

angelic than human in 1607. Her body remains still incorrupt in a magnificent shrine in our convent at Florence, and appears but very little changed after a period of 286 years.

ST. ANGELUS THE MARTYR

was a holy Carmelite whose life was synonymous with his name—angelic. He shed his blood in defense of the truth. When living in Rome the saint was the frequent companion of the humble St. Francis and St. Dominic, the founders of two other great mendicant orders of the Franciscans and Dominicans. St. Angelus was ever desirous to spread the devotion of the Rosary of St. Dominic, and the latter saint was no less zealous in propagating devotion to our Lady of Mount Carmel. The beads and the scapular are inseparable companions.

BLESSED ALOYSIUS RABATA

was a Sicilian. He was renowned for his great humility. He only accepted the office of Prior through obedience. His death was hastened by a wound inflicted by a public sinner whom he charitably reproved. The office of this saint was approved by Gregory XVI, the predecessor of Pius IX. The feast of B. Aloysius is not observed this year, since the greater feast of Ascension occurs on May 11th.

There are many other men and women of the Order of the Blessed Virgin whose names will adorn the vine of Carmel in this month of flowers when the voice of Rome is heard, but in the meantime we must treat them as if they had been but "born to blush unseen." Among these many venerable Carmelites the Third Order is largely represented.

Let us offer this sweet smelling nose gay to the Queen of the saints of Carmel, and may we too take to heart the lesson which they teach. Let us remember that "each blossom, on its leaves a mystic language bears." May we learn from St. Simon's oak tree holy humility and confidence in

our Lady's protection; from St. M. Magdalene De Pazzi let us learn to suffer, even if we deserve not chastisement; from St. Angelus let us learn to give up all, even our lives, for our faith. May Blessed Aloysius teach us how to forgive our enemies, finally, may all the saints and flowers of Carmel, whose feasts we celebrate in the month of May, teach us how to become true children of Mary, and let us not forget that these "flowers preach to us if we hear."

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FLOS CARMELI.

*The Miraculous prayer to our Lady of Mt. Carmel.
Composed by St. Simon Stock.*

Most holy Virgin! Beauty of Carmel, Virgin-flower forever in bloom. Bright ornament of Heaven! Thou Virgin Mother of a Man God! Mother of holy love, Mother of mercy and meekness. Mother honored above all mothers, be thou propitious to thy dear children of Carmel, and to all who have the happiness of wearing thy holy Scapular. Amen.

Go without fear to the blessed Virgin, pray lovingly to her, you will always find her ready to grant all you ask.—*St. Bernard.*

WHENEVER our Holy Father, Leo XIII, is presented with any flowers, he always places them before the statue of the Madonna in his private chapel.

JESUS desires that thou should'st love His Mother, my child, and that thou should'st love her as much as possible; so that in this as in everything else thou may'st resemble Himself.—*Mgr. Segur.*

"MARY is the true garden of pleasure, abounding in the sweetest flowers and the celestial odor of all the virtues.—*Sophronius.*

A BEAUTIFUL article on St. Athanasius written for THE REVIEW will appear in our next number. Want of space prevents it appearing this month.