

founded a house of studies, and reestablished a number of convents.

In 1888 Mgr. Falconio had just been named superior of his province for a second time when the general Franciscan Chapter chose him as procurator general of the Friars Minor in the reformed provinces of Italy. In this capacity he was more than once entrusted with delicate missions by the Generals Bernardin de Portogruaro and Louis de Parma. He visited thirteen provinces of his Order, inculcating the principles of the monastic life and spirit of St. Francis everywhere he passed.

He was on the point of visiting France, in 1892, on a similar mission, when the Sovereign Pontiff preconized him Bishop of Lacedonia in the consistory held in July of that year. The new Bishop made his solemn entry into his diocese on February 2, 1893, and began immediately to work for the spiritual welfare of his flock. His affability, united to a great firmness of character, soon gained for him many friends. He aimed chiefly at getting into direct contact with his diocesans, and in the three years that he remained in Lacedonia visited the whole diocese three times. His pastoral letters, written during this term, were remarkable productions, one deserving special mention, the letter which treated of the respect which Catholics owe to their priests.

The Holy Father raised him, in 1895, to the united archiepiscopal sees of Acarenza and Matera. In this new and wider sphere of action, Archbishop Falconio was distinguishing himself when Leo XIII. again called him to a higher dignity, that of Apostolic Delegate to Canada.

His Excellency has been with us now a couple of months, and has already visited several of our cities and their religious institutions. He is for the present in residence with the Oblate Fathers at the Ottawa University.

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