In fact during the Mass, God sent an Angel to him to make him understand His will.

The Angel appeared in an immaculate and luminous gown; on his chest was a cross the color of red and azure; to his sides also appeared two slaves: one Christian, the other Muslim.

The Angel put his hands on the heads of the two slaves and soon after disappeared.

Years passed and the Saint continued to pray to know better the plans of God. He tightened his friendship with a certain Felix Valeria, who conducted a hermetic life. One day, while they were conversing between themselves about celestial things, a deer appeared who had branched between his horns a cross of two colors: red and azure. Valerio was bewildered and then Saint John of Matha confided to him the vision of the Angel, which occurred on the day of his first Mass. For three nights both of them had a celestial vision. The Lord revealed to him that it was His desire that he establish a Congregation for the redemption of slaves.

While the Pope was celebrating the Holy Mass, in the act of lifting up the Consecrated Host, he saw an Angel appear, with the white gown, with a bi-color cross on his chest and with two slaves at his sides. He understood that God wanted the new Congregation and he approved it.

Finally in 1194 in Cerfroid (north of Paris), the Order of the Most Holy Trinity for the Redemption of Captives (Trinitarians) was founded, whose Rule was approved by the same Innocent III, on the 17th of December 1198. It worked numerous redemptions of slaves and dedicated itself tirelessly to the works of mercy, living as God the Trinity. He died in Rome on the 17th of December 1213, in the home of Saint Thomas in Formis al Celio.