

“FR. PEDRO ARRUIPE, S.J.: THE MAN WHO WAS THERE”

Mass for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
birth of Pedro Arrupe  
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It was the Feast of the Transfiguration, August 6, 1945, in Hiroshima, Japan. A short, wiry 37-year-old Basque Jesuit priest served as Novice Master on the outskirts of the city. He tells what happened that morning:

“The roof tiles, bits of glass, and beams had scarcely ceased falling, and the deafening roar died away, when I rose from the gr

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and asked if I would choose and gather the young Jesuits from our Jesus College in Rome and would facilitate the video conversation

More than ever I find myself in the hands of God. That is what I have wanted all my life from my youth. But now there is a difference; the initiative is entirely with God. It is indeed a profound spiritual experience to know and feel myself so totally in God's hands.

Pedro Arrupe the man who was there at Hiroshima, there at the head of the Jesuits in a new era, there in the end totally in the hands of God: the first a terrible place, the second a faithful place, the last the only safe place.