

The Cure of Ars and St. Philomena

“Mysterious and wonderful is the sympathy which thrills through the communion of saints, unbroken by distance, undimmed by time, unchilled by death! The youthful saint went forth from her mother’s arms to die for Christ; the lictor’s ax cropped the budding lily, and pious hands gathered it up and laid it in the tomb; and so fifteen centuries went by, and none on earth thought upon the virgin martyr who was following the Lamb whithersoever He went, till the time came when the Lord would have her glory to appear; and then He chose a champion for her in the lonely toil-worn priest to whom He had given a heart as childlike, and a love as heroic as her own; He gave her to be the helpmate of his labors, and bade her stand by him to shelter his humility behind the brightness of her glory lest he should be affrighted at the knowledge of his own power with God.”

Quote by Cardinal Manning, from *Saint Philomena, Powerful With God*, by Sister Marie Helene Mohr, S.C.