

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

We will celebrate three saints who sanctified North America this week and today it is a Redemptorist priest from Bohemia who became the Bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. He influenced many from the old Austro-Hungarian Empire to seek out a new life in the United States, including other priests who followed, such as Venerable Frederick Baraga. He began the diocesan school system and was big in catechetics and teaching the faith. What moves all saints is the words we hear from St. John's first Letter today: "In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins." We see that very love in the Gospel: "When Jesus saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things." St. John Neumann followed in the way of Jesus, as Bishop teaching and leading his people to Jesus Christ. St. John Neumann, pray for us!

God Love You!

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