

Virginio Monti

(12 September, 1852 - 14 February, 1942)

Italian painter

Virginio Monti was born in Genzano di Roma. son of Andrea Pietro Monti and Rosa Feliciani; he immediately dedicated himself to painting and drawing, collaborating in Rome in the workshop of his father, also a painter, and then in the workshop of the painter Pasqualoni. Towards 1870 he then moved to the studio of the Ferrarese painter Alessandro Mantovani where he participated in the restoration of the frescoes of the Vatican Lodges.

The first work was the decoration of the Annunciation Chapel in the Roman church of Santa Maria dell'Orto in 1875. He became an official painter of the Roman Church appointed by Pope Leo XIII. Painter that can be placed in the purist and Nazarene vein that referred to the academism of the painters of the mid- nineteenth century. can be defined as "ecclesiastical painter" with the aim of recovering the true Italian tradition. For this he frescoed numerous Roman churches.

Welcomed by Pope Leo XIII. in 1881 the pope sent him to his hometown, Carpineto Romano. to carry out decorative works for the churches of this town. In 1885. together with his brother-in-law Eugenio Cisterna. he painted the lunettes of the Chapel of SS. Salvatore of the church of Santa Maria della Cima.

In 1901 he was admitted to the Accademia dei Virtuosi al Pantheon.

He is buried among the distinguished characters in the Verano Cemetery in Rome.

Among his works are:

- *Madonna and Child* first chapel on right, Santa Brigida, Rome
- *Holy Family*, main altarpiece, Santa Chiara, Rome
- *Archangel Gabriel* (1875) first chapel on right, Santa Maria dell'Orto, Rome
- *San Giuseppe* (1878) first chapel on right, Santa Maria dell'Orto, Rome
- San Gioacchino ai Prati di Castello (1892), collaboration with Eugenio Cisterna
- *Sant' Antonio M Zacaria* (1900), San Carlo ai Catinari, Rome
- *Sacred Heart of Jesus*, Chapel of the Sacred Heart, Basilica di San Nicola da Tolentino, Tolentino
- Frescoes in the choir of the Corpus Domini Church (Rome) (1893)

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