

FALCOIA Tommaso

Was born in Naples on 13th March 1663. Influenced by the venerable Antonio de Torres, he joined the missionary Congregation of the Pii Operarii, making his profession and being ordained priest in 1687. From 1689 he was attached to the house of Santa Balbina in Rome, where he assisted St. Lucia Filippini in preparing the rules of the *Maestre pie*. He was superior general of his institute from 1713 for one term of three years. He guided Sister M. Celeste Crostarosa to Scala and in the work of establishing the Order of the Redemptoristines. Similarly, as spiritual director of St. Alphonsus he helped in the foundation of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer in 1732. In 1730 he was consecrated Bishop of Castellammare di Stabia, but he continued to act as Director of the new Congregation. Mgr. Falcoia died in Castellammare di Stabia on 20th April 1743.

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