

*The Filipino Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia
and the Filipino Executive Council of Greater Philadelphia*

cordially invite you to the

**Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila
First Filipino Martyr and Saint**

*and to celebrate the
YEAR OF MERCY*



*on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at 1:00 pm
Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church
5200 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19141*

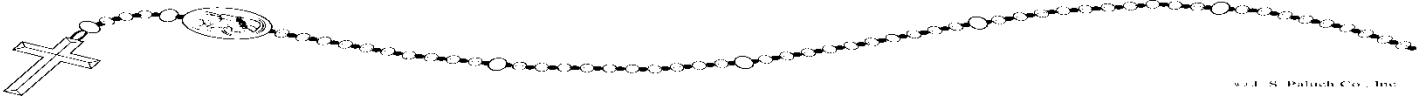


*His Excellency, Archbishop Bernardito C. Auza, DD
Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations
Main Celebrant and Homilist*

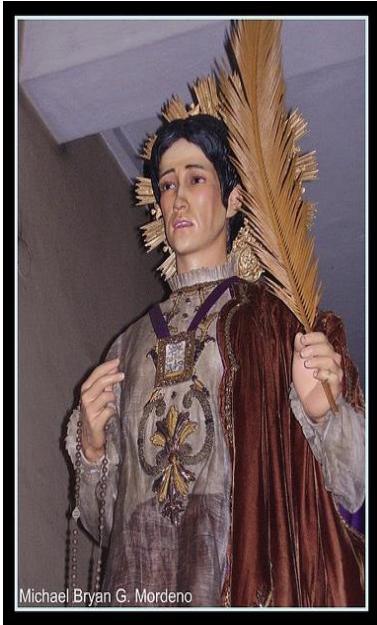
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SAINT LORENZO RUIZ DE MANILA (ca. 1600-1637),
Born in Binondo, Manila, grew in faith, nurtured by his Chinese father and Filipino mother. He served as a sacristan at a local convent and later developed his skill as a calligrapher, transcribing sacramental documents for the Binondo Dominican parish. He married and had three children, two boys and a girl. Suddenly, the life of this trustworthy religious man changed dramatically. Falsely accused of murder in 1636, Lorenzo escaped with the help of Dominican missionaries. They boarded a ship headed for Japan during a time of persecution of Christians. Shortly after their arrival in Okinawa, they were all captured, taken to Nagasaki, and tortured for their beliefs. Rather than deny his faith, San Lorenzo Ruiz suffered a grueling martyrdom. The Church celebrates the feast day of this first canonized saint of the Philippines on September 28.

“I am a Catholic and I will remain a Catholic even to the point of death. Only to God will I offer my life. Even if I had a thousand lives, I will still offer them to Him.”

Novena to SAN LORENZO RUIZ DE MANILA **First Filipino martyr and Saint**

Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell, but most of all, because they offend You, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

Let us Pray:

O God, our loving Father: Your Son Jesus Christ delivered himself in sacrifice to You for: the love of men. Inspire us to love You with all our heart to the point of sacrifice. Your providential hand led your servants San Lorenzo and Companions to the land of Japan to imitate the sacrifice of Christ and to proclaim the Gospel of truth and the message of salvation. We humbly beseech You, through the intercession of these Holy martyrs, that we be given the grace of remaining faithful to You always as they did and that the light of the Gospel illumine all corners of our Christian motherland and of all countries near and far. We ask you this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(silently mention the special favor you are asking for through this novena)

One "Our Father." Ten "Hail Mary's." One "Glory be."

SAN LORENZO RUIZ DE MANILA, PRAY FOR US.