

VINCENTIAN

BIBLIOGRAPHY

I SANTI DELLA FAMIGLIA VINCENZIANA

(The Saints of the Vincentian Family)

under the direction of Father Giuseppe Guerra, C.M.
(Postulator General)

In speaking of *I Santi della Famiglia Vincenziana* (*The Saints of the Vincentian Family*), we are referring, Father Guerra says in the introduction to this book, to the confreres, the Daughters of Charity, the groups of Vincentian laity, the Sisters of Charity (founded by a Daughter of Charity, Jeanne Antide Thouret), and the Conferences of Saint Vincent de Paul, from which we recall Frederick Ozanam (the principal Founder), Jean Léon Le Prévost (from the group of young pioneers) and Santiago Massarnau (the Founder of the SSVF in Spain).

The book not only gathers information on those who have been canonized or beatified, but also on those who have begun the processes. We thank the Postulator General, Father Guerra, for the publication of this book, in which appear the traditional saints, known to all, as well as many other witnesses to the more recent history of the Congregation. These show the fruits of Christian fidelity, many times heroically to martyrdom, that the Holy Spirit has produced in our Vincentian Family. In all of them is made visible what is expressed in the Encyclical *Deus Caritas est* that those who draw near to God do not withdraw from people, but rather become truly close to them.

A good group of Vincentian authors participated in the writing of the brief, but attractive, biographies, which are collected in this book of 466 pages. Nine saints, 13 blessed or groups of blessed, venerable and up to 19 servants of God or groups of servants of God, march through these pages, beautifully published by CLV - Edizioni Vincenziane.

GIUSEPPE GUERRA, C.M., *I Santi della Famiglia Vincenziana* (*The Saints of the Vincentian Family*), CLV - Edizioni Vincenziane, Rome, Italy, 2007, 468 pages.

ALBERTO VERNASCHI
UN PATRIMONIO DI FAMIGLIA
Santi e Beati della Famiglia Vicenziana
(A Family Patrimony.
Saints and Blessed of the Vincentian Family

Less extensive, but with the same care, an improved presentation and a profusion of color photos, this other little book, of only 144 pages, comes to us composed by Father Alberto Vernaschi, C.M., Director of the Daughters of Charity of the Provinces of Sienna and Rome. In this case, the list includes the recognized saints and blessed.

It is sufficient to peruse the index, writes Msgr. Antonio Buoncristiani, Archbishop of Sienna, in the presentation, and place next to each name the years and places in which the person lived, to realize that from 1625 and 1633, when the Congregation of the Mission and the Company of the Daughters of Charity were born, until now, there has been a continuous current of humble and hidden evangelical coherence, but that also, every so often, the vein of a recognized holiness has shown itself, especially in the most hostile conditions and times: martyrs in China or during the French Revolution, lives offered with generosity in the hospitals and at the service of the "least" in the various parts of the world. The presentation concludes with these words of H. Berson: "Witnesses attract multitudes after them. It is not necessary that they speak; it is enough that they exist; their existence is an appeal."

ALBERTO VERNASCHI, C.M., *Un patrimonio di famiglia. Santi e Beati della Famiglia Vicenziana (A Family Patrimony. Saints and Blessed of the Vincentian Family)*, Edizioni Cantagalli, Siena, Italy, 2007, 144 pages.

ERMINIO ANTONELLO, C.M.
UNA MISTICA DELLA CARITÀ: BEATA GIUSEPPINA NICOLI
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