

ST. JOHN OF GOD CHAPEL
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OUR PATRON

St. John of God, Patron Saint of hospitals, hospital workers, the sick and the dying. He is also Patron Saint of booksellers and fireman.

John Ciudad was born in a small town in Portugal in 1495. He grew to adulthood in Spain and spent much of his life as a shepherd, soldier, bookseller, and laborer. Around the age of 40, he settled in Granada where he underwent a conversion experience so intense that he was for a time placed in a hospital for the insane. This gave him an experience of the kind of treatment then available for the afflicted, and he decided to devote the rest of his life to caring for those in need. He established a hospital in Granada; his sincerity and hospitality to the poor and sick led the people of that city to begin calling him John of God.

THE ST. JOHN OF GOD PRAYER

Rev. Thomas L. Seagrave

Dear God, through the intercession of St John of God, patron of the poor and the sick, grant me the grace this day to greet every person that I meet with understanding and compassion. Reveal to me their needs and give me the means and inspire in my heart the humility and generosity of St. John so that I might be to them a revelation of Christ's love. Amen.