

Hymn to St. Sylvester, Abbot

Hail glorious saint Sylvester! We praise thy name
Thy sons low before thee sing with hearts aflame
In life and death obtain us that which is best
And bring us at length to our heavenly rest.

O Man of God - Sylvester we hail thee
O Star of Osimo - Sylvester we thank thee
(Thy praises loud thy sons proclaim) //

O Father and Hermit Sylvester we pray
Our tower of strength be, and light for the way
Increase and protect us, from all harm do spare
In time of temptation take us in thy care

The war against sin, in the light for the faith
Dear saint, may thy children resist to the death
Their strength be in meekness, in penance and prayer
Their banner the cross which they glory to bear

Thy children, now exiles on many a shore
Shall love and revere thee till time be no more
The fire thou kindled shall ever burn bright
Its warmth undiminished, undying its light

The Rule of the Father of monks you embraced
To work and to pray with delight you pursued
Bestow on us unceasing help now we pray
Through merits you gained on earth we may not stray

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