

Blessed Anna Maria Taigi

1769-1837

Anna Maria Taigi was born in Siena in 1769. She married and had seven children before entering to become a part of the Secular Trinitarian Order in 1808. The Lord rewarded her with the gift of foreseeing the future.

As the Blessed herself recounts, for 47 years she always had in front of her glance the vision of a luminous sun in which she was able to see future events and the state of souls both in life and in death. In 1920 she was beatified and her body is in repose in the Basilica of St. Chrysogonus. During her life she had to undergo numerous demonic attacks.

The demons often appeared to her in the form of horrible beings, or of the

was happening. Monsignore Natali, who lived in the apartment on the floor above the Blessed, recounts in his *Memories* about how one time he was awakened by the deafening noises that were coming from the apartment of the Blessed, in the middle of one of these attacks. Although terrorized by these sounds, he did not lose heart, he put on his stole, and taking holy water with him, he made his way down to the floor below. Here he found Anna lying on the floor and covered with



apocalyptic animals and they invaded her home. They would make a terrible noisy racket banging on doors, on windows, or putting the furniture of the house upside-down. The Blessed herself would be beaten on her head and on her shoulders. Fortunately these episodes occurred at night when the children were sleeping and unaware of what

blood. Only after he sprinkled the room with holy water, the devils went away and Anna was able to get up and resume her prayers. Cardinal Pedicini, during the process for Anna's beatification, also testified that he had seen many times Anna Maria in tears and covered with bruises after having suffered from these frightening attacks.