

CAFARO Venerable Paolo

Was born in Cava dei Tirreni on 5th June 1707, and was a parish priest in his native diocese of Salerno, having been ordained on 22nd

September 1731. Admitted to the new Congregation of the Most Holy Saviour on 22nd July 1741, he took the vow of perseverance on 9th November 1742 in Ciorani. On the occasion of the first General Congregation in the same house he took the three religious vows on 9th or 10th May 1743. During the short time that remained of his life he won the confidence of St. Alphonsus, whose spiritual director he became, as he did also of St. Gerard. He held the position of novice master and rector, and he was a zealous and successful missionary up to the time of his death, which occurred at Materdomini on 13th August 1753.

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