

PRAYER TO
ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, SJ
IN TIMES OF EPIDEMICS



St. Aloysius Gonzaga, you were eager to care for your suffering brothers and sisters in Christ, in the midst of a terrible epidemic. You persisted in seeking permission to care for the sick, even though you knew it might endanger your own health. You felt natural revulsion toward the unpleasant realities of the sickness around you, but you wholeheartedly threw yourself into the task of caring for those who were ill and dying.

I pray through your powerful intercession for all those who are affected by this epidemic. May the Lord bring healing to the sick, wisdom to medical professionals, prudence to our civil leaders, charity towards all and hope to those who are discouraged.

St Aloysius Gonzaga, pray for us.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be...

St. Aloysius (Luigi) Gonzaga, S.J.

**Patron of Young People and of
Victims of Epidemics**

Aloysius (Luigi) was born in Lombardy, Italy in 1568, the son of the Marquis of Castiglione. He was raised in the courts of Italy's noble families and was highly respected for his intellectual gifts, his skill as a natural born leader and for his intense faith and devotional practices. He was repulsed by the decadent lifestyle of Renaissance nobility and was known for his strict religious practices to preserve his purity.

Luigi became convinced that he had a vocation to the Society of Jesus. He renounced his royal title and entered the Society in 1585.

As a Jesuit in training, Luigi immersed himself in works of service to the poor and needy in Rome. He visited prisoners, taught catechism to street children and cared for the sick and dying.

It was while tending to the dying plague victims of Rome that he himself became infected and died on June 21, 1591. He was canonized a saint in 1726