

LOBATO Juan Gualberto

Was born of Indian parents in Yaruquies in the diocese of Riobamba, Ecuador, on 2nd July 1853. He already had the reputation of a brilliant student in the diocesan seminary when he joined the Redemptorists, newly established in his native country. He took his vows in Riobamba on 15th October 1877 and was ordained priest in the same city during his novitiate on 17th March 1877. He began at once to preach among the Indians, but his success soon made his services much in demand among all classes in Peru as in his own native Ecuador. Among those who praised him and came to him for spiritual direction was the president of the republic. One of the first to join the Congregation in South America, he remains one its most renowned members, both as a preacher and as a spiritual director. Father Lobato died in Lima on 22nd November 1907.

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