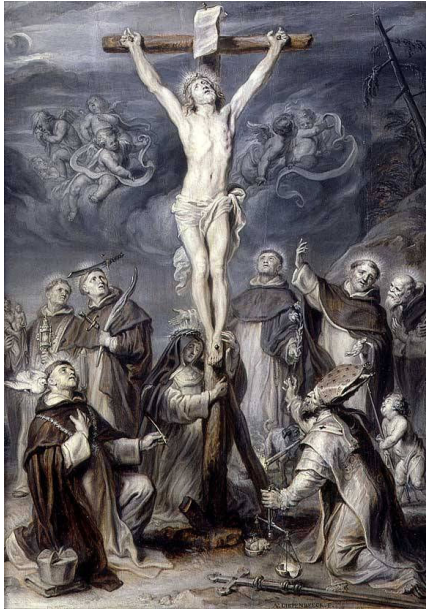


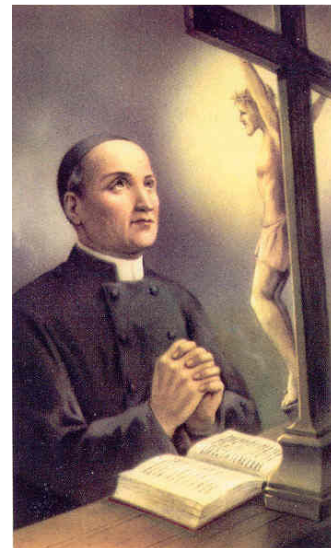
# ST. GASPAR BERTONI



## THE CHALLENGE of CONTINUING CONVERSION, ON-GOING FORMATION

### SPIRITUAL, INTELLECTUAL, JURIDICAL, MISSIONARY DEVELOPMENT

**Apostolic Missionaries  
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**The Stigmatine Vocation – A Share also in the Prophetic Role of Jesus Christ**

**PRAYER & STUDY**

**Introduction**

CF 6  
 1 Tm 4:16 [Commentary of St. Thomas]  
 SC # 2 & DV 9

*Original Constitutions*  
**CONCERNING THE PROGRESS OF THE CONFRERES**

**A. SPIRITUAL PROGRESS**

[FOURTH PART cc. 1, CF ## 47-68]

**Presentation:**

**c. 1: Spiritual Development [## 47-48]**

# 47: Prayer  
 # 48: Ascetical Practices

- [1] Living the Constitutions – A Portrait of Jesus Christ
- [2] A Hope in Progress
- [3] Spiritual, Apostolic Experiments [cf/ CF ## 42; 72-76]
- [4] *Schola Affectus* [cf. CSJ # 516; CF # 152].
- [5] Spiritual Practices [CF # 47]
- [6] Ascetical Practices [CF # 48]
- [7] Role of Superiors in Spiritual Progress of Superiors [CF # 263]
- [8] Spiritual Conversations among Confreres [CF ## 283, 284]
- [9] Insistence on Recreation: for Spirituality, balance in Study [CF ## 59; 128; 132; 250; 256]: a relaxation of spirit, and a celebration of intelligence.’
  - [a] Moderation for Study [CF # 59]
  - [b] Training in Rules for Modesty [CF # 128]
  - [c] For just Repose, Moderation in Banter, Skill in Conversation [CF # 132].
  - [d] Extended Time Commitment [CF # 250].
  - [e] Spiritual Pleasantry, Evangelical Salt, Pleasing Odor of Wisom sought [CF # 256].



**B. INTELLECTUAL PROGRESS**

**Introduction : The Life of St. Gaspar**

[FOURTH PART **c. 2: Intellectual** Development ## 49-68]

- [1] A Spirituality of Intellectual Progress [Ph 1:6; CF ## 41; 185]
- [2] *More than Ordinary Knowledge* [CF # 49] – especially Theology.
- [3] Combat Heresy, Moral Lassitude [CF # 50]
  - [a] For Instruction [CF # 67]
  - [b] Illumine Others [CF # 50]
  - [c] Resist Heresies
  - [d] Defense, Propagation of the Faith, Progress of Souls
  - [e] Resolve Moral Difficulties
  - [g] Theological Doctrine
- [4] Series of Studies [CF # 53]

- [5] Embellish Theology [CF ## 54, 55]
- [6] Specialization [CF ## 56-58]
- [7] Aids to Serious Study
- [8] Spiritual, Intellectual Competence for Greater Church Service.
- [9] Special Interest for Seminarians [CF ## 67; 164] – for the *Apostolic Missionaries*.
- [10] All with the Spiritual Missionary Welfare in Mind
  - [a] Balance
  - [b] *Contemplatives in Action – Monks at Home, Missionaries Abroad*
  - [c] Specialization
  - [d] Theology dominates
  - [e] The Plan
  - [f] Doctrine
  - [g] Obstacles
  - [h] Right Order
  - [i] Concrete Methods
  - [j] Academic Degrees.



**C. JURIDICAL PROGRESS**

[cf. CF ## 27-46; 69-82; 152-157; 158, ff.]

**[I] Admission and Post Novitiate [CF ## 27-46]**

**[A] First Probation**

- [1] Admission [CF ## 27-29] – no specific Habit – but, proper, conformed to the region; Poor.
- [2] Novitiate Regimen [CF ## 30-32]
- [3] Novitiate Formation [CF ## 30-39] – through Ignatian ‘Experiments [CSJ nn. 64-70].



**[B] Second Formation**

- [1] Time after Novitiate: 3 Years of Philosophy; 4 years of Theology; 2/3 of Fathers = 10 years after Novitiate [CF ## 40-42]
- [2] Manner of Penance [CF ## 43-44]
- [3] Breviary and Suffrages [CF ## 45-46]
  - [a] Renewal of Vows
  - [b] Scholastic Intellectual Program: Form Priests; Apostles].



**[II] Juridical Promotion in the Spiritual, Intellectual, Apostolic Experiments**

**(A) Students and Brothers [CF ## 69-82]**

Presentation

**(I) Ignatian Influence [Part V]**

- [1] From Initial Admission to Progressive Aggregation, Eventual Definitive Incorporation
- [2] Four Levels of membership [CSJ n. 510]
- [3] Schola Affectus [CSJ n. 516-521]

- [4] 'Sufficient' Knowledge
- [5] Eucharistic Element in Ritual of Profession
- [6] Solemn Profession and teaching Catechism
- [7] Other Rituals.

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(II) St. Gaspar Bertoni – Part V [CF ## 69-78] – Promotion to, and Initiation in the Priesthood

Premise

- [1] Various Requirements, Ignatian 'Experiments'
- [2] Direction of the Missions [CF # 76]
  - [a] Two-fold Stigmatine Opinion, regarding these *Missions*.
  - [b] *Compendium Rude* n. 2: [*Nuestro Modo de Proceder*]
  - [c] Promotion to *Profession* [CF ## 7; 158, ff.]
  - [d] Jesuit Pontifical mission
    - (1) Gradual Apostolic Commitment
    - (2) Special requirements for *Profession* [CSJ n. 12]
    - (3) Spiritual Coadjutors can be appointed rectors of Colleges, Universities [CSJ nn. 557 etc.]
    - (4) Comments of Fr. Nadal, SJ, on Directing the Msions.

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(III) Promotion of Others [CF ## 77-78]

- [1] Non-ordained Clerics [CF # 77]
- [2] Material Coadjutors [CF # 78]
- [3] Their Many Duties [CF ## 79-82]

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(B) Seven Years of Theology – Extended 'Experiments': *Schola Affectus* [CSJ n. 516]

- (I) A Long, Gradual Initiation into the Priesthood already received [CF # 40]

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(II) Steps of Promotion to and in the Priestly Office [CF ## 69. f.]

- [1] After age 30, Initiation into, and in the Priesthood [CF # 71]
- [2] Gradual Insertion into Ignatian 'Experiences' [CSJ nn. 65-70]
- [3] Eventual Direction of the Missions [CF # 76].

[Some Jesuit History]

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(C) The *Schola Affectus* – Prior to *Profession* [CSJ n. 516][CF ## 38; 152-157]  
[Some Stigmatine History]

- [1] Ordained Priests, initiate into further Priestly Ministry, long before *Profession* [CF # 38]
- [2] The Eighth Part: On Final Profession:
  - [a] One More Year [CF # 152]: Proven Spiritually and Pastorally
  - [b] Commentary
  - [c] Nature of this Formation
  - [d] Commentary and Sources

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(D) Promotion to the *Apostolic Mission* and to the *Grade* and the *Life of the Professed* [Part IX, CF ## 158-186]

General Introduction: Some Stigmatine History

Compendium Rude CF # 7

Fr. Lenotti's Comparison with the Company of Jesus

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**D. APOSTOLIC PROGRESS**

[cf. CF ## 72-76; 163-186]

- [1] Schools in the *Original Constitutions*
- [2] Formation of Youth
- [3] Christian Doctrine to the Young, the Unlettered
- [4] Special Duties of the Professed [CF # 164]
  - [a] Seminarians
  - [b] Catechism
  - [c] Integral Formation of the Young – Biblical Support [CF # 166] [Jesuit Profession Ritual
  - [d] Modern Papal Teaching
    - (1) Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, December 8, 1975
    - (2) John Paul II, *Catechesi Tradendae*, October 16, 1979
  - [e] Private Instructions
  - [f] Schools, when possible [CF # 166]
- [5] Emphasis on the Spiritual [CF # 167]
- [6] Teaching: A Spiritual Ministry [CF # 173]
- [7] Good Teachers
- [8] Broad Understanding of Preaching [PO 4, etc.]

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