

BLASUCCI Pietro Paolo

Was born in Ruvo del Monte in the diocese of Muro Lucano on 22nd February 1729. Moved by the example of his younger brother, venerable Domenico, he entered the Congregation, taking his vows in Iliceto on 14th August 1753 and being ordained priest in Bovino on 21st April 1754. He won the esteem of St. Alphonsus, who appointed him superior of the foundation to be made in Agrigento, Sicily, in 1762. Elected Consultor General to St. Alphonsus by the assembly of 1780, he returned to Sicily, joining the observance of the houses in the Papal States in 1786, but secretly until after the death of Alphonsus in 1787. In 1790 he gained royal approval for the rule of Benedict XIV, thereby showing the way to solve the problems raised by the *regolamento* of 1780. In the chapter of reunion in 1793 he was elected Rector Major. In 1798 he was imprisoned in the Camaldolese monastery of Vico Equense by the king,

who had been led to suspect him of seditious speech. He died in Paganì on 13th June 1817.

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