

The Legacy of a Saint

Fr. Guanella's vision extended beyond his time to movements that are of concern to Catholics even today – social action, education, youth movements and the lay apostolate.

The dignity of the human person was a priority in all of Fr. Guanella's works. In particular, he wanted to maintain this dignity for those who were considered society's outcasts.

Often the old, incurable and the physically and mentally handicapped were left in pitiable condition by relatives who had no desire or knowledge of how to give them this human dignity. Eventually, he established homes for their care and founded the Servants of Charity and the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence to staff them.

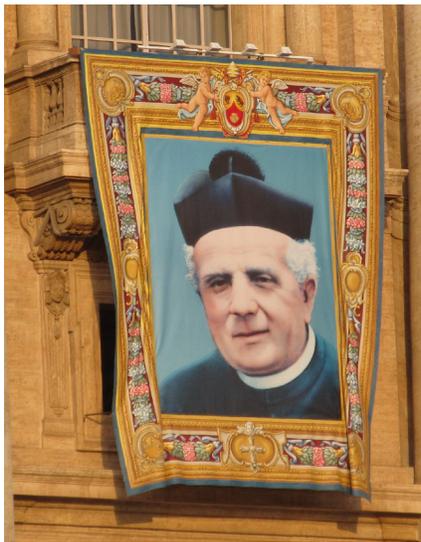
He believed that each human life has value because it is a gift from God, and that it cannot be measured by its achievements. When he died, he left the residents of his

homes, "good children," to his priests and sisters as most precious gifts, his treasures.

"His life was a continuous journey of love for God and humanity, by giving himself in a special way to the most in need of this world, to pass on to them the fatherly love of Our Father who is in heaven.

The public recognition of his holiness by the Church is particularly meaningful to show the world that it is possible to establish the kingdom of God among men, even among the least in our present society." (Fr. Umberto Brugnoli, Superior General of the Servants of Charity, October 18, 2021)

On October 23rd this year, we celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Canonization of St. Louis Guanella for whom the St. Louis Center is named. May his legacy continue to inspire all who take part in this mission of mercy as residents, staff, families, friends or donors.



St. Louis Guanella's banner hung on St. Peter's Basilica the day of his canonization in Rome, October 23, 2011.

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