Prayer for the Canonization of
S. Blandina Segale

Let Us Pray

O God, whose sweet name
“Gesu” (Jesus) was the first word
to roll off the innocent lips of your
servant, Maria Rosa Segale, hear our
prayer. The word Jesus rolled off her
lips for ninety one years
as she built schools, hospitals,
and social institutions, welcoming
all and introducing them
to your love and hope.
She cared for the immigrant, the
innocent children, and the guilty
outlaw; always recognizing the
dignity of the human being. We beg
you that S. Blandina Segale now be
counted among the Saints of Holy
Mother Church and that our hearts
be open to always praise your name
as your servant Maria Rosa Segale
did unto her last breath. May we
do as she on her deathbed; whisper
“Gesu,” smile, and die in you.
“Blandina’s life is a lesson in mercy, always recognizing the dignity of the human being. She was always ready to welcome the outlaw, the outcast and the despairing…”

Allen Sanchez, initiator of the cause for canonization of S. Blandina Segale, SC
January 23, 1850
Born in Cicagna, Italy

March 6, 1854
Immigrated with her family
to the United States

September 13, 1866
Entered the Sisters of Charity
of Cincinnati

January 1872-September 1892
Ministered in Colorado and New Mexico

December 8, 1897
Founded the Santa Maria Social Service
Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio

February 23, 1941
Died in Cincinnati

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