

# Life of St. Peter Thomas, of the Order of Carmelites:

DEVOTED SERVANT OF MARY—TITULAR PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE—LEGATE  
OF THE CRUSADE OF 1365.

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## CHAPTER XVI.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD—VISIT TO THE DIOCESE OF CORON—FRUITFUL BENEDICTION—ANCHOR OF SALVATION—ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE GARRISON OF SATOLIA—HELP FOR THE PLAGUE-STRICKEN SUFFERERS OF CYPRUS—FRIENDSHIP OF BLESSED PETER THOMAS AND MEZZIERES—1361.



NOT having been enabled to visit his people in person since he had been transferred to the See of Coron, Blessed Peter was naturally most desirous of enjoying that con-

solation.

But, henceforth, special perils menaced him whenever he would venture within the radius of the Hellenic region, since by performing the ceremony of consecration for King Pierre I., he had incurred the enmity of that monarch's rival, and indeed of the entire family. The mother of this disappointed rival was Princess of Achai, and was possessed of several places of some importance in the vicinity of Coron. Far from concurring in the opinions of able counsellors, or listening to the voice of the people, she did all in her power to encourage the process at Rome, and pursued with bitter

hate the promoters of the "spoliation," as she called it. A mother's love disappointed—a woman's pride wounded—what would she not have in reserve for the prelate who had presumed to act in opposition to her will, should he, unfortunately, fall into her power?

Thus, when his intention to make the visitation was announced, many of his friends endeavored to dissuade him from doing so—but zeal pointed out the path of duty and invited him to walk therein. When was he known to turn a deaf ear to such an appeal? Confidence in God was his strength. *Deo confisus*; according to the familiar expression settled the point with Coron. Legitimate confidence! Not another word was said about the redoubtable princess. His courage became contagious, and joy filled the hearts of all. The clergy, the nobles and the masses were delighted at the prospect of the episcopal visitation. The Legate, who never neglected an opportunity to announce the divine word, began to preach to the faithful as soon as he arrived. The attendance