



Called to Renew Fraternity

***Tridium to Mother Foundress
14 to 16 January 2021***

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General setting for the Triduum of the Mother Foundress

The aspect of fraternity, that is the union of the houses, being a single family with a single heart has been from the beginning of the foundation of the congregation. Mother Foundress was clear that being a new order should have fraternity, being a single family as transversal axis.

Pope Francis in the Encyclical Fratelli Tutti, expresses the dream of fraternity and social friendship. Starting with the parable of the Good Samaritan, he enlightens and shows us with what initiatives a community can be rebuilt of men and women who make the fragility of others their own, who do not let emerge an exclusive society and community, rather, they become neighbors and lift up and rehabilitate the fallen, so that the good may be common.

That in these days of Triduum, we remember María Antonia Paris, which is marked by the ecological crisis and by the serious economic and social imbalances, aggravated by the coronavirus pandemic, we need fraternity more than ever: "a fraternity based on the real love, able to find the other who is different from me, to feel sorry for his suffering, to approach and take care of him, even if he is not from my family, my ethnic group, my religion: he is different from me, but he is my brother, is my sister". Let us dream and work to realize a community deeply in love with Christ, with creation and with all humanity.

Symbols for the triduum:

- Phrase "called to renew fraternity", she is my sister, he is my brother "
- Picture of Mother Foundress
- Bible
- Photo or name of each sister of the community

JANUARY 14

"ONE FAMILY ONE HEART"

*"Charity makes us all one family and one heart, as the Lord wishes us to be"*¹

We begin this first day of triduum, remembering the words of Mother Foundress, "to be one family with one heart", let us go back to this phrase, and pray once again its value.

Fraternal charity is considered by Mother Antonia as something fundamental, as that gives cohesion to the members of the Congregation and has to become an intimate family life.

We ask the Lord for the grace to live the Gospel faithfully renewing our fraternal relationships.

Opening song: Love one another

Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=reQOzkCs9_w

Or One more gift: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8mWu518CJo>

Ant. " my daughters, love your sisters and you will find no fault in them"²

Psalm:

Jesus, you ask us today to be
capable of being sisters to brothers.
Jesus you ask us today to be
Women of FAITH and know how to live
in a simple but witnessing.

Jesus, you ask us today to be women
of the Gospel, not of words but of deeds.
women of time for others.
women who share what we are and have
above all, gifts and abilities.

I think, Jesus, you just want us
To be evangelized persons by your Word
in your silence, in your service, "united in vocation"

Bible Reading: Jn 15, 12-13

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.



¹ LOZANO, Juan Manuel, Epistolario de María Antonia París, Roma 1993. p. 318. / Cf. Aut. MP, TMP p. 718

² Const. 1869, Tratado I, Chief. 24, n 26.



Commentary:

In the writings of María Antonia we find her intense desire for union among us and the invitation to live exemplary fraternal relationships. For her, charity among the sisters should be the most spontaneous and natural, the normal environment, in which one lives. The "*mutual unity and charity*" are the basis of our institute and foundation to be a new order.

Pope Francis, in the Encyclical Fratelli Tutti, recalls that whoever thinks of fraternal love, thinks of the mandate of Jesus Christ, "just as I have loved you, love one another"; loving in this way is the most concrete human way of manifesting an intense love for God. From the intimacy of each heart, love creates bonds and expands existence when it draws the person from himself to others.

Silence:

Reflection:

- I silently repeat the phrase "One family with one heart"
- Review in my mind praying for my community sisters
- I appreciate the way I receive love and affection from the sisters.

Silence:

Hymn: Hymn: "Trust and Obey" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmGb3zRv6xE>

Final prayer

You have created us in your image, and you are by our side to accompany our growth as a community.

May our entire life, of each one and of all the sisters, speak of humanity and faith. In each task and situation where we find ourselves, our attitudes say that it is worth being a Claretian missionary.

Make us a community with enthusiasm, with effort, with the capacity for admiration, with creativity. Send us your spirit to know what is good for our community. Like Mary, may we remain open to your love, and know how to make our life a gift for you and for others.

JANUARY 15

“OUR COMMUNITY- A PLACE OF ENCOUNTER”

"Let us foster family life through fidelity to our own vocation and the witness of all virtues: love is patient, kind and is not envious ..." (Const. 36)

The Mother Foundress considered it essential to be united because "as we have all professed the same Rule, we must all go together"³. She lived this gratuitous love. She valued and admired each of her sisters in the community: "we must love each one of our sisters in such a way we could say, each one of our sisters is another me. And if this charity reigns among us, we will not lack abundant peace in this life and the eternal union of the blessed in the next."⁴



Opening hymn: Lord Make me Like you

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3KeQlr5yjrU>

Ant. "We live together fraternally with all, even if they are of different criteria, language or origin"⁵

PSALM

How joyful that the brothers love each other,
my sister is the Lord's blessing.
Bless the Lord, sisters of community,
Praise him, companions of life and action,
sisters with whom I share my days.

How beautiful it is that brothers love each other!
Let us bless the Lord, all sisters
Let us praise him with our frailties,
with our relationship problems,
with our lack of sisterhood,
the Lord knows what clay we are made of,
But he wants us to do our best to search beyond.

How edifying to see the sisters united,
as grains in the ear of wheat,
the tree with roots, branches, and trunks,
and the body with all its members.

³LOZANO, Juan Manuel, *Epistolary of Marie Antonia Paris*, Rome 1993. p 166

⁴Const. 1869, Tratado I, cap. 26, n 45.

⁵ Cf. Const. 1984, n. 39)

Jesus of Nazareth, in you we are all sisters,
Be a light in our community journey.
Come: encourage our best intentions
to live as sisters who love each other.

Bible Reading: Lk. 1, 39-41

"In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit"



Commentary:

The Mother foundress insisted on the unity that must exist among us, *"all the houses of this Order form a single family, mutually helping each other", "in our Order everything is one house, even if we have a thousand houses."* With these words Ma. Antonia expresses the characteristic and peculiar trait of our congregation, the sense of family.

In our lives there is always an opportunity to restart living fraternity, to feel at "home" always. We need to heal the wounds; it requires seeking and offering forgiveness. Pope Francis launches the invitation to be builders of peace, fostering spaces for encounter, forgiveness and reconciliation. (cf. FT 225)

Reflection:

- * Give thanks in silence for the community the place of encounter. How do you recognize it?
- * who are grateful for those who visit us usually and those who help us to be open and feel at home. Ask the Lord to stay open house

Silence:

Hymn: _Come and fill my heart

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R9W1CJNoSAw>

Final prayer:

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January 16

"NEIGHBOR WITHOUT A BORDER"

Christ became poor, being rich, to enrich ourselves with his poverty. Moved by the Holy Spirit, want to participate in the poverty of Christ, seeking the reign of God as the only thing necessary"⁶



The first time that Mother M^a Antonia felt that God spoke to her heart, she understood that he was asking her for a New Order in the Church. An order that had to live radically the Evangelical Councils, especially evangelical poverty. Poverty understood as full trust in God and in his Plan of Salvation, poverty that is fraternal sharing and solidarity with our brothers and sisters, poverty that is freedom from the powers and goods of this world, poverty that has an apostolic meaning, and it is a privileged means to proclaim the Gospel, to transform the world, to renew the Church and to configure ourselves a little more and more with the Poor Christ.

Opening hymn: The more I want to be poor (CD "hope against all hope" n. 12)

Ant. My purpose of founding this Order is to give a public testimony in favor of Evangelical Poverty.

Psalm:

POOR LIKE YOU

Whenever I have approached you and I have seen you had "nowhere to lay your head" and you had a cross for your deathbed, I feel traitorous when I see that I have more every day, I feel a victim of a consumer society and I need more things every day. And yet "only one thing is necessary."

It seems to me that I am beginning to understand what it is to be "poor like You". I know that the condition to follow you is to leave everything. "He who does not leave everything he possesses cannot be my disciple." I feel as You are telling me to strip myself of everything and to trust You.

You ask me to throw myself into your Providence with my eyes closed and that everything else will be given to me in addition, including the true effectiveness of our apostolate. You are the great security, the great "insurance" of the "insecure". This leap into the dark void of faith is very difficult and involves a blind trust.

⁶Const. From 1984, n. 13 a

Bible Reading: Lk 4, 18-19

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."



Commentary

As always, the first reference for living poverty is Christ, who invites us to participate in his poverty, in his abasement, keeping our eyes on the proclamation of the Kingdom, as the only treasure. This is how Mother Antonia lived it, in her writing *Points for the Reformation*, she gave a privileged place to poverty in the renewal of the Church. For two reasons, she understood that this poverty should be personal, communal and visible, to conform our life, person and customs with Christ and to edify those who look at us, proclaiming the Gospel in a credible way.

The love of God and brother are not two realities but essentially one. The brother presents many concrete faces, the community sisters, the people we serve in our apostolic mission, anyone we stumble across on our way.⁷

Silence:

Reflection:

"The life of the community must be a testimony of poverty due to its simplicity, austerity and industry, rejoicing in the Lord if we ever lack what is necessary"

Be grateful for the experiences of poverty that make you taste the providence and abandonment in the hands of God. Think of three concrete ways you can live more austere, poor man. Solidary and trusting in the hands of the Lord.

Silence

Hymn: Oh pobreza de mi Dios (CD "Os lo anunciamos" n. 10)

Final prayer

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⁷ pope-francis, Angelus. *domingo 26 October 2014*

January 17



LAUDES

Today we remember the Anniversary of the heavenly birth of María Antonia París, a woman in love with God whom she searched tirelessly. The Lord asked her for “a New Order” that would live in communion with the Church and preach the Holy Law of the Lord in poverty”. The Claretian Missionaries receive their inheritance as a treasure. Our mission is to guard it and magnify it to be one family and one heart, always trying to make the same path easy for others.

Symbol

Congregational books

Post-it

Pens

Note: the material (post-it and pen) will be used for reflection after reading the last Will of Mother Foundress. Each sister will write the names of those sisters who have been significant in their lives.

Hymn: Being

Ser como tú que has puesto la mirada en el que es camino a la verdad; para sembrar senderos de esperanza, todo tu afán se extiende como el mar.

Ser nueva Luz, fulgores de justicia, para vivir la pobreza y hermandad, en este ardo que a rodos nos envía desde el amor que grita la verdad.

Ser con Claret, la voz y la presencia, que nos impulsa al mundo a misionar; eres Antonia, fiel hija de la Iglesia, alegre vid, maestra de bondad.

Ser al andar cual flor del Evangelio, trigo de ley, molido en el altar; para servir y darse en sacrificio, fuego feliz, fecunda novedad.

Ant. 1. We are called by the Father in the Spirit to follow in the footsteps of Christ our good

Psalm (adapted from the writings of MAP)

We praise you Lord, because you repay us with so many graces for the little that we suffer for your love.

We praise you Lord, because in all things you make us taste the sweet and the bitter.

We praise you Lord, because all the work you advance for second causes.

We praise you Lord, for the strength you have given us to announce you.

We praise You Lord, because sometimes we have savored joy and gladness in the proclamation of the Gospel

We praise you Lord, because we have experienced your power and goodness.

We praise you Lord, because we know ourselves in the arms of your Divine Providence.

We praise You Lord, because You are present when there is no human remedy.

We praise you Lord, for your paternal care for all your creatures.

We praise you Lord, because you drive us to carry out your work without our thinking about it.

We praise you Lord, because we know that the life of creatures is in your hands.

We praise you Lord, for the contribution of the congregation to the world.

We praise you Lord, because Mary takes care of all your children.

We praise you Lord, for the good that so many men do still inadvertently.

Ant. 2. Our Lord has given me this will, that knowing God's will, no difficulty is offered to me (Aut. MP, n. 7)

Psalm

Lord, You have called us to follow You
Forming a new family: the community.
You have enlightened us with your Word:
"May they all be one like You and I,
Father, we are one" you told us.
You have enlightened us with security
That service to others
Is the best way to be your disciple

You have set us to be light
That lights all those around us
Lord, accompanying our life
Of each day so that we can tell you:
"Here I am, Lord, to do your will"

Direct our steps as we walk each day,
Correct me every time I stray from the path
That you trace each day life
Mary, mother of Jesus and our,
Your Yes is my Yes, of surrender
I want to give Jesus. Help me to be faithful
And love the sisters in my community

As your Son loves them.

Reading: Last Will of Mother Foundress

Maria Antonia Paris

I, María Antonia de San Pedro, first religious of the Apostolic Institute of the Immaculate Conception of Mary Most Holy, Mother of God and Our Lady, declare and certify that in the year 1867 being his Excel. Mon. Archbishop Claret, our Ven. Founder, in Rome ordered me to reduce the first Constitutions, as the Blessed Pius IX had so arranged, which I did with all submission and good will, since I have and have never had other than what the Holy See and representatives of God who in the name of the Lord himself have directed and sent me.

In addition, I also certify that while the modified Constitutions were in Rome, Dr. D. Silvestre Rongier wrote to me that on behalf of His Excellency Bishop Orberá who took care of negotiating the approval, offering us if we wanted to make any change in the government of the Institute, or in some other chapter, which, having consulted (...) determined (...) that the First Mother of the Order should be obliged to visit every three years, by herself or by another religious of her trust, the houses of the Order, to maintain in its vigor the mutual union and observance in all of them, (...) (since) (our Lord) wants us to be one soul and one heart.

And so I declare that if I die before the Constitutions are printed, I want and it is my Will that those recently written in my name by my secretary, M. María Gertrudis de San Felipe, be printed and kept throughout the Order, signed in my hand, which are the ones that have been presented in Rome for approval ... This is my testament and last will

María Antonia de San Pedro

Reflection:

María Antonia leaves us a clear example of the care of intuition received from the Spirit. Many sisters, laity, throughout their lives, being faithful to that heritage, have been paving the way for the Congregation, a path that can have stones, wells, be straighter or crooked ... but a path full of life, dreams, hope and love for each sister in the congregation. These books that form that way are testimony to it. They come to us like a true river of life, from which we drink and quench our thirst.

Today we are going to remember, to make memory of those sisters and laity who have transmitted that heritage to us with their word, with their life, with their example... and they marked paths of prophecy and service in the congregation

Let us give thanks because they have helped us to build our congregational identity and we are going to place their names around the books that narrate the life of the Claretian Missionaries throughout its entire existence ...

Response: Hope against all hope

Ant. Of the Benedictus: Charity makes us one family and one heart as the Lord wishes us to

Intercession Prayer: Spontaneous

Final prayer

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