

Saint Gaspar del Bufalo

1786 - 1837

PARADISE

The miracles attributed to Saint Gaspar del Bufalo are innumerable: in Mergo, a poor *shriveled woman* requests to be brought to the confessional of Gaspar, asking him to cure her. He tells the woman to be taken to pray in front of the picture of St. Francis Xavier. She is healed before arriving there. In Veroli, Antonia Calvani, who for years suffers from *blood hemorrhages* and she has been declared incurable by her doctors succeeds, in the midst of the crowd, to get close to Gaspar and touch the hem of his robe; she is healed immediately like the hemorrhaging woman in the Gospel. In Priverno he cures a young woman seriously sick to her chest. In Ariccia, the Saint is processing carrying the Cross *to be installed* as a reminder of the parish mission. One woman approaches Father Merlini with her boy who is not able to walk. He tells her to go to Gaspar. The child clings to the robe of the Saint. The following day he was seen playing and running with the other children. Many years later, Merlini saw him again still cured. In Cori a mother presents to Gaspar her *injured* small daughter; the Saint blesses her and she is healed. In Mergo a man goes to see Gaspar and beseeches him to cure his seriously ill son. Gaspar orders him to donate twelve robes for the brothers of St. Francis Xavier and his son would be healed. As soon as he delivered them, the son was healed.

In September of 1824 Gaspar was called to the bedside of a dying youth by his pastor Fr. Felice De Benedictis. Gaspar sprinkled the sick man with the blessed water of St. Francis Xavier and he was healed instantly. Teresa Cecchini, a mentally ill woman, used to run away from home, tear her clothes and exhibit strange behaviors; she was brought into his presence. He blessed her and she was healed immediately. In 1829 in Macerata Feltria, Gaspar cured Federico Corradini, who due to his mental illness had become so dangerous, that he had to be confined and kept chained in prison. Father Merlini recounts the cure performed by Gaspar to a boy who, having wounded himself severely to a knee with a pruning-knife, would not have been able to walk anymore in his life. Father Barrera of the Christian Doctrine Fathers writes that in Pontecorvo one of his students, who could not memorize anything, when Gaspar would place his hands on the boy's head, he would remember everything. Gaspar halted with his blessing hand a farmer who was about to fall from his restive horse into a ravine. To Giambattista Pedini, who was in bed with high fevers for several months in Frosinone, he commanded to get himself up and leave immediately for Rome. The invalid, without making any protest, obeyed and was healed immediately. In 1827, Michele De Mattias



of Vallecorsa, not having been able to obtain permission to plant tobacco on a land of his property, in order not to lose the yearly crop, planted corn there. After the corn had already grown, the permission arrived. He spoke about it to St. Gaspar, who suggested him to remove the corn and plant tobacco, because that would have been more profitable. Although the crop had come late, the tobacco harvested on that farm was the best and the most abundant of those of all the other farmers in the area.

