

How Don Dolindo under the tunnel of the subway Wanted to cross the Third Track

A few days before had been inaugurated in Napoli the subway and big billboards on which were painted a skull signaled “risk of death”; on the third track run a high-voltage current; interdict then to cross the tracks!

Don Dolindo, always interested to drop in the reality of life to steer it in the right direction, hurried to visit Piazza Cavour station and went down to the trains.

He stopped to read the billboards and started to cross the tracks. A shout of the crowd waiting for the train: “...Father...it is prohibited ...There is danger of death! ...Father, come back !”

Don Dolindo stopped and quite calm said: “Danger of death? I don’t believe it.” And did to proceed further. Someone run to stop him.

Once he came back to the people that had assembled around him, with a smile he began to say: “Well then, why when the Church tells you: You must not do this, it is dangerous for your soul ...why you don’t believe it? And break the law of God and do not pay attention to the voice of the Lord saying to you: “My son, my daughter, you shall die if you do that... My child, don’t do it! You may die forever. Why then?

And the crowd understood why Don Dolindo pretended he wanted to go to the third track.

To the glory of Jesus.

How Don Dolindo favored the mothers

A poor wife had two pregnancies and both babies died after a few days of life. Now she was pregnant again: how scared she was!

She consulted five obstetricians and all of them told her that the baby would not be able to see the light and she herself was in danger if she went on with her pregnancy.

The woman was a housemaid of a family who knew don Dolindo: why not to ask him to pray for the baby and give a blessing to her?

She had heard that Don Dolindo had a special fondness for mothers especially expectant mothers and he had helped many of them.

She thought about it and did it.

A baby was born, healthy and beautiful among the amazement of the doctors.

They declared that this birth was *antiscientific*.

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How with one Hail Mary Don Dolindo made an alarm clock ...go crazy

It was late, past 10pm and it was necessary to invite Pastor Maione to the service in Church early in the morning.

Don Dolindo was worried: what could he do so late in the night? He could not call him on the phone because the Pastor did not have a telephone in the house; better to go to his apartment even though it was late.

Don Dolindo went up the stairs to the right floor and stopped in front of the door. Then he knocked at the door. Silence. He knocked again. Not a noise. The Pastor lived by himself, evidently was in his first sleep.

What to do?

For Don Dolindo there was only one thing to do, to recite a Hail Mary to his beautiful Queen and all would be done. He opened his arms in a cross: Hail Mary, full of Grace...he started, with all the faith he was able.

He had not finished to recite the Hail Mary when he heard quick steps behind the door, the key turning and the door was opened a little, showing the amazed and drowsy face of Pastor Maione.

“Don Dolindo what happened?! I was fast asleep when my alarm clock went off. I jumped from the bed and the alarm clock was all shining and still ringing! Then I heard a knock at the door. My dear Don Dolindo, what happened? What do you want so late in the night?

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Up to the Reservoir

- Father, I confess to God! I do not need a priest for the confession.
- Very good, my little angel. And tell me, when you are thirsty do you go directly to the Reservoir to drink?
- Father, you are joking! I take a glass, open the faucet and drink. If I went to the Reservoir I would be stupid and I would risk my life....
- Well, the Church is the Reservoir of Grace and its Priest are the distributors. With the Confession, in humility we go to them, and we'll be saved.

In this way Father Dolindo would instruct souls.

To the glory of Jesus.

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