

CANONIZED CARMELITES.

A YOUNG soldier in the Persian army figures first in the calendar as a Carmelite, viz, St. Anastasius the Martyr. At the time when Chosroes, the King of Persia, was carrying the true cross as plunder from Jerusalem, our saint became very inquisitive concerning the christian religion. Prior to his conversion he lodged with a pious christian, and whilst there was exceedingly moved by the holy pictures which adorned the walls of the house, and from this on Anastasius inquired daily into the true faith—was duly instructed and baptized. Soon after baptism the saint joined a community of monks, successors of the Prophet Elias, whose monastery lay about five miles from Jerusalem. After seven years spent in great perfection in this monastery, he obtained permission to make a pilgrimage. Whilst on his journey he was apprehended and cruelly tortured at Caesarea because he had the courage to reprove some public sinners. After many sufferings, borne with great patience, the saint was strangled, and afterwards beheaded. His body was left to be devoured by dogs, but was left untouched. The head of the saint is to-day preserved with great veneration at Rome. The rest of the relics are preserved in the chapel *ad Scalas Sanctas*, near St. John Lateran.

 OBITUARY.

*"Receive, my most beloved son, this Scapular, * * * in which he that dieth shall not suffer eternal fire."*—PROMISE OF B. V. M.

We recommend to the pious prayers of our readers the souls of:

Adam Meyer, who lately died in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mother M. Mechthildis, who died at Loretto Convent, Niagara Falls, Ont. on December 11th.

THIRD ORDER.

LIKE the Third Order of Sts. Francis, Dominic and Augustine, there is also a Third Order of Our Blessed Lady of Mount Carmel. Our tertiaries are those persons who, not being called to the first or second order, (the monks and nuns who observe the principal Rule,) try to imitate the religious as far as circumstances permit. Several Popes have approved the Third Order of Mount Carmel. On some future occasion we shall explain the Rule of the tertiaries in detail, and give other items which will be of interest to all the members of the Third Order in the United States and Canada.

WE are in receipt of an interesting letter from the Pittsburgh branch of the Third Order, in which we are informed that it has survived a hard struggle for existence, and now stands on a secure footing. The first two of the present members received the holy habit on the Feast of the Annunciation in 1884. Subsequent to this the Third Order community has reached a membership of about fifty, with a prospect of a large increase before the end of 1893. The very reverend Pius Mayer, the present Provincial of the Carmelites in North America established the Third Order in Pittsburgh, and, was moreover, its Director for many years. To quote the letter referred to, "The Third Order owes its origin and existence to his untiring zeal, so that he might indeed be called its Father". Rev. Fr. Ferdinand followed the reverend Fr. Pius in the directorship, and was in turn succeeded by the present zealous and energetic Director, the Reverend Father Ambrose E. Bruder O. C. C. under whose direction the Third Order in Pittsburgh and vicinity is sure to prosper.

Little children love one another.—*St. John of the Cross.*