



*Prudence teaches us to act with good judgement and then to cast ourselves into the hands of God who will take care of the rest.*

**"Giovanni Merlini"**



Venerable JOHN MERLINI was born at Spoleto, Italy, August 28, 1795. Disciple of St. Gaspar del Bufalo, he continued the latter's missionary work, travelling untiringly the roads of Italy and conducting popular missions in which he preached the reconciling power of the Blood of Christ. He directed and developed the Missionary Society of the Precious Blood in Italy and abroad.

He was guide and support of Maria De Mattias in founding of the Sisters Adores of the Blood of Christ. renewed for sanctity, he died in Rome, January 12, 1873. His body lies near that of St. Gaspar in the Church of Santa Maria in Trivio. On June 22, 1972, Pope Paul VI declared his virtue heroic and ordered the decree to be published to that effect.

## PRAYER

*Eternal Father, We thank you for the gifts of wisdom and heroic charity you bestowed on your faithful servant Giovanni Merlini. Enable us, we beg you, to imitate his spirituality inspired by the Most Precious Blood of your Son, and to see him honoured even on earth as a Saint. Through his intercession grant us those graces we most need and for which we implore you. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*