

He was a well-educated man who studied law and theology and became a senator during the time of Pope Julius II. Like other priests, Saint Cajetan sought a deeper meaning in his life and decided to step down from his office to study for the priesthood. He was ordained in 1516 and became a priest in his mid-thirties. After a few years of service, he went back to Northern Italy to serve the sick and poor.



In 1523, Cajetan went back to Rome with three other well-educated noblemen to form the small congregation called the Theatines. The Theatines' goal is to preach correct doctrines, teach the knowledge of the Scripture, and aid the impoverished of Rome. Saint Cajetan became a great reformer that helped the Church shift its focus to moral rectitude. After his death, he was canonized in 1671.

PRAYER TO ST. CAJETAN

St. Cajetan, you first learned about faith from your pious mother. From her, you learned how to serve God with devotion. As a young man, you studied the faith more as you earned a degree in canon law. You did not immediately set out to become a priest, but you eventually realized God was calling you to this path. Pray that I may be open to God, leading me in an unexpected direction. Pray that I will be open to following Him. As a priest, you served God wholeheartedly. You served Him in the poor and suffering, and you desired to reform His Church.

Pray for me, that I may serve God as fervently as you did!

Please also pray for (mention your intentions here).

St. Cajetan of Thiene, pray for us!

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.