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Apparition of the Virgin Mary in CORI

ITALY, 1521

The Shrine of the Our Lady of Salvation rises on the slopes of Mount Ginestra, in the village of Cori, in the province of Latina. In its current form, it was built in 1639, but already in 1337 it was consecrated previously in honor of the Madonna of the Broom Tree, title which was changed to Our Lady of Salvation.

The site of devotion was born following the apparition of the Blessed Mother who, in 1521, aided a 3-year-old girl by the name of Oliva Janesse. Oliva, in search of her mother on the mountain, got lost. Soon after she was surprised by a storm and in that moment to her appeared a “Beautiful Lady” who said to her “I am the Virgin Mary.” The Celestial Mother remained with her for 8 whole days, day and night, after which she showed her the road back to town and soon after was found by some ladies who had gone to reap some fresh herbs on the mountain. During the eight days, an extraordinary fact who that each time that Oliva was hungry, the Blessed Mother put her finger in the girl’s mouth and every type of hunger or thirst passed. The adventures and providential loss of Oliva on the mountain of the Broom tree, with all the miraculous events that followed, were formerly submitted to judgment by the Curia of the Bishop in 1377 with a process born of the request of the two officials of the Shrine at the time and on the 20th of September 1778 the image discovered at the site of the apparition was solemnly coronated per a decree approved by Vatican authority.

The devotion of the townpeople of Cori to the Virgin of Salvation is shown also through important actions and works that were already actualized in 1864 with the formation of the “Conference of Holy Mary, Annunciation of Salvation”, which began with the specific service of management of the Shrine, born at the site of the apparition, and simultaneously brought about works of charity that were actualized in the donation of economic support of 25 coins to the young single poor women of Cori to encourage them to marriage.