

he could to crucify his body, even in his final illness. On the Feast of Saint Theresa, October 15, he received Holy Communion for the last time, and then spent the whole day in recollection and prayer. Notwithstanding a severe onslaught of Satan, who tempted him, as he does all of us at that supreme moment, the saint made beautiful acts of contrition and Divine love. A writer tells us that after that attack, the Blessed Virgin appeared to him. The beauty and brightness of her countenance lit up his pallid face, and he entered into sweet communing with Jesus and Mary, which lasted till his innocent soul left his body, October 16, 1755. A delicious odor pervaded his room during several days after his death, spread through the whole monastery, and filled his brethren with a heavenly joy. This strange event was for them an assurance that their holy brother had entered into the joy of the Lord.

Since the death of Gerard Majella the record of the marvels he has wrought has earned for him the title of Wonder-Worker. Though powerful with God during life, he has become still more so since his death. The history of the miracles which he has done, and which we cannot recall here, shows that God has given him power over the devil, over men, over animals, over the elements, over inanimate creation. He was beatified by Leo XIII. on the twenty-ninth of January, 1893.

The perusal of the life of this holy young Redemptorist recalls the wonders wrought by the Fathers of the Desert, and brings home to us the conviction that the arm of God is not shortened. When He so wills it, He can use the humble to confound us all. May this blessed son of Saint Alphonsus be better known; may his clients augment in number; may his powerful intercession be felt by all who invoke him.

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