

Once-condemned Catholic priest beatified by church

Rome (ENI). A 19th century Italian priest, whose writings two Popes condemned, has now been beatified, or declared blessed, by the Roman Catholic Church. Antonio Rosmini, born in 1797 at Rovereto, which was then part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, was beatified at an 18 November ceremony in Novara, the northern Italian diocese where the priest spent the last part of his life. Until recently Rosmini was still under an 1887 Vatican condemnation of 40 propositions drawn from his writings. Only in 2001 did the then prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, who is now Pope Benedict XVI, issue a statement lifting the condemnation. [321 words, ENI-07-0889]

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