

# Luigi Maria Cardelli

Italian clergyman and Archbishop of Izmir  
(1777-1868)

He entered the order of the Franciscan Observants and took his vows on December 5, 1794. After being posted to the Levant, he settled in Constantinople in December 1807. There Luigi Maria Cardelli became parish priest of Santa Maria Draperis and on March 20, 1812 Prefect Apostolic.

By the Congregation Propaganda Fide Luigi Maria Cardelli was appointed Vicar Apostolic on September 14, 1815 and by decree of December 18, 1817 on March 18, 1818 Latin Archbishop of Smyrna (Izmir). Episcopal consecration bestowed on him on June 29 of the same year in Chios Francesco Saverio Dracopoli, Bishop of Chios. In Izmir, Luigi Maria Cardelli had to face the effects of the Greek struggle for independence. On November 16, 1829 he submitted his resignation, which was not granted until August 29, 1832. On the same day he was appointed titular archbishop of Achrida. He was then Consultor of the Congregation Propaganda Fide from November 11, 1835, Consultor of the Holy Office from March 6, 1839, and Prelate of the Congregation for Ecclesiastical Immunity from April 30, 1842. Finally, on May 27, 1838, he became Canon of the Vatican Basilica, a position he remained until his death.

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