



ST. GASPAR DEL BUFALO

Feast Day – October 21st

Founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood

In many parishes around the world served by Missionaries of the Precious Blood, there is a painting or statue of St. Gaspar del Bufalo, the founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. But anyone who ever painted his portrait or sculpted his image got it wrong, because none of the images of St. Gaspar are moving.

The little saint was a dynamo, a rushing river of new ideas, a perpetual motion machine. Although prayer empowered everything he did, his was not a monastic life, contemplative or silent. He was always happiest when he was out among the children of God, whether they were devout Catholics or those who had never heard the Word.

“I cannot, I must not and I will not,”
is the strong proclamation St. Gaspar made to the Napoleonic government, as he refused to sign an oath of allegiance.

