



BIOPIC, RELIGIOUS

## BEYOND THE STORM

In 1919, at the end of the Great War, Don Giovanni Minzoni returns to his parish in Argenta, in the province of Ferrara, wants to reorganize the social and cultural life of the community and tries to bring the rural children together into the old recreation center. The socialists, led by Natale Gaiba, the city councilor, openly show their disdain for Don Minzoni and his Church. After some time, anyhow, the relations with the socialists seem to begin, starting a relationship based on understanding and collaboration. At the same time another political force, modern and unexpected, makes its entrance into history and into the small village of Argenta. Augusto Maran, a rancorous teacher, also returned from the war and feels that it is the right moment to conquer local power, even at the cost of carrying out violent acts. Fascism is taking hold in the cities and in the countryside throughout Italy, and even in Argenta the first riots and attacks begin, which culminate in the killing of Natale Gaiba. The people of Argenta, lost all hope, cling to the figure of Don Giovanni Minzoni, the last “right” man left in the village, the only one who can stem the destructive force of Fascism. The priest responds to those vile acts with the creation of the first female cooperative and with the construction of a theater for children. Fascism, on the other hand, tries to bring Don Minzoni to its side, offering him the possibility of becoming chaplain of the militia. The pure soul of Don Minzoni, intransigent to blackmail and threats, will bring Augusto Maran and his band to a violent ending, unexpected but perhaps already written. On the night of August 23, 1923, in the village of Argenta, in the province of Ferrara, Don Giovanni Minzoni was killed by fascist hands.

His killing stirred up the conscience of the men of the time and his memory continued to move Italy for decades.

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ORIGINAL TITLE	Oltre La Bufera
COUNTRY	Italy
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THE INSPIRATIONALE CATALOGUE

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