

APPENDIX II

LETTER OF ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI

TO ST. GASPAR DEL BUFALO

(Writings of St. Gaspar, Vol. XIII, 132)

Deus meus et omnia

May 30, 1818

1. Whenever blessed rosaries become undone, they do not lose their blessing if a few of the *Ave Maria* beads are lost and other ones not blessed are supplied, as long as the blessed beads are more numerous than the ones that are not blessed. (This is the explanation given to me by the Reverend Dominican Father): *major pars habet ad se minorem*. This same Father also told me that probably the blessing would remain if there were an equal number of blessed *Ave Marias* and those not blessed.

2. I spoke with Can Manfredi and he told me that this one writes all that is necessary for aggregation to the one in Rome, that pious union erected canonically in Matelica. That same Fr. Manfredi asks that you offer prayer for a new, very useful good work which is being established in Rome under the protection of the Purest Heart of Mary most holy, our ever beloved Mother. Also have prayers said during your Missions since this good work that is being established is the erection of various hospices.

3. I point out that the five habits (scapulars) that I am sending to you are not blessed as yet, but your Reverence has the faculty of blessing all of them.