

Blessed Maria of Mattias

1805-1866

Maria of Mattias was born the 4th of February 1805 in the town of Vallecorsa. The daughter of a well-to-do family she lived a tranquil life until the age of 17 without any particular tribulations. But in 1822, at the age of 17, because of an encounter with Saint Gaspare of Bufalo, while he was preaching in Vallecorsa, the true conversion of the life of Maria of Mattias took place.

On the 4th of March 1834, under the guidance of a companion of Saint Gaspare, the venerable Don Giovanni Merlini founded the “Congregation of the Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ”. Her commitment was spent on the behalf of the instruction and

“Without holding that action against them, she brought the bucket back up full to the edge with water that was pure, clean, and clear as crystal. Seeing this, they said to her: ‘Mother Superior, who filled the well with water, your brother the Angel?’ She smiled



catechesis of the youth and of mothers. She died in sanctity in Rome on the 20th of August 1866. For Blessed Maria of Mattias, her Guardian Angel supplied her young community with drinkable water. One day when the well was dry, the sisters had pulled up only a bit of mud on the rim of a bucket, and they told the Mother about it who, with a gesture of the hand, dismissed them saying: “You all are not good at anything!” Then she dropped the bucket down the well.

and went away without saying anything. Afterwards, we always got water from this well and it was always enough for our community.” Maria of Mattias was never astonished at similar lavishness. She asked her sisters to not comment on them and to give thanks to God.