

St. Peter Chrysologus, 380-450, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Feast Day: July 30th



Brief Biography

Peter was born in Imola, Italy in 380. Cornelius, Bishop of Imola, educated him and ordained him a deacon. Around the year 425, he was appointed Archbishop of Ravenna. He was a staunch defender of the Catholic faith and sought to eradicate paganism from his see. He influenced the development of the Church through his careful administration and constant preaching. His reputation as a preacher caused him to be given the name Chrysologus, “a man of golden words.” (The Book of Saints, Victor Hoagland, C.P. , Regina Press, 1986)

He is believed to have died at Imola around the year 450, and was named a Doctor of the Church in 1729.

Why St. Peter Chrysologus is identified with the Eucharist

Peter is remembered particularly for his sermons, 176 in all, packed with insight into the Scriptures. Some have remarked that few of Peter’s sermons would have required more than five minutes to deliver, making them a marvel of brevity in the

ancient world. In them, Peter consistently witnessed to the traditional belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Brief Quotation

“He is the Bread sown in the Virgin, leavened in the flesh, baked in the furnace of the sepulcher, placed in the churches, and set upon the altars, which daily supplies heavenly food to the faithful.”

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