



CONGREGATION OF THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

47th GENERAL CHAPTER

Rome, 6-27 October 2018

Report of the GENERAL POSTULATION

The Status of the Causes for Canonization in process by the Passionist General Postulation

Thanks to the work done by my predecessors and the work of various other religious and laity who, according to their competencies, have contributed to the on-going progress of the Causes, at the time of the commencement of the 2018 General Chapter, the "*status causarum*" is as follows.

SAINTS

- St. Paul of the Cross, Founder, canonized 29 June 1867.
- St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother, canonized 13 May 1920.
- St. Gemma Galgani, canonized 2 May 1940.
- St. Vincent Maria Strambi, canonized 11 June 1950.
- St. Maria Goretti, canonized 24 June 1950.
- St. Inocencio Canoura Arnau, canonized 21 November 1999 marking the final canonization of the second millennium.
- St. Charles Houben (of Mt. Argus), canonized on 3 June 2007.

BLESSEDS

- Bl. Dominic Barberi, beatified 27 October 1962.
- Bl. Isidore De Loor, beatified 30 September 1984.
- Bl. Pio Campidelli, beatified 17 November 1985.
- Bl. Bernard M. Silvestrelli, beatified 16 October 1988.
- Blesseds Nicéforo Díez Tejerina and XXVI Companions Martyrs of Daimiel, beatified 01 October 1989.
- Bl. Lorenzo Salvi, beatified 01 October 1989.
- Bl. Grimoaldo Santamaria, beatified 29 January 1995.
- Bl. Bishop Eugene Bossilkov, beatified 15 March 1998.

VENERABLES

- Giovanni Battista Danei, declared venerable 7 August 1940.
- Galileo Nicolini, declared venerable 27 November 1981.
- Giovanni Bruni, declared venerable 9 June 1983.
- Nazareno Santolini, declared venerable 7 September 1989.
- Giacomo Gianiel, declared venerable 21 December 1989.
- Gerardo Segarduy, declared venerable 21 December 1991.
- Fortunato De Gruttis, declared venerable 11 July 1992.
- Giuseppe Pesci, declared venerable 6 July 1993.
- Norberto Cassinelli, declared venerable 15 December 1994.
- Germano Ruoppolo, declared venerable 11 July 1995.
- Egidio Malacarne, declared venerable 26 March 1999.
- Francisco Gondra (Patxi), declared venerable 15 March 2008.
- Generoso Fontanarosa, declared venerable 27 March 2013.
- Maddalena Marcucci (CP Nun) declared Venerable 3 April 2014.

SERVANTS OF GOD

- Eugenio Raffaele Faggiano, (the Positio is being reviewed.)
- Theodore Foley (the diocesan Process is in progress.)
- Bernard Kryszkiewicz (the Positio is being reviewed.)
- Ignatius Spencer (the Positio is being reviewed.)
- Benito Arrieta, (Awaiting the commencement of the elaboration of the Positio.)
- Martín Fulgencio Elorza Legaristi (the Positio is being reviewed.)
- Candido Amantini (Awaiting the Decree of Validity).

CAUSES OF VARIOUS INSTITUTES OF THE PASSIONIST FAMILY ASSUMED BY THE GENERAL POSTULATION

VENERABLES

- Mother Crocifissa Costantini, Foundress of the Passionist Nuns, declared venerable 17 December 1982.
- Antonietta Farani, of the Passionist Sisters of St. Paul of the Cross, declared venerable 13 June 1992.
- Dolores Medina Zepeda, Foundress of the Mexican Passionist Sisters, declared venerable 3 July 1998.
- Gemma Eufemia Giannini, Foundress of the Sisters of St. Gemma, declared Venerable on 15 March 2008.
- Teresa Gallifa Palmarola, Foundress of the Congregation of the Servants of the Passion, declared Venerable on 25 June 1996.

SERVANTS OF GOD

- Battistelli, Stanislao, Passionist Bishop of Teramo.
- Boidi, Sister Leonarda, Passionist Nun of Ovada (the Positio is being reviewed.)
- Frescobaldi Capponi, Maria Maddalena, Foundress of the Passionist Sisters of St. Paul of the Cross (the Positio is in the phase of being elaborated.)
- Prout, Elisabeth, of the Sisters of the Cross and Passion in England, (the Positio is being reviewed.)
- Luciani, Addolorata, Passionist Nun of the monastery of Ripatransone (Italy) (the Positio is being reviewed.)
- Van den Putte, Martha, of the Passionist Sisters of St. Paul of the Cross, in Belgium (awaiting the decree of Validity.)
- Tarantino, Carmelina, of the Passionist Sisters of St. Paul of the Cross in Canada (the diocesan process "*super virtutibus*" is in process.)

EXTERNAL CAUSES

In addition to the Causes of the Congregation and of Institutes that share our spirituality, there are some external Causes that have been assumed with various titles.

- Venerable Potter, Mary, Foundress of the Little Society of Mary, declared Venerable on 08 February 1988.
- Venerable Osti, Tarsilla, of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts, declared Venerable 15 March 2008.
- Servant of God Leonilde Rossi, of the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts (Positio is being reviewed.)
- Servant of God Giuseppe Codicè, Founder of the Pious Society of the Sisters of the Visitation (Positio is being studied.)

I was appointed Postulator General on 01 October 2016 by the current Superior General, Father Joachim Rego. This appointment was ratified by the cardinal prefect Angelo Amato of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints on 27 October 2016. From January to June 2017, I attended a 72-hour academic course offered by the Congregation for Saints, which included two final exams. This enabled me to function as Postulator General.

The specific work that I have accomplished during the past twelve months is as follows:

- Keep the Superior General updated about the activity of the Office of the Postulator General.
- Engage the provinces/regions of the Congregation in whose territory lie the mortal remains (or in the case of a Blessed, the relics) of the Servant of God or of a Venerable.

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- Establish a collaborative network with the religious of the Congregation. This has resulted in a series appointments of Vice Postulators.
- For each Cause, I have tried to involve the local Church.
- Printing holy cards with new prayers that include the imprimatur of the bishop in whose territory lie the mortal remains of the Servant of God or of the Venerable.
- Publication of an informative booklet on the Servant of God, Eugenio Raffaele Faggiano. Additionally, books are being prepared concerning Venerable Generoso Fontanarosa and the Servant of God, Theodore Foley.
- The most evident fruit of my service was the publishing of the *Positio* on Eugenio Raffaele Faggiano.

The main difficulty that I have encountered is the scarce interest in the Saints (broadly speaking) of our Congregation. There are at least two principal reasons –

1. Ignorance of the work of the Postulator General.
2. The economic burden that every single cause entails.

Regarding the first point, beginning in 2016, I have written articles regularly in the PIB (Passionist International Bulletin) hoping to arouse interest in the work of the Postulator and to fill in any gaps of information that may exist due to lack of knowledge of this Office.

With regard to the second point, currently there exists a concrete financial prospectus prepared by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints and the Pope himself. This was prepared after a review of this issue that took place about two years ago.

In conclusion, while I wish to express my gratitude for the trust placed in me by the Superior General and his Council, additionally I feel it is my duty to thank those religious who have worked and are working with me on behalf of the various causes, particularly those causes that are the direct responsibility of the General Postulation.

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