

# Santa Gemma Galgani

1878-1903

*The relationship* between Saint Gemma Galgani and her Guardian Angel were so close and full of confidence that she even used him as a letter-carrier.

Many are the incidents which narrate the mysterious deliveries of correspondence sent by the Saint to her spiritual director in Roma, Father Germano Gruppolo, which took place because of angelic transport. Gemma turned to her Guardian Angel with extreme fidelity and simplicity to have the letters that she wrote to Father Germano be delivered to him. The reasons for which she asked for angelic intervention were principally two: the lack of money and the desire to have a reply in the shortest time possible. The first letter sent to Father Germano (on September 14, 1900) was delivered by her Guardian Angel. Usually

and Gemma was in the garden with our baby in her arms; when all of a sudden she told me that the Angel just passed by the window of Mr. Lorenzo with the letter in hand. I quickly ran to call Mr. Lorenzo who had the key in his pocket and said to him: 'Let's go right away and see.' We looked, but the letter was no longer there. So, let me know if you have received it."

Father Germano answered on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June: "I receive in this moment the two letters which you spoke to me about in your most precious recent letter. One carries the date of the 12<sup>th</sup> and the other is without a date; they both arrived to me together. God is



the celestial letter-carrier would collect the letters, which were hidden in the chest of drawers, and mail them in the mailbox with the proper postage stamps; other times, instead, he would deliver them himself to the addressee.

To accept the veracity of Gemma's stories, Father Germano made arrangements with Mrs. Cecilia Giannini, who sought to discover whether Gemma was being deceitful by tricking us or if her faith in her Guardian Angel was being reciprocated. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 1901, Mrs. Giannini wrote to Father Germano to keep him updated on her research regarding the mysterious deliveries of letters by way of the Angel: "The day of the 12<sup>th</sup> of June, 1901 a letter was sent to you. Have you received it? The letter was sent like this: I gave it to Mr. Lorenzo, and he put it under lock and key on the evening of June 12<sup>th</sup>. On the 13<sup>th</sup>, at about 3 in the afternoon, I was putting wicks together for the candles,

Infinite Love. How wonderful to see him lower himself to his poor creatures!" On the 4<sup>th</sup> of August, Mrs. Giannini wrote again to Father Germano to update him on another proof if the Guardian Angel of Gemma truly was her letter-carrier. "Yesterday Gemma wrote to you, she gave me the letter and I locked it up. This morning, the 4<sup>th</sup> of August, around nine, during the time coffee was being served, Gemma told me: 'The letter has departed.' At once I went to go see, and it was no longer there. I beg you to tell me when you received it. So it was written on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and taken on the 4<sup>th</sup>." And Father Germano confirmed the receipt which occurred of the two missives: "Last night I received two letters, one from you and the other from Gemma, both postmarked the 4<sup>th</sup>." These are the wonders which God does through his Angels.