

Prayer

O God,
who made the blessed martyr
Odoardo resplendent with purity of faith
and full submission to your will,
graciously grant that, through his intercession
and after his example, we too may perceive
the plans that you,
heavenly Father, in your providence,
have laid out for us
and accomplish them in our life.
Amen

Acts of graces

Those who received graces after invoking the intercession
of blessed Odoardo Focherini in their prayers
are begged to inform the Diocese of Carpi
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qui a fait resplendir
dans le Bienheureux
martyr Odoardo la foi pure
et la pleine soumission a ta volonté,
par son intercession
et sur son exemple,
donnes-nous de reconnaître
les desseins de ta Providence paternelle
et de la mettre en pratique
dans notre vie.
Amen*

Merci accordé Tous

Ceux qui ont reçu une invocation de la grâce, dans la prière, l'intercession du bienheureux Odoardo, vous demande de les signaler à l'Episcopal Curie du diocèse de Carpi (Corso Fanti, 7 41012 Carpi (MO)
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Informations biographiques

Odoardo Focherini est né à Carpi, près de la ville de Modena, le 6 juin 1907, d'une famille originaire du Trentin.

Il est dirigeant de l'Action Catholique, en 1930 il épouse Maria Marchesi, de laquelle entre 1931 et 1943, aura sept enfants. Dès 1934, il travaille pour la Société Catholique d'Assurances de Verone. Déjà pendant son adolescence, il cultive la passion pour le journalisme, en 1927 il devient correspondant pour "L'Avvenire d'Italia" et "L'Observateur Romain".

En 1939, il devient l'administrateur délégué de "L'Avvenire d'Italia". En 1942, il commence son activité en faveur des juifs, en quelques mois, il en ira sauver plus d'une centaine.

L'11 mars 1944, il est arrêté à l'hôpital de Carpi et il est renfermé dans la prison de «San Giovanni in Monte» à Bologne. Il est interrogé deux fois, sans aucun procès, le 5 juillet il est transféré au camp de concentration de Fossoli, un village près

de Carpi, et le 5 août, il est envoyé à celui de Gries (Bolzano).

Le 5 septembre, il est déporté en Allemagne au camp de Flossenburg et après au sous-camp de Hersbruck.

Il meurt le 27 décembre 1944 d'infection, causée par une blessure mal soignée à sa jambe.

De ses neuf mois passés en prison et dans les camps de concentration, il reste 166 lettres et des billets, soit officiels que clandestins, faits parvenir à sa femme, à ses parents et à son ami Umberto Sacchetti.

Plusieurs signes de reconnaissance ont été dédiés à la mémoire de Odoardo Focherini: la Médaille d'Or de la République Italienne au Mérit civil (2007), le titre de «Juste parmi les Nations» en 1969, la Médaille d'Or de la communauté juive de Milan en 1955.

Le procès de béatification pour la reconnaissance de son martyre commence à Carpi en 1996.

Le 15 juin 2013, en Place Martires à Carpi, la célébration solennelle de sa béatification a eu lieu.

Oracion

*Oh Dios,
que hiciste resplandecer
en el Beato màrtir Odoardo
la pureza de la fe y la plena
sumisiòn a tu voluntad,
por su intercesiòn
y siguiendo su ejemplo,
concèdenos tambièn
a nosotros reconocer
los designios de tu paterna Providencia
y de ponerlos en pràctica
en nuestra vida.
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Gracias otorgadas

Todos aquellos que hayan recibido alguna gracia invocando, en la oraciòn, la intercesiòn del Beato Odoardo, se les ruega lo comuniquen a la Curia Episcopal de la Diòcesis de Carpi (Corso Fanti, 7 41012 Carpi (MO) - Tel. +39 059 686048 e.mail: cancelleria@carpi.chiesacattolica.it www.carpi.chiesacattolica.it



Biografía

Periodista, padre de familia, católico, Odoardo Focherini, nace en Carpi, en provincia de Módena, el 6 de junio de 1907 en seno de una familia proveniente de Trento.

A los 27 años es ya presidente de la Acción Católica Italiana.

En 1930 se casa con Maria Marchesi, de la que tiene, entre 1931 y 1943, siete hijos.

A partir del 1934 trabaja en la Società Cattolica de seguros de Verona. Desde muy joven cultiva la pasión por el periodismo y en 1927 es corresponsal del diario italiano italiano L'Avvenire d'Italia y el Osservatore Romano.

En 1939 llega a ser director del diario L'Avvenire d'Italia. Durante la II Guerra Mundial salva a 100 judíos que consigue trasladar hasta Suiza y es encarcelado tras ser delatado: el 11 de marzo de 1944 es arrestado en el hospital de Carpi mientras ayudaba a un paciente judío. Fue interrogado dos veces, sin juicio, ante las SS en Bolonia y el 5 de julio lo trasladan al Campo de tránsito de Fossoli (cerca de Carpi) y luego a lo de Gries (Bolzano).

El 5 de septiembre lo deportan al campo de concentración de Flossenbug y de ahí al campo de trabajo de Hersbruck.

Muere el 27 de diciembre 1944 por una herida en una pierna porque ante la falta de atención sanitaria contrae una septicemia.

Antes de morir, durante los nueve meses pasados en la cárcel y en el campo de concentración, deja escritas 166 cartas y hojas, oficiales o clandestinas, dirigidas a su mujer, sus padres y el amigo Umberto Sacchetti, que logra hacerles llegar con varios estratagemas.

Distintos son los reconocimientos en su memoria: Medalla de Oro de la Republica Italiana al Merito Civile (2007), la Unión de las Comunidades judías de Milán le otorgó una medalla de oro en 1955 y el Instituto conmemorativo de los mártires y de los héroes Yad Vashem de Jerusalén le proclamó Justo entre las Naciones.

Su proceso de beatificación comenzó en 1996, cuando la Diócesis Católica de Carpi presentó un documento oficial.

El 15 de junio de 2013 en Carpi se realizó su solemne ceremonia de beatificación.

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