

moment's hesitation he went on his commission, leaving the glass as it was. On returning, several hours later, expecting to find the fruit of his labor reduced to ashes by the heat of the furnace, he was surprised to find the picture in a state of perfect preservation and beautified by the Divine Hand as a reward for his prompt obedience.

At last, after fifty years' faithful service in the army of Dominic, our humble religious, fortified by the sacraments of the Church, passed into the Land of the Living. His death was deeply mourned by his brethren and the people of Bologna, a great concourse of whom followed the remains to their last resting-place.

Holy Mother Church, who never overlooks the signal sanctity of her children, listening to the petitions of his brethren and the people of Bologna, held him up for veneration by enrolling him among the Blessed. This was done through her visible head, Pope Leo XII, in 1825.

—Philip Thamm, O. P.

BLESSED GARCIA, O. P.

Bl. Garcia of Aure, a Dominican lay-brother, was of that little band of heroic souls who suffered martyrdom in the year 1242. Companion of Bl. William of Arnould, whose zeal and eloquence drew upon himself and his brethren the special hatred of the Albigenses, he accompanied the latter into Avignonet, a town in the southern part of France. On the invitation of Raymond of Alfaro, who ruled the town, the little company repaired to his castle. There, in one of the halls, the party, eleven in all, were set upon by assassins, who ceased not to torture them until death opened for them the way of eternal life.

—Paul Curran, O. P.