

Monday, January 25, 2021

The Conversion of Saint Paul, the Apostle

Today concludes the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Of course, we continue to prayer for that unity throughout the year. It concludes on the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul fittingly and it began originally on the old church calendar's Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Rome (now celebrated on February 22 and known simply as the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, the Apostle). Conversion is God's initiative but it also depends upon us and our free will to accept this gift. Saul, after he had for some time been rounding up Christians for imprisonment, encounters the bright light and hears a voice speaking to him, "Saul, Saul why are you persecuting me?" He is blinded and after three days recovers his sight and is baptized. He gives his life entirely over to Christ and announces Jesus as the Son of God to both Jews and Gentiles. May we live our lives entirely for Jesus Christ and bring others to Jesus through our actions and our words.

God Love You!

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