

# **Gozos ni Sr. San Juan Sahagun by the St. Cecilia Choir Toledo City Cebu**

GOZOS ALANG KANG SR.. SAN JUAN SA LABING MAINIT NGA GUGMA UG  
KALOOY MO NGA WALAY TUPONG

MGA PAGPANGHUPAW NAMO DUNGGA SAN JUAN NGA AMONG PATRON (2X)  
(Ref.)

01)SA BATAN-ON NGANI KA PA/DAAN NA NGA MALOLOY-ON/KAY SA MGA  
PAGAMPO KA BUNGA/UG SA GRASYA KA HUPONG./ (Ref.)

02)WALA KAY LAIN NGA TINGUHA/KON DILI ANG DUNGOG NGA DIOSNON  
ANG KALIBUTAN WA MO IGAKABANA/ KAY KANG KRISTO KA MOUNONG  
(Ref.)

03)ARON MAHINGPIT ANG GUGMA/UG ANG IMONG PAGKAMALOLOY-ON/ SA  
SAKIT GIPABATI KA/PAGSULAY SA IMONG KATARONG/ (Ref.)

04)SA PAGKA-AGUSTINO MISULOD KA/ PAGLIKAY SA MGA KALIBUTANON/  
NAGPENITENSIYA KA UG NAGPUASA/ ARON SA LANGIT KA MAHIAGOM/  
(Ref.)

05)SA IMONG MGA PAMISA/ SA LABING MAINIT NGA DEBOSYON/ SI CRISTO  
NAGPAKITA SA OSTIA/SA PANAHON SA CONSAGRASYON (Ref.)

06)SA KAPUNGOT SA DUKE SA ALBA/ NAGSUGO NGA IKAW PATYON/  
TUNGOD SA PAGWALI MO KANIYA/ MGA SINUGO NANGUROG SA DAYON/  
(Ref.)

07)MGA PAGPAUBOS UG PAGPUASA/MGA MILAGRO UG PAG-ORASYON/ SA  
MGA LIMBONG KA MAKAILA/TUNGOD SA GAHUM NA DIOSNON (Ref.)

08)SA ATABAY NAHULOG NGA BATA/ GIBENDISYONAN MO GILAYON/  
MITUBO ANG TUBIG HASTA SA BABA/ BUHI ANG BATA NGA HIMALAYON/  
(Ref.)

09)SA TORMES MASULOG NGA SAPA/ SAPA NA LABING HALAWOM/ ANG  
TAWONG GIDAGSA IMONG GIKUHA/ ANG KASULOG IMONG GIPAHUNONG  
(Ref.)

10)KAMING TANAN NGA NAGANOVENA/ UG NAGAAMPO NGA  
LUNGSORANON/ SA MGA PANABANG MO DASIGA/ MGA MAHIMONG

MAPAUBSANON/ (Ref.)

11)SA MGA KADAUTAN LUWASA ANG LUNGSOD/ O SANTOS NGA  
TALAHURON/ SA MGA MATA MO LINGIA/ KAY IKAW MAN/ANG MALOLOY  
ON/ (Ref.)

Life of St. John of Sahagun

Saint John was a peacemaker. He defended the rights of servants and workers and put an end to many bitter and bloody feuds.

John Gonzalez was born in 1430 of a well-to-do family in San Facundo (today, Sahagun), in northwestern Spain. As a young boy he was sent to study under the Benedictines of his native town where he showed great promise for his talents and zeal. Through the good graces of the monks and the encouragement of his father, a number of church benefices were obtained for John, including nomination as a cathedral canon, while he was still a layman. When he was ordained by the bishop of Burgos in 1454 he renounced all of these benefices except that of chaplain at the church of Saint Gadea, where he devoted himself to pastoral ministry.

After his bishop died in 1456, John resigned his position at Saint Gadea and received permission to pursue further studies at Salamanca. From 1457 to 1461 he studied canon law and theology and obtained a bachelor's degree in both fields. In 1460 John was appointed preacher of the city of Salamanca, a priest of Saint Stephen's Church, and a member of the University College of Saint Bartholomew. He was an outstanding preacher, whose style, clarity, sincerity, and integrity attracted large crowds and effected much good. To the Duke of Alba, who complained of John's stern denunciation of the sins of nobility and commoners alike from the pulpit, John replied: "It is becoming of Your Grace to know that a preacher must be prepared in his soul to speak the truth, both in denouncing and correcting shortcomings and in praising virtue, to such a point that he is willing in that cause even to face death."

On 18 June 1463, he renounced his positions in order to join the Augustinian Order at Salamanca, where he entered the novitiate and professed vows the following year on 28 August, the feast of Saint Augustine. Already well known to the friars before his entrance into the community, and highly respected for his learning and virtue, he was soon chosen to fill positions of responsibility in the Augustinian Order, including two terms as prior of the Salamanca monastery and delegate to every provincial chapter until his death.

As an Augustinian, John continued his preaching ministry with the same distinction and positive results as before. He was acclaimed by the people of the city as a wise and prudent confessor, an effective reconciler of feuding families, and a champion of the rights of workers. In his life as a friar, he was humble and sincere, and an example of religious

observance to his brethren.

Especially characteristic of his prayer life was his great devotion to the eucharist. It is recorded that Christ appeared to him as he contemplated the sacrament. His biographer and confrere, Friar John of Seville, claims that John's death on 11 June 1479 occurred by poisoning as a result of his bold activity as a preacher. Immediately after his death many favors were reported through his intercession. John was beatified on 19 June 1601 and was canonized in 1690. His remains are preserved in the cathedral of Salamanca. Saint John is honored as the patron of the city and diocese of Salamanca.

The Augustinian Family celebrates his feast on 12 June.

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