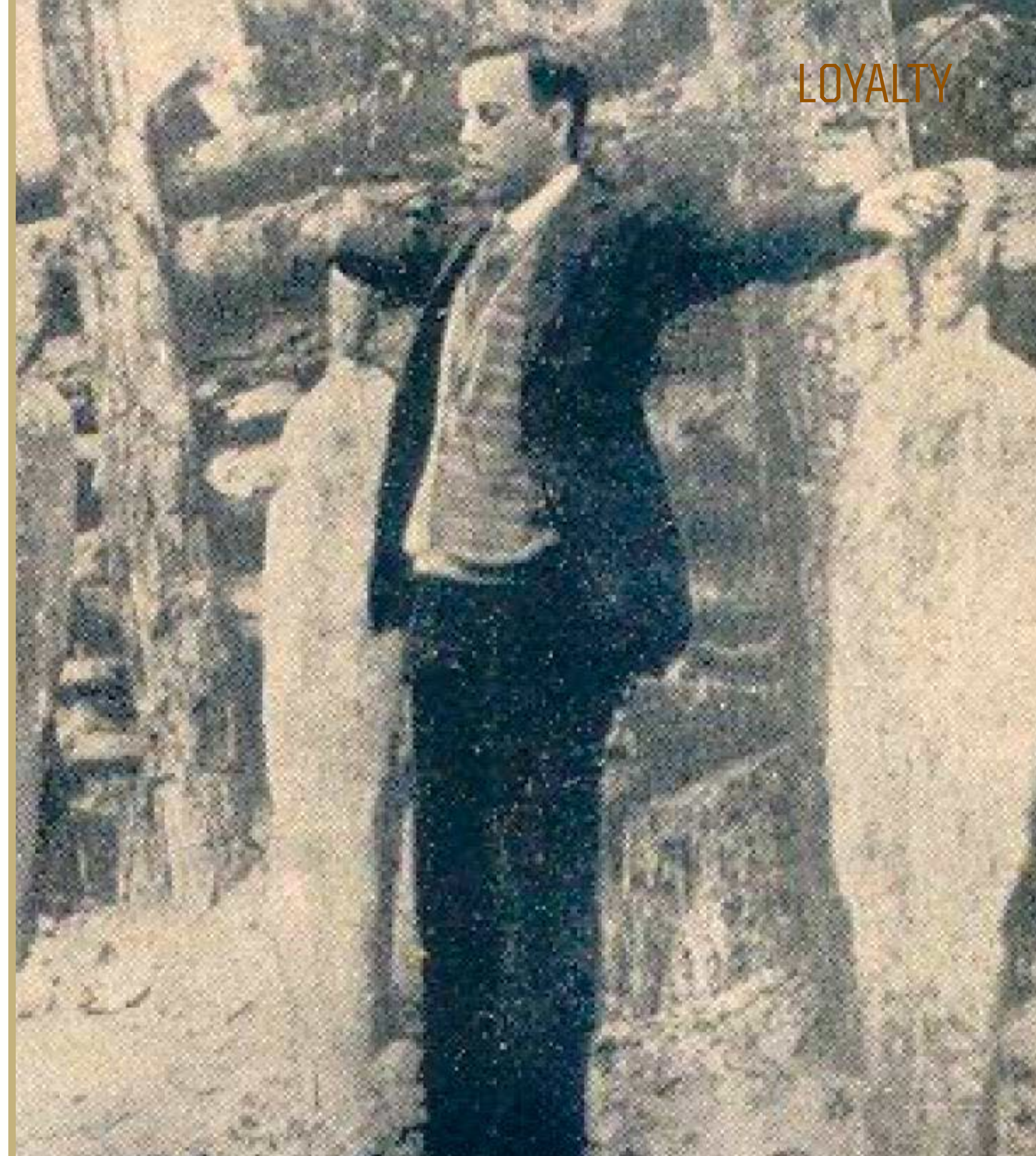
1891-1927

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."



JOHN 6: 56-69

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

These things he said while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. Then many of his disciples who were listening said, “This saying is hard; who can accept it?”

Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, “Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

But there are some of you who do not believe.” Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father.” As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.

Jesus then said to the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?” Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.”



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*“God sends us friends to be our firm support
in the struggle.”*

*In the company of friends we will find
strength to attain our sublime ideal.”*

- St. Maximilian Kolbe

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“What a great favor God does to those He places in the company of good people.”

- St. Teresa of Avila



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DISLOYALTY

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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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