

Servant of God *Benigna Consolata Ferrero*

1885 - 1916

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One day, Jesus showed the Inferno to the Servant of God, Sister Benigna Consolata Ferrero, and said to her: "See, Benigna, that fire!... Above that abyss I have stretched out, like in a netlike web, the children of my mercy, so that the souls do not fall in there. Those however who want to be damned, they go there to open the threads with their own hands and fall in, and once they are in not even my goodness can save them. These souls are chased by my mercy much more than a wrongdoer is chased by the police, but they run away from my mercy!"

The Servant of God Benigna Consolata Ferrero was born in Turin, Italy on the 6th of August 1885, in a well-to-do and very religious family.

Educated according to Christian principles, she followed the course of elementary and classical studies. She attended school for religion and knew the Venerable Canon Luigi Boccardo (1861-1936).

Under his direction, since 1898, the fifteen year old Maria Consolata Ferrero fulfilled the vocation to the religious life, to which she felt within herself. Discerning the aspirations of the young girl, the Canon Boccardo guided her toward the Order of the Visitation. At twenty-two years old, on the 30th of December 1907, she entered among the Visitations of Como, and full of zeal and fervor, she forged ahead through the stages of initiation to the cloistered life. On the 5th of November 1908 she

received her habit and changed her name to Benigna Consolata. On the 23rd of November 1909 she proclaimed her religious profession, and on the 28th of November 1912 her solemn vows.

During the nine years of her cloistered life (1906-1925), she had as her spiritual director Monsignor Alfonso Archi, the Bishop of Como.

Sister Benigna, meanwhile, achieved a very elevated mystical state, receiving extraordinary graces, immersed in the divine love and trusting friendship of Jesus, so much so that she herself, illuminated, defined herself as "secretary of the Sacred Heart."

Her spiritual "Diary," already begun in 1902, tells of mystical experiences and conversations with Christ. The message of Sister Benigna is a hymn to the Love of God and of neighbor; Love is the theology of God.

Her spirituality is soaked in everyday life, from the rising applied in the living of each day, even in the most banal of acts. Her spiritual experience is reconnected to the "spiritual infancy" in the example of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St. Faustina Kowalska, and Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity. The Servant of God died at only 31 years of age, on the 1st of September 1916, in the monastery in Como. She was buried in the church and since her death, her tomb is continuously visited by the faithful, attracted to the fame of her sanctity, ask for graces.

