

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter

*Saint Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest*

The Acts of the Apostles mentions the Holy Spirit moving the disciples to spread the word of God. Without the Holy Spirit, how can we act and do the works of God? How wonderful that God grants such a great gift, for without this gift of the Holy Spirit, where would we be?

We believe in Jesus and the One who sent Him. It is as simple as that. Jesus could not be any clearer. He is light and gives eternal life. What more do we need? Let us take to heart, once again, these beautiful words of Jesus.

St. Peter Chanel and St. Louis de Montfort did just that. These Frenchmen had a great devotion to Mary. Peter, a Marist priest, gave his life serving on the island of Futuna in the Southwest Pacific Ocean. He struggled to learn the language of the islanders but remained joyful among the natives. He had few converts but after he was martyred, the entire nation shortly afterwards became Christian. Louis was not welcomed in parts of France but welcomed by the Pope in Rome, who sent him back to Brittany in France to continue his missionary preaching. His love for Mary and the rosary helped him write *True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*.

Saint Peter Chanel and Saint Louis Grignion de Monfort, pray for us!

God Love You!

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