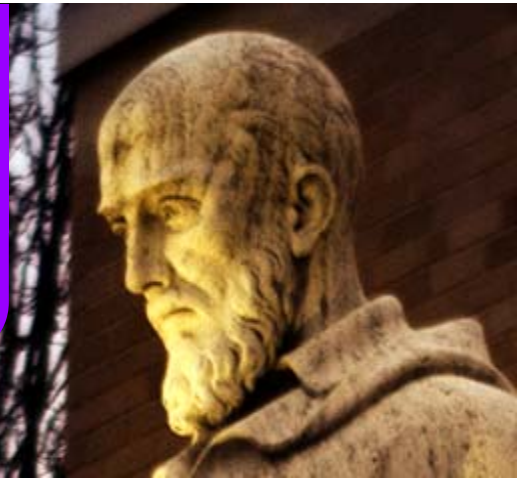


A Moment With De Sales

Richard R. DeLillio, OSFS

All Are One



A Salesian Lenten Time Reflection



Every Ash Wednesday, we stand in line to have ashes placed on our foreheads. We stand with fidgety teenagers, with tired men and women, and with energetic young people. Each of us hears the same words: "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return."

Every smudged forehead speaks of our roots to the same earth. Though different in appearance, in gifts, and in careers, we all share a common bond.

While Ash Wednesday recalls our common ties to Easter, Easter Sunday recalls our common ties to heaven. Lent is a microcosm of our common destiny. We all journey together; therefore, we need to be together.

St. Francis de Sales recognizes our common bond in these words:

"When we look upon the actions of our neighbor, let us look on them in the light that is the gentlest."

A Reading from Romans 5:18

Therefore just as one man's sin led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all.