

## GRAND MAGISTERIUM – VATICAN Equestrian order of The Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem

At the service of the living stones in the Holy Land

## Celebrating the liturgical memory of Blessed Bartolo Longo



The **liturgical memory of Blessed Bartolo Longo** (1841-1926), which is celebrated on October 5, is dear to the Knights and Dames of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre. The only lay member of the Order to be beatified, Bartolo Longo is an example for our members of constant prayer, active charity, and love for the most needy. From Pompeii, a city that he helped regenerate thanks to the grace of recitation of the Rosary, the Blessed continues to inspire initiatives of prayer and charity worldwide.

For example, the **New Galicia Section of the Lieutenancy for Mexico**, organized a Eucharistic celebration on October 5 in the Chapel of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, seat of the Section in Guadalajara. Like them, several other members celebrate this recurrence, taking the opportunity to trustingly seek the intercession of the Blessed.

Instead members of the **Lieutenancy USA North Central** tell of the dedication of an altar to Blessed Bartolo Longo at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Pompeii, which is in Chicago, wanted and financed by voluntary contributions of Knights and Dames of this US Lieutenancy. This altar is a replica of the one inside which the body of the Blessed is placed under the altar at the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin of the Rosary in Pompeii and contains an effigy of the Knight wearing the mantle of the Order. "We have begun the process – they tell us from the US North Central Lieutenancy - to have the altar recognized as the national sanctuary of Blessed Bartolo Longo."

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To learn more about the figure of Blessed Bartolo Longo, visit the 2016 special focus marking the jubilee pilgrimage of our Grand Master, Cardinal Edwin O'Brien, along with the Italian Lieutenants to Pompeii.

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