

## **Prayer for the Beatification of Rev. Fr. Silvio Pasquali PIME**

Almighty Father, with an infinite love  
You sent Your only Son and our Lord Jesus Christ  
into the world, to save all the people.

In Your kindness, You have chosen and anointed  
Fr. Silvio Pasquali, a priest after Your Heart.  
You sent Him to India to proclaim the Good News of salvation.  
You inspired and guided him in the work of evangelization  
among the simple and humble people.

You filled Fr. Silvio Pasquali with a spirit of burning zeal  
for the work of salvation. You inspired him to found the  
Religious Congregation of *Catechist Sisters of St. Ann*  
with a permanent Mission of Catechizing and giving  
witness to faith in Christ both in words and in deeds.

Fr. Pasquali lived a life of communion with Christ in steadfast love.  
He faithfully preached the Good News of Salvation and transformed  
the lives of many, through constant prayer to Christ and the  
Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Redeemer.

Grant, therefore, we beseech You Lord, through the intercession  
of Your beloved priest Fr. Silvio Pasquali the graces and the  
intentions... (*Mention your requests*)

We implore You that Fr. Silvio Pasquali may soon be beatified for  
Your greater glory through Christ our Lord (Thrice: Glory be...).

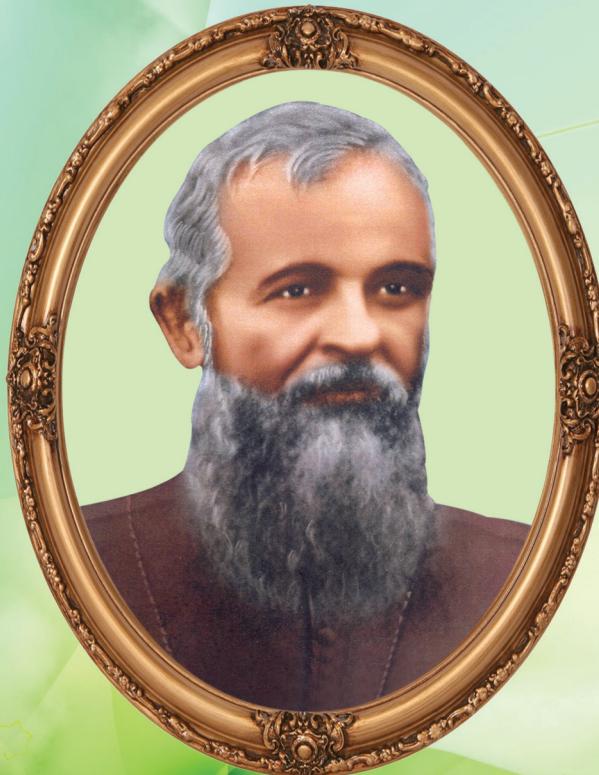
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**"The sole reason for my agony is that many are groping  
in the darkness of ignorance of Christ"**



**Rev. Fr. Silvio Pasquali PIME**

**5.4.1864 – 7.7.1924**

**Founder of the Congregation of Catechist Sisters of St. Ann**

## **Rev. Fr. Silvio Pasquali PIME**

Fr. Silvio Pasquali was born on April 5, 1864 to the pious parents of Mr. Paul and Mrs. Teresa Rescaglio in the parish of Picenengo, Cremona Diocese, Italy. He was baptized on April 10, and named Abramo Secondo Silvio.

On 17<sup>th</sup> December 1887, Silvio was ordained by Monsignor Geremia Bonomelli. After nine Years of his fruitful ministry in the Diocese of Cremona, Fr. Silvio joined the Pontifical Institute of Foreign Missions (PIME) on 17th August, 1896 at Milan for his formation as a missionary.

Fr. Silvio Pasquali was a man of courage and righteousness, blessed with passion for mission and compassion for humanity. He was able to fight for justice on behalf of the oppressed and lower stratum of the community. From day one he grew in knowledge and holiness of God that led him to carry on the mission without any fear or doubt. In the year 1897 as he stepped into India, he made it his own land and worked tirelessly for the good of the souls and never returned to his homeland, Italy.

In spite of his busy schedule, he spent daily an hour before the Eucharistic Lord and that was the way he became a radiant personality to the people. He was a zealous apostle and a charismatic leader and this enabled him to turn many to Christ.

The conversion of Denduluru with 700 baptisms in 1921 was the fruit of his zeal, of his love for the poor and, by that time, also of his wide-spread fame

of sanctity. Vatluru also owes him its revival with 400 baptisms in 1918. The Catholic people of Vatluru attributed to his prayers the sudden disappearance of cholera from the village. It is reported that Fr. Pasquali administered yearly more than a thousand Baptisms in 1921, 1922 and 1923. Many villages were brought to the faith by him.

With such a zealous missionary, expansion and consolidation work can be imagined; but the establishing of a small Catechists' School in 1905 and the starting of a Congregation: Catechist Sisters of St. Ann in 1914 were the special fruits of his personal missionary Charism.

Fr. Silvio Pasquali died in Eluru on 7<sup>th</sup> July 1924, at 12.15 P.M in the odour of Sanctity. He was laid in rest at St. Michel's Church, Eluru. Even today people pray with lighted candles and flowers and receive favours. Now his Sacred Mortal Remains are preserved in a beautiful shrine at Duggirala, Eluru built by the Catechist Sisters of St. Ann in honour of Fr Silvio Pasquali, their beloved founder.

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