



# CONGREGATIO MISSIONARIORUM PRETIOSISSIMI SANGUINIS

Postulatio Generalis

Rome, May 27, 2018  
*Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity*

*For those who are led  
by the Spirit of God  
are children of God  
(Rom. 8, 14)*

To the Congregations  
Missionaries of the Precious Blood (CPPS)  
Adorers of the Blood of Christ (ASC)  
To the Family of the Blood of Christ  
*in all its Associates in the world*

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Dear brothers and sisters,

With a heart grateful to God, the giver of all good, we would like to announce that the Moderator General of the Congregation of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, has given us a positive response to proceed with the cause of the Beatification and Canonization of the Venerable *John Merlini*, according to the canonical *Iter*. A possible healing has been attributed to the intercession of our Venerable *Merlini*. The person who received the possible miracle was born in and is a resident of Benevento, Italy. He is a married father and a teacher of mathematics and physics.

We are, therefore, to present the *Supplex Libellus* to the local Ordinary, His Grace Mons. Felice Accrocca, to request an opening of the Diocesan Inquiry for the *Processo Super Miro*, in the Diocese of Benevento where the possible recovery took place.

Sure that *every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change* (Jas 1, 17), we look at the event that presents itself before our eyes as an invitation to proceed with faith in the power of Christ's redemptive blood.

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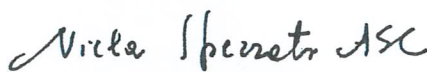
The words of Pope Francis in the apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et exsultate* are a provocative call for us: "Do not be afraid to aim higher, to let yourself be loved and free from God. Do not be afraid to let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit. Holiness does not make you less human, since it is an encounter between your weakness and the power of God's grace." (34). We are guided daily by these words, and we recognize that the Beatitudes are the foundation for our lives of joy.

The Venerable John Merlini comes to meet us with the daily, regular holiness of his life, while we ask the Holy Spirit, that the healing, granted by the intercession of the Venerable, is a *permanent sign* of the extraordinary presence of God among us.

If ascertaining the heroic virtues of a servant of God is a work from here below, the miraculous event is a work from above, a gratuitous intervention by God, which calls for a scrupulous scientific and theological assessment of the truth of the facts. A cause of beatification, therefore, is never dry procedure, but a pilgrimage of faith, personal and communal, in which each person is called by the Spirit to be converted to the way of the Gospel, the foundation of every beatitude and joy.

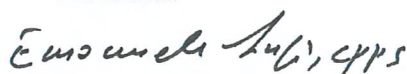
As the Family of the Precious Blood we welcome this time of grace: both an exercise of faith, humble expectation, unanimous and continuous prayer.

*In sanguine Agni*



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- ❖ We propose the following prayer  
for the daily prayer communal or personal

#### **Prayer for the Beatification of the Venerable John Merlini**

*Eternal Father, we beg of you the favor of the beatification and canonization of your servant John Merlini. We ask that you place upon his life and work in honor of the Precious Blood the stamp of divine approval, that those who venerate him and seek his intercession may glorify you by imitation of his virtues. Grant us an abundance of the graces following from the Blood of your Son; bestow upon us the spirit of his love, so that we may truly promote the divine glory in the apostolate of the Precious Blood with the zeal of Saint Gaspar and Venerable John Merlini. This we ask through Christ our Lord.*

*Mary, our Queen and Mother, all-powerful in intercession with your Son, obtain for us through the priesthood of Christ in his glory the favor we ask for our beloved father, the zealous priest, John Merlini.*

(See Missionaries of the Precious Blood  
Manual of Prayers)