

**ANGELUS OF ST. JOSEPH**  
(Angelus of the Conception, 1622?-1642)  
Servant of God, martyr, teleric (D)

Named George Halley in the world, Angelus was born about 1622 in Herefordshire (England), and died in the castle of Slane (Dublin, Ireland) on Aug. 15, 1642. Of a noble English family, he received the habit of the Discalced Carmelites in Dublin on May 5, 1640, and made his profession the year following. Sent to Drogheda for his studies, he remained there even after the religious were expelled from the convent. He was arrested and thrown into prison, where he had to suffer every kind of harassment. Freed after seven months, he sought out the districts where there were Catholics, in order to continue his studies in theology. However, he was re-captured in the castle of Slane, which had been carried by the heretics. Invited to deny the papist faith, he put up courageous resistance and said he was ready and happy to die on that same day, the feast of the Assumption. Taken at his word, he was shot, in the castle itself, while he was devoutly reciting the litany of Our Lady.

His cause of beatification was proposed immediately after his death; and the general chapter of 1647 passed a resolution with this intent. Later, after the collecting of the documents, his cause was associated with that of two other Discalced Carmelites and of many other martyrs. They all received the decree of introduction on Feb. 12, 1915.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY.** The most important document is the *Relatio martyii trium religiosorum nostrorum hibernicorum*, composed in 1647 by John of the Mother of God, provincial of Ireland for the general chapter (*Archivio Generale O.C.D.*, cod. 272n; published in *Analecta O.C.D.*, VII (1832), pp. 153-162). To this account Philip of the Trinity has added other items, gathered by personal research, in *Decor Carmeli*, III Lyon 1665, p. 139; cf. *Busebius ab Omnibus Sanctis, Enchiridion Chronologicum Carm.* Disc. Congr. Italiae, Roma 1737, pp 206-209; Francesco dell'Immacolata Concezione *Verso la Gloria*, Monza 1938, pp. 85-124.

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