

## PRAYER

God, Father of goodness,  
who put in the heart of the  
Venerable Maria Antonia Paris,  
a great love for the Church and  
the apostolic zeal to spread the Gospel  
to all peoples,  
let the example of her life  
make us true apostles  
and through her intercession  
grant us the grace that  
we are confident  
to receive from your mercy.  
Amen

MOTHER MARIA ANTONIA PARIS  
Foundress, with Saint Anthony Mary Claret,  
of the Congregation of the Religious of  
Mary Immaculate Claretian Missionary Sisters.

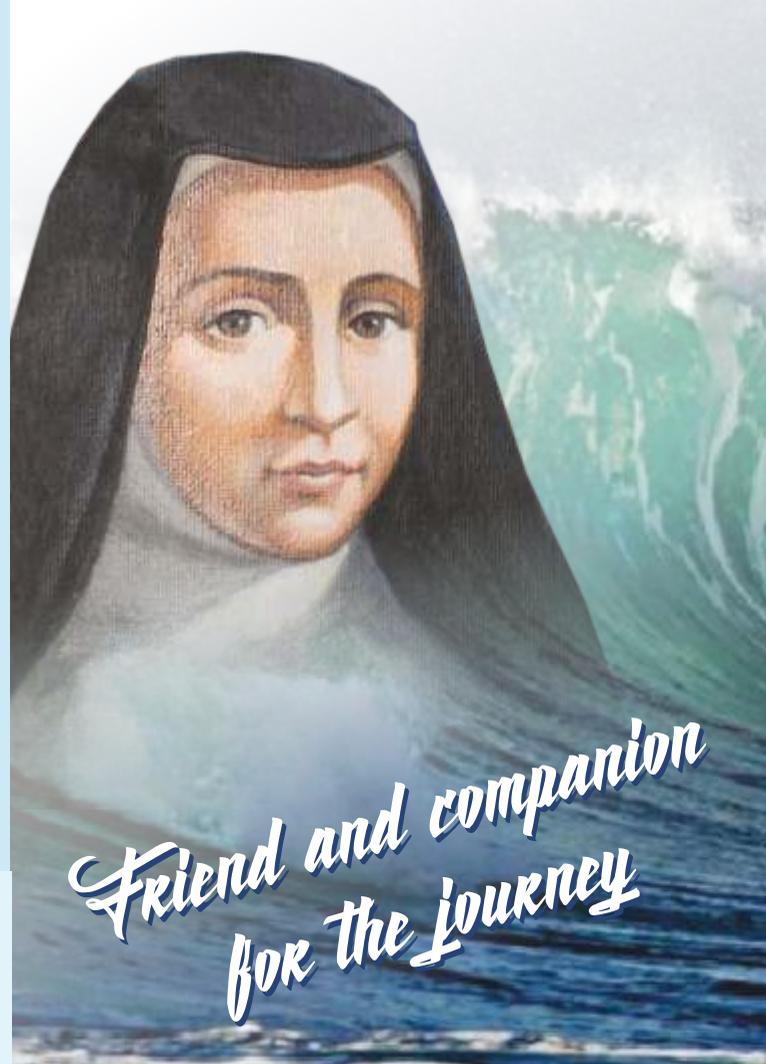
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If you receive any grace through Maria Antonia Paris' intercession,

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*Friend and companion  
for the journey*

**M**aria Antonia Paris was born on June 28, 1813 in Vallmoll (Tarragona) Spain. During her childhood and adolescence, she lived in the house of her family in Tarragona.

Her religious vocation began in her adolescence, during a mission. In 1841 she entered the Company of Mary, in Tarragona, where she remained as a postulant during nine years, due to the civil prohibition of that time, which forbade the admission of novices.

In 1842, God begins to manifest to her the work he wants to accomplish by her means. In 1850, she is acquainted with Anthony Mary Claret, missionary priest, to whom she reveals the desire to found a new Order destined to the apostolic mission.

In 1851, she departs from the Company of Mary and, together with a group of young women, who had joined her, they make the vow of crossing the seas if God so wills, and go to any part of the world without dividing the group. Called by Anthony Mary Claret, by then Archbishop of Santiago de Cuba, she embarks with her companions in 1852 to accomplish together with him, the work inspired by God. The following year the school for needy girls begins to function in Santiago de Cuba. A great ideal impels them: "to faithfully live the evangelical counsels and to work in teaching every creature the Gospel, the law of the Lord".

On August 25 1855, the archbishop Claret signs the Decree of Foundation of the Apostolic Institute of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, name that through the years will be transformed into Religious of Mary Immaculate Claretian Missionary Sisters.

Living the evangelical poverty and preaching the Kingdom of God, are essential points of this Institute, in order to contribute in the renewal of the Church.

In 1859 Maria Antonia returns to Spain, she establishes other houses and dies on January 17, 1885 in Reus. Her tomb is located in that town.

Her fame of sanctity has spread through the whole world. Many are the people who invoke her, asking for the favor and the grace of God through her intercession.

## Maria Antonia Paris

### Friend and Companion for the Journey

With trust repeat some of these words of Maria Antonia:

- "I want nothing else than our Lord Jesus Christ".
- "God put in my heart this trust since I began to serve him, and I have always and continually had before my eyes the Lord, persuaded, that he is always at my side to sustain me".
- "The love of God is the honey which sweetens our grief, softens our harshness, eases our difficulties and carries our daily crosses".
- "Learn to hope, against hope, in God".

