

## NOVEMBER

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- 1805:** Fr. Bertoni preached on the Souls in Purgatory; he described it as a torturous prison - purgation is achieved either by fire [the pain of Purgatory] – or, it can also be obtained now, by water [the tears of repentance]. There are many advantages for those who pray for the dead.
- 1806:** Fr. Bertoni preached on the Beatitudes – they are as a ladder that one must ascend to reach heaven.
- 1825:** Young Charles Fedelini is enrolled at the Marian Oratory at the Stimate.
- 1847:** Fr. Lenotti preached to the members of the Oratory and urged them to imitate the Saints of God.
- 1853:** Charles Salocher entered the Congregation, but had to leave a few months later due to illness – he re-entered 1871, and made Perpetual Profession on July 17, 1874.
- 1854:** Fr. Marani and Bro. Louis Ferrari arrived back in Verona after their stay of almost 4 months in Rome, where they had a Private Audience with Pope Pius IX [on October 24, 1854]. Their visit achieved the conferral on the Congregation of the much coveted **Decree of Praise**, granted on **April 16, 1855**.

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- 1902:** Bro. Charles Salocher died at *Santa Maria dei Miracoli* in Rome. All his life he had been very observant of the Suffrages for the Poor Souls in Purgatory.

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- 1863:** Fr. Dominic Rossi died. At one time, he was Economus General.

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- 1794:** Francis Peter Faber Pacificus Leonard Cartolari was born, the son of Peter.
- 1816:** **The birthday of the Congregation. On this day, Fr. Bertoni, Fr. John Mary Marani and Brother Paul Zanolli came to the Stimate to take up residence. The beginnings of the Congregation.**
- 1862:** The Novitiate was transferred from the Stimate to the *Trinita'* for the second time. Fr. Marani, Superior General, blessed the House that had been renovated. Fr. Vincent Vignola celebrated the Mass. The *Triinita'* had been vacant for the past three years due to the work going on there. There were three Professed Students: Charles Zara, Francis Sogaro and Louis Morando [these last two would pass away as Consecrated Bishops]. There were four Novice Students: Andrew Sterza, Joseph DeVai, Joseph Sembianti and one other. There were also several Brothers there: Bro. Zanolli, Infirmarian and laundry; Bro.

Nicora, Porter and tailor; Bro. Reali, Cook. Among the Aspirants were Anthony Caucigh, Pio Gurisatti and James Marini.

**1866:** This was the Golden Jubilee of the Congregation. It was the first Sunday of November. The day was celebrated both at the Stimate and at Villazzano, Trent, where the Students of the Congregation were living 'in exile.'

**1885:** On this date, Bishop Riboldi [later Cardinal], welcomed the Congregation of the Stimate into his Diocese. The Congregation had come to Pavia to assist with the Oratory of St. Aloysius; to conduct a night school for workers' and to preach Missions throughout the Diocese as long as this did not conflict with the other functions there.

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**1822:** The School at the Stimate and the School at the Convent of St. Teresa's Convent are investigated by the government in a routine investigation. Fr. Bertoni assisted Mother Naudet in filling out her questionnaire.

**1841:** [The date of a Letter from Fr. Bertoni to Fr. Bragato in Vienna, in which Fr. Bertoni asked for prayers for the work of writing the booklet of his *Original Constitutions*. Fr. Stofella has more rightly placed this as **May 11, 1841**].

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**1822:** Mother Naudet had asked for more specific details in answering the questionnaire on her School. Fr. Bertoni wrote in greater detail.

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**1847:** Fr. Lenotti preached to the young boys of the Oratory. He continued the explanation of St. Matthew's Gospel where his predecessor, Fr. Fedelini, had left off. Fr. Fedelini had returned home due to illness. He did not return to the Congregation until after Fr. Bertoni's death, almost six years later.

**1854:** Fr. Marani wrote to Bishop Riccabona informing him that Fr. DaPrato and another Diocesan Priest wanted to enter the Congregation.

**1858:** Fr. Lenotti, Novice Maser, gave a Domestic Exhortation to the Novices, telling them to pray often for the Congregation that was suffering so much at that time. Fr. Marani, the Superior General, had been seriously ill; Fr. Brugnoli was dying and Brother Marini had just died at the age of 19.

**1861:** Anthony Caucigh was enrolled at the Seminary of Udine.

**1891:** Fr. Morando, the Superior at the Stimate, celebrated a solemn Memorial Mass for the deceased Superior General, Fr. Peter Vignola.

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**1822:** In the questionnaire Fr. Bertoni filled out for the investigation of the Stimate on this date, it was evident that the Congregation at that time numbered five Priests, one Brother – and there were 74 Students attending school at the Stimate.

- 1834:** Fr. Bertoni wrote a letter to Sister Bussetti, who had been elected to succeed Mother Naudet as Superior of the Sisters of the Holy Family. Mother Naudet had died a few months previously, August 17, 1834.
- 1844:** A man by the name of Stephen Debboni died at Caldiero. He had been caretaker of the Bertoni property there and he left two daughters 'of marriageable age, and other children' – who had no means of support.

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- 1816:** Mother Naudet took over the Convent of St. Teresa's in Verona. She was to do a similar work for girls there as Fr. Bertoni was doing for boys at the Stimate.
- 1896:** John Baptist Zaupa entered the Congregation.

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- 1856:** Fr. Marani, Superior General, and Fr. Lenotti, Novice Master, begin a Retreat in Cremona for the 'Madames.'
- 1858:** Frs. Lenotti and Vincent Vignola begin a Mission at Villa Lagarina, Trent.
- 1910:** Fr. Alexander Grigoli, Fr. Henry Adami and Bro. Dominic Valzacchi leave Trieste for Brazil. The first Foundation in South America for the Congregation was thus established.

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- 1786:** Matilda Bertoni, younger sister of Gaspar, died this day at the age of three and a half. He was nine years old at the time. Her existence is not even noted in the first Biography of the Founder, by Fr. Giacobbe.
- 1810:** Bishop Liruti remains firm in his refusal of allowing Fr. Matthew Farinati to join the Jesuits.
- 1829:** An ordained Priest, Fr. Francis Benciolini, entered the Congregation,' with the consent of his entire family,' The Chronicle noted that he had a very 'frank way about him, a German air!'
- 1832:** Young Angelo Casella entered the Congregation. It was the Feast of St. Martin, and nearly all the men at the Stimate were 'sick' at the time!
- 1833:** Fr. Bertoni was bleeding profusely, so he was unable to attend the opening of school this day.

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- 1855:** Canon Bertinelli, the host of Fr. Marani and Bro. Ferrari during their lengthy stay in Rome [June – November 1854], wrote to Fr. Marani this day. He told Fr. Marani that he did not have the heart to tell him of the many obstacles that he faced in coming to Rome to obtain the **Decree of Praise** for so small a Congregation. He told Fr. Marani that Cardinal Fransoni still spoke of Fr. Marani and of the wonderful impression he had made in Rome.
- 1878:** School opens again at the Stimate for the first time since 1843, when Fr. Bertoni closed it in favor of the Jesuits.

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**1816:** School opens at the Stimate for the first time under Fr. Bertoni's direction. It remained open for 27 years – in this time, there were 70 Priests ordained from its alumni.

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**1833:** Fr. Anthony Rosmini celebrated Mass at the Seminary.

**1834:** Fr. Rosmini returns to the Stimate again on this date, and offered Mass. He used Fr. Bertoni's room to write a 'small book' [*The Five Wounds of the Church* ???]

**1835:** Fr. Bragato was promoted to the title of 'Honorary Chaplain' at the Imperial Court of Vienna. He wrote back and said that the only 'uniform' that he would ever wear would be the habit of the Congregation.

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**1842:** The last school year at the Stimate during Fr. Bertoni's life time began this day.

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**1808:** Fr. Bertoni noted in his Spiritual Diary that some try to build a spiritual life without a foundation – he noted that one must always start with an interior spirit.

**1812:** Fr. Bertoni wrote to Mother Naudet and told her that he was convalescing from his recent, serious and painful illness. He told her that there was no need to confess her feelings of lack of faith as she had described them in the previous letter.

**1834:** Fr. Brugnoli went to Sts. Firmus and Rusticus 'at the bridge' to offer Mass, at the request of Fr. Albertini.

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**1811:** Mother Naudet noted that she had prayed this day that Mary and Joseph would be the true 'Superiors' of her Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family. She prayed that she would practically unite the active and contemplative lives. It was the Feast of the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**1854:** There was a solemn commemorative service held at the Stimate this day for Fr. Bertoni, who had died 17 months earlier. Permission had been granted to return his body to the Stimate. There was a terrible wind and rain today – the service was held this Friday morning. Forty Mass were celebrated at the Stimate on this day. Monsignor Marchi, Vicar General of the Diocese, celebrated a Solemn Mass.

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**1810:** It was the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, and the feast of the Patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Fr. Bertoni preached that the Church was the House of God, and that Mary was its door, or 'the Gate of Heaven.'

**1834:** A number of complaints had been received at the Chancery Office concerning the bell ringing at the Stimate. Bishop Grasser defended the Fathers there in his response to the complaint.

**1844:** A Vincent Rufo wrote to Fr. Bertoni interceding for the family of the late Stephen Debboni, who had died 10 days earlier. Fr. Bertoni answered immediately and told Mr. Rufo that the widow could stay on the property there, and could keep one half of all the produce of the farm.

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**1798:** Modesto Cainer was born.

**1828:** Fr. Giaccobbe's father died.

**1829:** Fr. Benciolini was enrolled in a school to obtain civil certification to teach Elementary School.

**1854:** Bishop Riccabona wrote to Fr. Marani and expressed some pride that two of his Priests were about to enter the Congregation. He said that he was especially sorry to lose Fr. Richard DaPrato, but that he gave his permission for both to enter.

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**1808:** Bishop Liruti dropped in unexpectedly on Fr. Bertoni as he was teaching Catechism to some adults. Fr. Bertoni noted that night in his Spiritual Diary that he should always be ready to appear before the Tribunal of Christ – which could come just as unexpectedly.

**1816:** Pope Pius VII granted a Decree of Praise to the Congregation founded by Mother Madeline di Canossa.

**1824:** Matilda di Canossa, niece of Mother Madeline di Canossa, entered the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family, founded by Mother Naudet. Years later, Matilda di Canossa became Vicar General of these Sisters.

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**1832:** Donnadei Conti Martelli entered the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family. She had been a penitent of Fr. Bertoni. In 1840, she became the 2<sup>nd</sup> Superior General of the Sisters of the Holy Family.

**1851:** A Papal Decree emanated proclaiming the following year to be the 'Holy Year of Jubilee'. The Pope was unable to proclaim 1850 as the 'Holy Year', as he had to flee Rome.

**1858:** A Fr. Peter Slenzi, Pastor at Villa Lagarina, wrote to Fr. Marani and told him that Fr. Lenotti and Fr. Vincent Vignola were tireless Confessors in the Mission they had just completed in his Parish, and that they had won many sheep back into the fold.

**1859:** Feast of the Presentation – Frs. Benciolini and Peter Vignola preached this day at Nove, dear Vicenza.

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**1801:** Michaelangelo Gramego approved for Vestition.

**1811:** Cajetan Brugnoli was vested by his Uncle, Fr. Francis Brugnoli, in the Church of St. Peter in Monastero.

- 1837:** Public sale was held for the property at Sezano. A Dr. Lawrence Maggi represented Fr. Bertoni at this sale and offered 140,000 Lira for the property.
- 1839:** Bishop Joseph Grasser died. He was the first Bishop of Verona younger than the Founder. He was assisted by Fr. Bertoni, and Fr. Odescalchi, SJ. [Fr. Odescalchi had been the Cardinal Vicar of Pope Gregory XVI, and resigned the Cardinalate to enter the Jesuit Novitiate in November 1838].
- 1843:** The date of the will of one Anthony Lenotti. It divided the family inheritance among the Lenotti brothers and sisters. The oldest of the three sisters, Marietta, was already deceased.

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- 1853:** All the deceased of the Congregation at this time were transferred to the lot in the city cemetery purchased by Fr. Marani. The deceased re-interred on this day were: Bro. Casella; Fr. Biadego; Cleric Louis Ferrari; Fr. Bertoni; Fr. Gramego and Bro. Bandora. Fr. Cainer and Fr. Cartolari had been buried in their family lots.

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- 1874:** The Students of the Congregation left Sale' di Povo, near Villazzano, in Trent, and returned to Verona. The Students had been 'in exile' for eight years. They left Verona shortly after the death of one of their own, the beloved Anthony Caucigh – on August 11, 1866 – due to the unfavorable political climate of that era.

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- 1810:** Fr. Bertoni preached to the young Seminarians of the Diocese of Verona. He told them to invoke Mary in any difficulties with their vocations.
- 1812:** Fr. Bertoni was received this day by Bishop Liruti. Fr. Bertoni explained to the Bishop that the offered position in the Diocese as Vice-Rector of the Seminary he felt to be alien to his vocation.
- 1820:** In the Church of the Stimate, the Altar of St. Catherine was used for the first time. Over the altar, hung a painting by Voltolini, depicting the Betrothal of the Saint. Fr. Marani said the first Mass on the new Altar. Fr. Gramego the second – and Fr. Bertoni the third.
- 1833:** The new bells at the Stimate rang out on this Feast of St. Catherine of Siena. Each bell was in honor of a different saint. Fr. Bertoni was ordered to bed – at noon he underwent a bleeding, and by night fall, he had a high fever, that caused some alarm.

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- 1812:** Fr. Louis Fortis, SJ, assisted Fr. Bertoni during his illness today. He was the Founder's first Spiritual Director in his teen years, and later became Superior General of the restored Jesuits.
- 1854:** On this Sunday evening, the former Canon, Fr. Richard DaPrato, entered the Congregation.

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- 1801:** Sebastian Gramego, the Father of Michaelangelo Gramego, died this day at 7:00 a.m. He was buried in the cemetery of the *Trinita*.
- 1813:** Fr. Bertoni wrote to Mother Naudet that he would be at the Convent the following day, so that they could discuss a number of items that she had mentioned.
- 1822:** On this day, Bishop Liruti celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. In a conversation this day, he praised Fr. Bertoni as 'learned and venerable.'

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- 1802:** Fr. Bertoni preached on the General Judgment. For the wicked, there can only be a useless remorse and an unchangeable condemnation.
- 1856:** Fr. Vincent Vignola entered the Congregation. He was to be followed later by his brother, Fr. Peter Vignola, who became the 3<sup>rd</sup> Superior General
- 1857:** Frs. Benciolini, Lenotti and Peter Vignola left Verona to preach a Mission in Bovolone.

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- 1860:** Frs. Benciolini and Lenotti prepare for the Mission at San Ambrogio. In the ten years that he was Novice Master, Fr. Lenotti preached over 30 Missions – and about the same number of Retreats to Sisters and to the Clergy, as well as many other Retreats to various other groups.

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- 1834:** Fr. Bertoni offered some advice to Sister Bussetti, who succeeded Mother Naudet in the government of the Sisters of the Holy Family.
- 1857:** Fr. Marani, Superior General, began a Mission at Bovolone. He was assisted by Fr. Rigoni.
- 1858:** Fr. Lenotti gave a Novena in preparation for the Immaculate Conception to the Novices. He asked them to pray that Fr. Marani, Superior General, soon be restored to health and that the Congregation might be blessed with more vocations.
- 1869:** Louis Morando was ordained a Priest this day - he would die as Archbishop of Brindisi.