

SHORT HISTORY

St. Gaspar Del Bufalo, together with a few number of Priests, founded the Society of the Precious Blood in Giano dell'Umbria Italy, on 15 August 1815.



With a heart full of Love and joy he said,
*"We have placed this Congregation
under the care of the Virgin Mary who will
lead us as a good Mother".*

Pope Pius VII commissioned Gaspar and his companions the task of reviving the faith of heretics by means of preaching and fasting.

He also advised him to send priests to foreign lands to spread the Gospel. After his death many people were fascinated by his example and goals and joined this congregation from many parts of the world.

THE GOAL

Those who join this congregation should have these goals in their mind:

1. Sanctification through a life of mutual respect in love and worship of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus.
2. Sanctification of the people through the proclamation of the Gospel:
 - a) Preaching and retreats to revive the religious spirit among Christians.
 - b) To spread the Gospel among people who do not yet know the good news.
 - c) To preach Retreat for various groups seeking spiritual accompaniment.
 - d) To do Pastoral activities in the parishes according to the needs of the Church.
 - e) To do Human promotion activities required wherever they are needed.



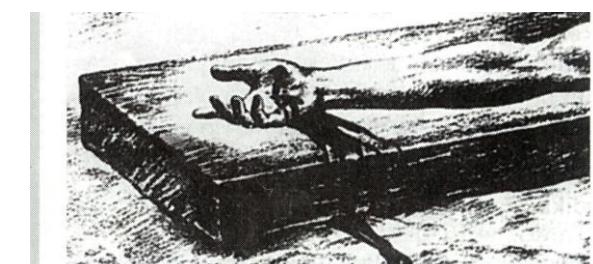
FOUNDATION OF PRECIOUS BLOOD SPIRITUALITY

The Bible tells us that when God wanted to reconcile us to Himself, He sent His Son to redeem us by shedding His Blood.

The blood that is the fountain of life, shows us that Christ by giving His Blood gave us His divine life which we can now gain through the sacraments of the church.

The blood of Christ teaches us that:

- a) One must appreciate his salvation obtained through that Blood.
- b) One has to follow in the footsteps of Christ who loved us so much that He gave His life for mankind.
- c) Those that follow Christ should unite with one another to be one in Christ the Savior of all.



SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF ST. GASPAR

St. Gaspar Del Buffalo was born in Rome on 6-1-1786. While he was still a child he was inspired by the thought of saving people to the point of trying to escape from home in order to go and preach the Faith to the pagans.



In his youth he was an example of purity of heart, reverence and devotion. When he became a priest he began his work among the priests and among the poor and the sick. When Rome was invaded by Napoleon, St. Gaspar refused to swear in front of Napoleon's representative, saying, "I should not, I can't and I do not want to." He agreed to go into captivity and be imprisoned. While in prison he came up with the idea of starting an Congregation of priests and

sisters of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus.

When he was released on 15-8-1815, he established the Congregation of preachers under the Most Precious Blood of Jesus. With St. Maria de Mattias also the congregation of Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ was founded.

His main task, along with the other priests, was to go everywhere to give retreats to ordinary Christians. Through his preaching many people benefited and God was blessing them with various miracles. His heart pushed him to the center of the bandits so that he could bring them back to God and to the human community. The life of St. Gaspar was not very long because of the many difficulties and hardships he endured during his life. God took him on Himself on 28-12-1837, at the age of 52. He was canonized by Pope Pius XII on 12-6-1954.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

Do you want to join us?

If you think you have been called by God to be a Priest or Brother, for more information write to:

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"I would like to know a thousand languages and have a heart filled with the love of the Precious Blood of Jesus so that I may proclaim to all people the Good News of Redemption".

St. Gaspar