



San Jose Sanchez del Rio
Born 1913 – Died 1928
Martyred at age 14

Proclaimed a Saint October 2016
Feast February 10

Let us remember... **ALL:** that we are in the holy presence of God

ALL: Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.

Leader: Then I said, “Lord, God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.”

ALL: But the Lord said to me, “Do not think that! Behold, I have put my words in our mouth. See, this day I have set you over nations and over kingdoms, to pick up and to tear down, to build and to plant.”

The word of the Lord did come to me saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Pause for quiet reflection.

Reader 1 (*from Second Glance by Jodi Picoult*)

Heroes didn’t leap tall buildings or stop bullets with an outstretched hand; they didn’t wear boots and capes. They bled, and they bruised, and their superpowers were as simple as listening or loving. Heroes were ordinary people who knew that even if their own lives were impossibly knotted, they could untangle someone else’s. And maybe that one act could lead someone to rescue you right back.

Pause briefly to hear what was just read.

Reader 2 (*from the Reinvention of Work by Matthew Fox*)

True leadership – leadership that is sacramental and sacred – is always for the people “that the people might live.” It is not for ego’s sake or fame or money or power for the individual; it is

leadership for the empowerment of the greatest number. Such leadership is prophetic, is justice oriented, holds a vision for the future and does not legitimize the status quo. It shares power and instructs others in their capacity for leadership.

Pause briefly to hear what was just read.

Let us offer our concerns to this community and ask for its prayer:

We remember those entrusted to our care, especially those most in need physically, emotionally, psychologically, or spiritually. Let us raise them up to the Lord.

All: Lord graciously hear our prayer

For whom or for what else shall we pray?
(Our response is: Lord graciously hear our prayer.)

Closing Prayer Together

Lord, your call to serve the young and poor is also a call to lead.
Today I answer your call.
I ask to be blessed by you and to become a blessing to others – my family, my colleagues, those entrusted to my care, and to the world.
Open my mind to your wisdom for my own good and for the good of those I serve.
May I use your gifts to be your presence, to inspire and support others,
To decrease when others must increase, to stand firm in what is right,
And to lead with faith, zeal, care and vigilance.
And may I always help the youth entrusted to us to know your love, to know they are leaders,
to know they too speak the words you place in their mouths.
May we all be one, living in your love.
Amen.

A little more about St. Jose Sanchez del Rio

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFuqtiV5868&list=PL5_ax08Z6UX-5QSCNXaeyfxXZvGGZnYPz

<https://ace.nd.edu/news/honoring-saint-jose-sanchez-del-rio-viva-cristo-rey>