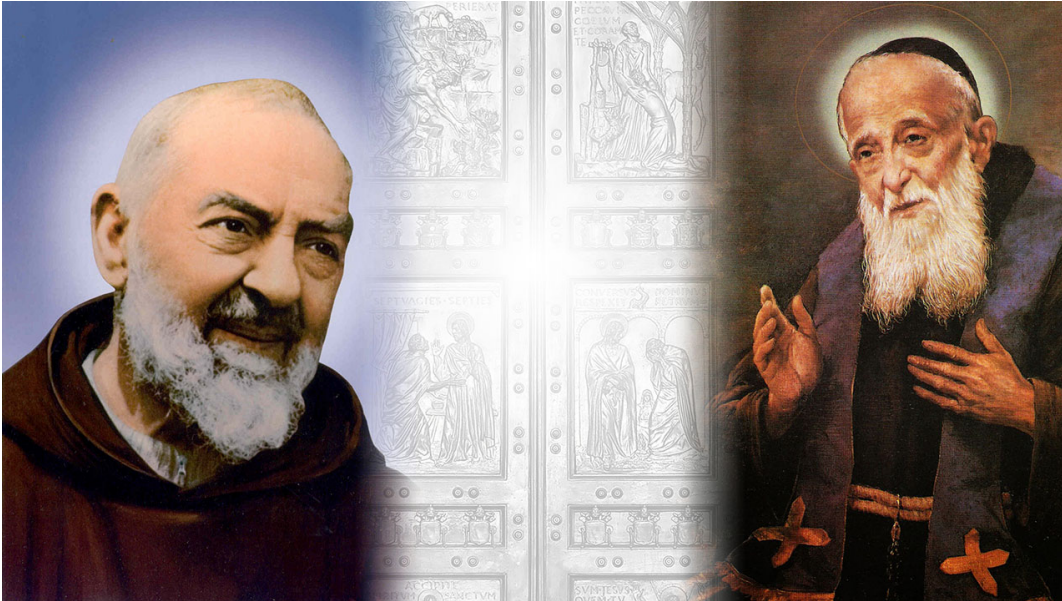




The relics of Saint Pio and Saint Leopold in Rome

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On Ash Wednesday, the Holy Father will officially commission the Missionaries of Mercy (M.V. 18) with their mandate.

For this occasion the mortal remains of Saint Pio da Pietralcina and Saint Leopoldo Mandic will be brought to Rome. These are two great saints known by everyone as examples of Mercy.

The urns containing the relics of the saints will be in Rome from 3 to 11 February; below is the schedule of the main events planned:

3 February

Basilica of Saint Lawrence Outside the Walls (San Lorenzo fuori le Mura)

15:00: Liturgy welcoming the relics of Saint Pio and Saint Leopoldo, presided by Fr. Gianfranco Palmisani, Provincial Minister of the Friars Minor Cappuchin of the Province of Rome

18:00: Celebration of the Eucharist presided by S. Em. Card. Agostino Vallini, Vicar General of Rome

20:30: Prayer Vigil presided by Fr. Mauro Jöhri, Minister General of the Friars Minor Cappuchin

4 February

Basilica of Saint Lawrence Outside the Walls (San Lorenzo fuori le Mura)

7:30: Celebration of the Eucharist

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20:30: Interobbediential Penitential Liturgy presided by S.E.R. Mons. Rino Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization

Jubilee Church San Salvatore in Lauro

22:00: Celebration of the Eucharist presided by S.E.R. Mons. Rino Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization

Followed by: nighttime prayer vigil

5 February

Jubilee Church San Salvatore in Lauro

14:00: Celebration of the Eucharist presided by S.E. Mons. Michele Castoro, Archbishop of Manfredonia, Vieste, San Giovanni Rotondo

16:00: Procession with the relics of the two saints to Saint Peter's Basilica

Reception of the relics by S. Em. Card. Angelo Comastri, Archpriest of Saint Peter's Basilica

6 February

Saint Peter's Square

10:00: Jubilee Audience with the Holy Father for Padre Pio prayer groups

14:00: Exposition of the relics for veneration by the faithful in Saint Peter's Basilica

7 – 8 - 9 February

Saint Peter's Basilica

Exposition of the relics for veneration by the faithful

10 February

Saint Peter's Basilica

17:00: Solemn Eucharistic Celebration of Ash Wednesday with Pope Francis, and the commissioning of the Missionaries of Mercy

11 February

Saint Peter's Basilica

7:30: Celebration of the Eucharist

presided by S.E.R. Rino Fisichella

Departure of the relics of the two saints