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## **SAINT PADRE PIO DEVOTION**

**DEFINED THE DATE OF THE FEAST OF SAINT PADRE PIO IN BOSTON**

**Saint Padre Pio's relics will leave San Giovanni Rotondo for the first time**

**September 21.23, 2016**

The International Organization for Diplomatic Relations, a Maltese Ngo, is the promoter of a truly unique event, were St. Padre Pio's relics will leave Italy for the first time, making their way to Boston, Massachusetts.

The programming of the event was settled after meetings which took place first in Boston between Prof. Dr. C. Marra (I.O.D.R. General Governor) and **Rev. Father Jonathan Gaspar**, whose personal assistant to



**Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley** was in Rome with the Provincial Minister of the Minor Capuchins Friars, at the religious province of Sant'Angelo and Padre Pio, **Father Francesco Colacelli**.



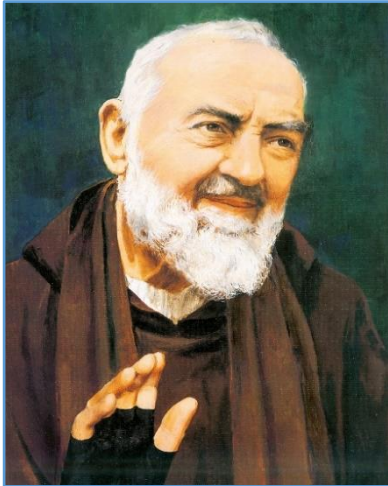
Saint Pio, who was canonized by John Paul II in 2002, needs no introduction. He was a poor and humble Capuchin friar who spent his entire life in San Giovanni Rotondo, never leaving the village. In the silence of obedience, he became a privileged witness of mercy devoting his entire life to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

On September 20, the event "**I will come to you**", will symbolizes the very first time Padre Pio's heart will leave the Sanctuary of San Giovanni Rotondo, where it is kept in a precious reliquary and will be transported to Boston and embark on a tour of Cathedrals: The Holy Cross Cathedral in Boston will be the first.

The Diplomatic Correspondents, promoters of this great initiative, wish this will be a living sign of how Saint Padre Pio welcomes those in search of his intercession.



Therefore, the presence of our beloved Saint will be a precious sign to everyone, Missionaries and Priests who will find strength and support for their mission, through <<his admirable



example as a tireless confessor, a friendly patient, and authentic witness of Mercy of God Father>>, as was commemorated by the **Archbishop Rino Fisichella**, who served as President of the Pontifical Council for the new evangelization promotion activity when Saint Pio was moved to St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome last February. The famous singer **Amy Stewart** will be a special guest at this event, as was previously announced during the Diplomatic Correspondents Gala held in Rome last April.

Amy Stewart - stage name of Amy Paulette Stewart - is an American singer who reached fame in both America and Europe in the late seventies covering the song, Knock on Wood (Eddie Floyd) and Light My Fire (The Doors). She then

settled in Italy, where she's well known for her unique collaborations with successful Italian singers (Gianni Morandi, Eros Ramazzotti, Mike Francis, etc.).

Amy Stewart will be joined at the event by her husband and manager Giampiero Cappa.

Amy has often talked about her relationship with her faith and has been open about her feelings in an age when 'there is too much distrust, fear, and a lack of kindness between people.

For Amy Stewart, the song for Padre Pio is a chanced to inspire individuals to get back to a normal way of life. In 2009, she dedicated the song "With You" composed by **CD M° Catello Milo** on text by Mimmo Di Maggio, to St. Pius at the closing ceremony of Padre Pio's body veneration. This song which was written for the occasion was sung live by Amy Stewart and accompanied by a 35-piece orchestra, conducted by the **Diplomatic Correspondent Maestro Catello Milo**. It took place in the square of the Basilica of San Giovanni Rotondo. This



song will be played in Italian and adapted in both English and Spanish. Amy Stewart's voice will compliment this historic event as the curtain is dropped and the relics unveiled in Boston.