



St. Robert

September 17

Who was St. Robert?

St. Robert Bellarmine, also known as St. Roberto Bellarmino, was a prominent figure in the Catholic Church during the late 16th and early 17th centuries. He was born in Italy in 1542 and is recognized for his significant contributions as a cardinal and religious scholar.

St. Robert Bellarmine dedicated his life to serving and defending the Church and its doctrine. He joined the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits, in 1560 and went on to pursue his studies in philosophy and religious studies. Excelling in academics, St. Robert earned his doctorate and became a professor at the University of Louvain in Belgium.

Known for his intelligence and religious expertise, St. Robert Bellarmine played a crucial role during the Counter-Reformation, a period of renewed efforts by the Catholic Church to address the challenges caused by the Protestant Reformation. He was a prolific writer, producing numerous works defending the Catholic doctrine. His most notable work, *"Disputations on the Controversies of the Christian Faith,"* addressed key disputes of the time and became a standard reference in the defense of Catholicism.

In recognition of his profound insights and contributions to the Church, St. Robert Bellarmine was appointed a cardinal by Pope Clement VIII in 1599. He served as a trusted advisor to multiple popes and played an active role in critical debates and councils. St. Robert Bellarmine also played a crucial role in the Galileo affair, seeking to reconcile Galileo's discoveries with the Church's teachings.

Beyond his religious educational pursuits, St. Robert Bellarmine was known for his humility, piety, and pastoral care. He dedicated himself to the spiritual well-being of the faithful, promoting moral and ethical teachings grounded in love and compassion.

St. Robert Bellarmine's feast day is celebrated on September 17th. He is revered as a saint, doctor of the Church, and a model of intellectual rigour combined with deep faith. His commitment to the defence of Catholic doctrine and his contributions to theological scholarship have left a lasting impact on the Church and continue to inspire generations of believers.

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Quotes

"Whoever finds God, finds everything; whoever loses God, loses everything."

"The fruits of prayer are these three advantages: merit, forgiveness and graces."

"The Lord's Prayer teaches us everything we should desire, hope, and ask God for."

Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

O God our Father,
following the example of St. Robert Bellarmine,
make us love Your Word.

In our difficulties,
in the hopeless moments of our lives,
may we know how to seek in You encouragement,
strength, inspiration and light for our steps.

Amen.

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FEAST DAY:
September 17

SCHOOL LOCATION:
Markham, ON

"If you have wisdom, you understand that you were created for the glory of God and for your eternal salvation. This is your purpose, this is the centre of your soul, this is the treasure of your heart".

– St. Robert Bellarmine

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