

Every body knows that tunny-fishing is one of the sources of wealth in Sicily. Some fishermen, after long and fruitless efforts, begged of Innocent to bless their nets and their labor. He followed them, and after having given the desired blessing, he ordered them to attribute to St. Anne's merits all they were going to catch. As a proof of his assertion, he told them that all the fishes would be marked with the name of Anne. Their confidence was not deceived; they repaired in the day, by a most successful haul, the losses of several weeks, and, what is more wonderful, among all the fishes they drew from their nets, they found one that was not marked with the venerable name of Anne.

Brother Innocent went sometimes from village to village, or knocked at the door of castles to beg for little wool. One day he replied to the uncivil refusal of a rude peasant that he would be contented with a single fleece, if it were given him for the love of God and of St. Anne, adding that the wolf would soon deprive him of the fleece and of the sheep also. The angry farmer drove him away brutally. He had hardly gone when a wolf came, and in presence of all the laborers, seized a sheep and bore it off, without their being able to prevent him.

Innocent had a friend in Rome, whose name was Dominic; he was the delegate of the Friars Minor in that city. As he often induced him to appeal to Saint Anne: "What service can that old woman render me," answered he, and what service has she rendered you?" He then answered his friend. At those words, Innocent shut him into his cell, carefully closed the door and sent to him a number of graces and favors obtained from the Saint, among others the resurrection of a dead man that had died several days before, and whose nose emitted an unbearable stench.

He was one day sailing from Marsala to Trapani. The sailors had forgotten their provision of fresh water. Soon devoured by thirst, exasperated by such a