

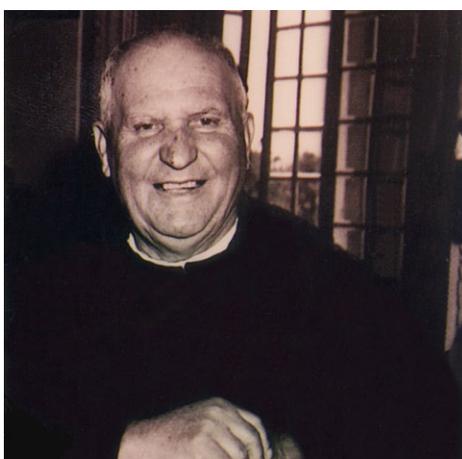


OPENING OF BROTHER BONIFACE BONILLO'S DIOCESAN ENQUIRY

“Have you something for my children?”. These were the words that resounded from the lips of Brother Boniface, (1899-1978) as he trod the streets of Cordoba on his daily collection of alms for the sick children in the St John of God hospital. The presence of so many people attending the opening of the Cause for the beatification and canonisation of the Servant of God on 18 December last confirmed his fame of saintliness.

At 6 o'clock in the chapel of the St John of God Hospital in Cordoba at the end of Vespers, the diocesan Bishop, Mgr Demetrio Fernández González, opened the first session of the diocesan Process with the swearing-in of the members of the Tribunal: the Episcopal Delegate, Father Carlos Morales Fernández, the Promoter of Justice, Father Juan Laguna Navarro, and the Notary, Father Miguel Varona Villar. The oath was also taken by the Postulator General of the Order, Brother Dario Vermi and the Vice Postulator of the Cause, Brother José Ramon Perez.

The celebration was also attended by the Provincial Superior of Spain, Brother Amador Fernández Fernández, and a very large num-



Portrait of Brother Boniface Bonillo

ber of Brothers from neighbouring communities. This marked the beginning of an important and challenging journey, which it is hoped will soon enable the Church to recognise and confirm the holiness of life of this son of Saint John of God who lived the Charism of Hospitality comprehensively, and in simplicity and humility. On the webpage of the General Postulation you can consult a short biography to learn more about the life of the Servant of God.



Opening of the diocesan phase of the Process for the Servant of God



Recognition and translation of the Servant of God Brother Fortunato Tannhäuser (1918-2005)



On 15 December 2022, having obtained all the religious and civil authorisations, the recognition and translation of the Servant of God, Brother Fortunatus, from the cemetery to the chapel of our hospital in Kattappana was celebrated in the presence of the Diocesan Bishop, Mgr Jose Pulickal, the Ecclesiastical Tribunal, the experts appointed for the event, Brothers of the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God and the Sisters of Charity of Saint John of God. Now his body rests in the simple and homely chapel, where many

of the faithful, including the sick, the poor and the needy, can more easily visit the tomb to ask the Lord for favours and graces through the intercession of the Servant of God.

On 31 January 2023, the Diocesan Bishop, Mgr Jose Pulickal, presided over the concluding session of the Cause of the Beatification and Canonisation of the Servant of God in Kanjirapally Cathedral.

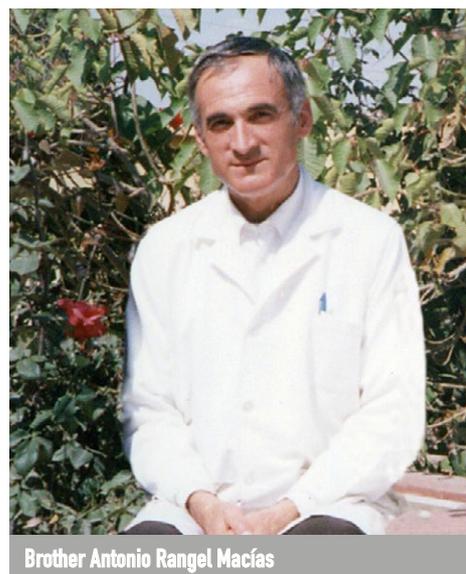
Now the Documentation will be taken to Rome, to the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, where the juridical validity of the Cause will be verified and if positive, the Dicastery will appoint the *Relator* who will guide the External co-worker and the Postulator General to prepare the *Positio* on the heroic virtues of the Servant of God.



Brother Fortunatus' tomb in the hospital chapel at Kattappana

La Ceya – Colombia

We visited Bogotá, Quito and Lima on 4 to 15 December, accompanied by Brother Dairon Meneses, General Councillor, and Brother José Ramon Perez, Vice Postulator of the active Causes in Spain for several purposes: In Bogotá and Ceya, we met some family members of the Blessed Colombian Martyrs and at the same time we listened to witnesses of alleged miracles obtained through the intercession of our blessed martyrs. One



Brother Antonio Rangel Macías

of the many testimonies we heard, which were all very significant, was an alleged miracle obtained through the intercession of **Blessed Juan Bautista Velásquez Peláez**, a martyr of the Spanish persecution in 1936. In this first, and still informal stage, the medical documentation concerning the person claiming to have received the miracle is being studied. During our stay at Ceya, we received other significant testimonies, telling us of favours and graces received through the intercession of **Blessed Eugenio Ramirez** and **Blessed Ruben de Jesus Lopez**, which need to be studied in depth.

In the city of Quito (Ecuador), we visited the Saint John of God Hotel, a Centre where our Brother **Brother Antonio Rangel Macías** (1946-2003), a Brother from the Spanish Province, lived out his consecration to hospitality at the service of the very poor and sick people so intensely and generously. The purpose of our visit to Quito was to collect testimonies regarding the life and virtues of Brother Antonio. The many testimonies we gathered there have strengthened and confirmed our desire to promote the Cause of Beatification and Canonisation of our Brother.



Closing session of the diocesan phase of the Process for the Servant of God