



**VENERABLE**  
**ANTHONY VINCENT GALLO**  
Diocesan Priest

Oblate of the Congregation  
of the Priests of the Sacred Heart

Monteforte Irpino (AV)  
January 11, 1899

Rome  
May 2, 1934

## FATHER ANTHONY VINCENT GALLO

Venerable Anthony Vincent Gallo, s.c.j. was born on January 11, 1899 in Monteforte Irpino (Avellino), Italy. He made his final profession in the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart on October 16, 1924. In 1930, because of poor health, he was asked by his superiors to obtain a dispensation from his vows. He was incardinated in the Diocese of Avellino, and was ordained a priest on December 14, 1930, in the Church of Monteforte Irpino where he was baptized.

His illness was diagnosed as the incurable disease of Thomsen. His doctors had told him:

"Anthony, you will be a martyr of suffering." On March 16, 1931, he was asked to return to the Community of the Priests of the Sacred Heart as an oblate to attend the needs of the people of the Parish of Christ the King in Rome. He spent numerous hours hearing confessions, and was extremely attentive to the needs of the sick, especially the dying. He became an apostle in promoting the consecration of many families to the Sacred Heart, and was also responsible for the training of a large group of Altar Boys. His illness progressed to the point where he could no longer carry on his priestly work, and on May 2, 1934, he was rushed to the hospital, where his soul was given peacefully to God. The admiration of the people was such that upon the news of his death, everyone remarked that "A Saintly priest has died."

The force of holiness that surrounded the life of Father Anthony grew from day to day.

The ordinary Informative Process of his Canonization began in the Vicariate of Rome on April 10, 1953 and was completed on April 18, 1956. The Apostolic Process began on December 29, 1966, and was successfully completed in 1972.

On January 15, 1972, Bishop Pasquale Venezia of the Diocese of Avellino became actively involved in the Cause of Beatification. On June 25, 1972 the canonical recognition of the body of Father Anthony took place at the Church of St. Joaquim in Rome, with a Mass, celebrated by Cardinal Ferretto. On October 29 of that year, the body was moved to Monteforte Irpino, the place of his birth, and placed in the Church of St. Nicholas, where he was baptized. On April 4, 1973, there was a closing of the Informative Process in the presence of Ugo Cardinal Poletti, Vicar of Rome, and Bishop Venezia of Avellino. On July 8, 1975, the Sacred Congregation of Rites officially approved the Informative and Apostolic Processes. The opening of the investigation of the Sanctity of the Virtues took place on January 2, 1976. This special process on the heroicity of the virtues of Father Anthony took place on November 3, 1989, at the Sacred Congregation for the Causes of Saints, by the procurator of Faith, Rev. Antonio Petti, and was completed successfully.

On April 3, 1990 the Cardinals and Bishops, under the leadership of Giuseppe Cardinal Caprio, recognized that the Servant of God, Anthony Vincent Gallo, had exercised the theological and moral virtues to a heroic degree, and on April 9 1990, His Holiness JOHN PAUL II, issued the decree which proclaimed Father Anthony Vincent Gallo as "VENERABLE."

The Venerable Anthony Vincent Gallo used to say: "If I become a priest, I hope to understand souls, because I have suffered ... in my life!" All you who weep in agony and in sorrow, pray to the Lord our God that through the intercession of his faithful servant he may cure you if ill; may you be comforted, if afflicted; may you have relief in all your necessities.

## P R A Y E R

O Most Holy Trinity, who deigned to raise Venerable Anthony Vincent Gallo to the priesthood, and endowed him with precious gifts, especially that of a burning love for suffering and immolation, we humbly beseech You, if it be Your Will, that he may be glorified on earth, and that we may obtain through his intercession the particular grace which we ask for with living faith. Amen.

*Three Our Fathers, and Glorias, to the  
Most Holy Trinity.*

*Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.*

*Three Hail Marys to our Blessed Lady.*

*Mother of Divine Grace, pray for us.*

Recipients of divine favors through the intercession of Venerable Father Gallo are asked to communicate with Msgr. Frank Caldwell, Vice Postulator of the Cause of Venerable Father Gallo, at

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