

**PASSIONATE LOVE FOR THE RENEWAL
OF THE CHURCH**



**Triduum of the Mother Foundress
From 14 to 16 January 2022**

Introduction

It seems to us opportune in this ecclesial moment of synodality that we are living, to pray and to savour the **ecclesial feature of our charism**. In Mother Antonia París as well as in Father Claret we find a deep desire that turned into love and passion for the renewal of the Church and their response to the evils of the Church was a universal response, which invited a change, conversion and it touched everyone's heart, especially the men and women of the Church.

Pope Francis at the opening to the SYNOD (October 10, 2021) on SYNODALITY "For a Synodal Church: communion, participation and mission", indicated that "Making Synod means walking down the same street, walking together." And he proposed a way to do it:

- Become experts in the encounter with the Lord and with the brothers and sisters in an attitude of openness, courage and availability to allow ourselves to be questioned by the other.
- In the way God listening, encourage our attitude of listening to attend to the Spirit in our brothers and sisters, the challenges of the Church and the world that we face today.
- In an attitude of spiritual and ecclesial discernment done in adoration, prayer and enlightened by the Word.

We also, as Congregation are invited to welcome, deepen, pray and contemplate the calls that the Church today, through Pope Francis, requests us to put ourselves into the path of synodality and that from the founders we can specify how:

- 1) They dreamed of the reformation of the church.
- 2) They denounced the evils of the church.
- 3) They announced the Gospel.

This material is a proposal to help us pray and discover together with those who walk with us new ways of responding to the challenges of the Synodal journey.

It can be adapted to the moment and choose the songs that animate the prayer according to the places where the Triduum takes place.



First day – January 14

RENEW THE CHURCH

On the way to Synodality

Feel with the church of today on the path of synodality that inspires us to dream of the Church we are called to be, make people's hopes flourish, stimulate trust, bind up wounds, weave new and deeper relationships, learn from one another, build bridges, enlighten minds, warm hearts and restore strength to our hands for our common mission... It is a path of authentic growth towards communion and the mission that God calls the Church to live in the third millennium¹.



Personal reflection

Psalm: from love to your church – Part I.

Ant: We, the people of God on the journey, love your Church, Lord.

We love your Church, Lord Jesus, present today in history;
This Church, universal Sacrament of salvation for humanity;
This Church of yours and ours, poor and sinful, clean and holy.
We love your Church, Lord, deep mystery of God and man,
This Church that has put its tent in the midst of our earth.

We love this Church, Lord, wonderful project of the Father,
That you, the Sent One, have accomplished with the power of your Spirit.
We love this Church, Lord, place where the Father loves and calls;
Place where you heal and save; where your Spirit liberates and vivifies.

We love your Church, Lord, New People, people of God on the journey;
This Church, called all peoples; open house to all nations.
I love this Church, Lord, your Body, where you are Head and Guide;
Your body with the brothers and sisters who live the same faith in you.

We love your Church, Lord, Family of the children of God;
This Church, a common roof where everyone is welcomed;
This Church, a warm home where all feel brother and sister.

We love your Church, Lord, community of believers on earth;
This Church, where all are united in the same Baptism;

¹ Vademecum for the Synod on Synodality. Objective of the Synod n 1.3, p. 11

This Church, in which everyone focuses on the one Word;
This Church, proclamation of salvation for all men and women.

We love your Church, servant of the poor and needy;
We love your Church, Lord, faithful Witness among the peoples;
This poor Church, witness to your liberating death and resurrection.

We love your Church, Lord, the way of liberation for all;
This Church, which saves and redeems; this Church, which restores and heals.
We love your Church, Lord, community of your followers, of your disciples,
place where you want the disciple to live the faith.
We love your Church, Lord, who has made an option for the poorest;
This Church, which is a servant, a Good Samaritan of beaten men and women.

(Adaptation of psalms of the young heart, by Emilo Mazariegos)

París and Claret: Renew the face of the Church

We read in the Mother Foundress that the renewal of the church was spiritual and apostolic, with repercussions on the structures that adapt to the changes of time and are disposed to humble and evangelical service.

In the points for reformation, she wants the bishops to renounce "all their income" (No.5), "that they conform their lives and customs with those of the holy apostles" (No.6), that they reform their houses to live in community and in poverty... with a view to dedicating themselves to apostolic preaching (No.15ff). For the renewal of the Church "the only thing necessary is their sanctification" (No.44), concretized in observance... poverty... retreat..., fidelity to the Holy Law of the Lord. (No.55).



Father Claret, on his return to Spain while traveling, wrote: "Notes of a plan to preserve the beauty of the Church and preserve it from errors and vices, which are the weeds that the enemy takes advantage of any opportunity to sow it among the good wheat" (Two Pens..., Pg. 73)

Reflection / echoes

IN THE LIGHT OF THE WORD

Mark 6, 30-34

The apostles met with Jesus and told him everything they had done and what they had taught. He then says to them: "You too come apart, to a lonely place, to rest a little". Well, there were many who came and went, and they didn't even have time to eat. And they went in the boat, apart, to a lonely place. But they saw them leave and many took notice; and they ran there, on foot, from all the cities and arrived before them. And when he disembarked, he saw many people, he felt compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things.

Moment of silence to reflect (listen to music)

COMMUNITY ECHO

Final prayer

Pray with Christ praying; travel with Christ travelling;
Eat with Christ eating; drink with Christ drinking;
Sleep with Christ sleeping; suffer with Christ suffering;
Preach with Christ preaching; rest with Christ tired and live with Christ dying;
If we want to enter into life with Christ reigning, to the greater glory of God
and well-being of my soul. Amen.

Second day - January 15

DENOUNCE THE EVILS OF THE CHURCH

On the way to Synodality

Synodality represents the main path for the Church, called to renew herself under the action of the Spirit and by listening to the Word. The ability to imagine a diverse future for the Church and for institutions, keeping with the mission she received depends largely on the decision to initiate processes of listening, dialogue and community discernment, in which each and everyone can participate and contribute. At the same time, the decision to “journey together” is a prophetic sign for a human family



in need of a shared project, capable of pursuing the good of all. A Church capable of communion and fraternity, of participation and subsidiarity, in fidelity to what she proclaims, will be able to stand beside the poor and the least and give them her own voice. In order to “journey together”, it is necessary that we allow ourselves to be educated by the Spirit to a truly synodal mentality, entering with courage and freedom of heart into a process of conversion that is indispensable for the “continual reformation of which the Church herself, always has need in so far as she is a human and earthly institution”²

Psalm: from love to your church – Part II.

Ant: We are humanity walking together towards You Father.

We love your Church, Lord, an institution open to the world;
We love to live in communion with the Pope, your Vicar on earth;
We love to live in communion with the Pastors, the Bishops;
We love to live in communion with the faithful sealed by your Spirit.

We love your Church, Lord, the presence of your glorious resurrection;
born of blood and water on top of the cross.
We love your Church, Lord, "community of communities" in the world;
this Church, Lord that makes unity in the breaking of bread.
this Church, Lord, that makes unity in communion with your Word.

We love your Church, Lord, as a response to your love to the human being;
We love your Church, Lord, ferment in the history of your Kingdom;
We love your Church, Lord, salt and light of the world, of the nations;
We love your Church, Lord, the only flock under a single Shepherd.

May your Spirit, Lord Jesus, create unity among all.
May your Word, Lord, unite us in the same lifestyle.

² For a synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission No 9.

May your Bread of Life, Lord, make us sit at the same table.
May your sacraments, Lord, save us in your redeeming love.

May your Mother, Lord, welcome us into the same House.
May your Father, Lord, unite us all as children.
May your Kingdom, Lord, be the hope that unites us all.

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Hymn: *Te ofrezco mis días...* (From the CD 'Os lo anunciamos')

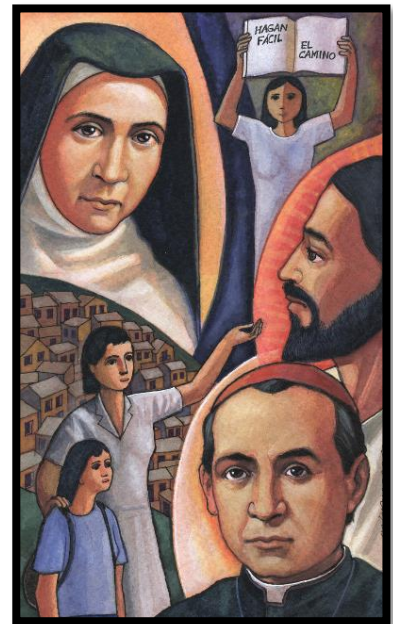
París and Claret know the evil that is in the Church

From the initial vision, the Mother Foundress discovers that the evils of the church for which she prayed were many and deep and that they were in those who had more obligation to live in fidelity. Let us listen to her.

Oh my Lord and my God! How great is your goodness! How infinite your mercy! ... Who, Lord, but your burning charity would suffer so much contempt? ... so many indignities? ... so many desecration? ...Oh, my Redeemer, are you so outraged? Ah !!! Your children, my God, the favorite children of the Holy Church! The Priests of the Lord have stepped on the most sacred laws, putting our Holy Mother the Church under their feet !!! For this there is no faith! There is no charity on earth! ... Oh my Jesus! Send a ray of your divine light and enlighten the whole earth, especially my Lord enlighten all the Prelates of the Church; Break, Lord, this veil of worldly vanity, and make them see with carefree eyes the duties of his state according to Your Most Holy Law. (PR: 32)

Father Claret speaks to us of a Church always persecuted, but not overcome by evil, let's see.

6°. Believe that the Church, true and worthy Spouse of Jesus Christ, will always be persecuted, and that she should be persecuted; but it will never ever be defeated, nor will the gates of hell ever prevail against it. Strong winds of passions will stir up the waves of the sea of this world; many waters of tribulations will enter this mystical boat, and all of us who are in it will be at risk; but do not be dismayed by this. Jesus Christ is with us; what matters is to come to Him with faith and trust, and say to Him: Lord, save us, we perish! ... And surely we will have the consolation of seeing the power of God. He will command the winds and the sea, the storm will calm down, and a pleasant calm and great tranquility will follow that will gladly surprise us, in such a way that we will hardly be able to believe it. (Two pens, No 6 pg. 108)



Personal reflection

In silence I savour the Lord's invitation at this present moment to walk with others with humble heart in response to his love for human beings.

IN THE LIGHT OF THE WORD OF GOD

Matthew 23, 1-9

Then Jesus turned to the people and his disciples and said: "The scribes and Pharisees have sat in the chair of Moses. Do, then, and observe all that they tell you; but do not imitate their behavior, because they say and do not do. They tie heavy loads and throw them on people's backs, but they don't even want to move them with their fingers. They do all their works to be seen by men; the phylacteries become very wide and the fringes of the mantle very long; They want the first place in the banquets and the first seats in the synagogues, that they be greeted in the squares and that the people call them "Rabbi". «You, on the other hand, do not allow yourselves to be called" Rabbi ", because only one is your Master; and you are all brothers. Do not call anyone your "Father" on earth, because only one is your Father: the one in heaven.

Time of silence

COMMUNITY ECHOES

Final prayer

Illuminate with the light of your Holy Spirit, oh God, to the Pope Francis so that he knows everything you want him to do in your Holy Church and receive from Him the strength he needs to make it come true. Also enlighten us all, especially the baptized and consecrated so that we accept the calls that you make to us today and set out with all humanity to build a more fraternal and healthier world. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Third day - January 16

ANNOUNCING THE GOSPEL TO ALL

On the way to Synodality

The meaning of the path to which we are all called consists, mainly, in discovering the face and the form of a synodal Church, in which "each one has something to learn. Faithful people, Episcopal College, Bishop of Rome: one listening to the others; and all listening to the Holy Spirit, the "Spirit of truth" ... In this "walking together", we ask the Spirit to help us discover how communion, which makes up in unity the variety of gifts, charisms and ministries, it is for mission: a synodal Church is a Church "outgoing", a missionary Church, "with open doors"... The perspective of "walking together", moreover, is even broader, and embraces



the whole humanity, with whom we share "the joys and the hopes, the sorrows and the anguishes". A Synodal Church is a prophetic sign above all for a community of nations incapable of proposing a shared project, through which to achieve the good of all: Practicing synodality is today for the Church the most evident way of being a "universal sacrament of salvation", "a sign and instrument of the intimate union with God and of the unity of the whole human race"³

Personal reflection

Psalm: 78, 1-7

Ant: I will tell of your Name to my Kin

Give ear oh my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.

We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, and His might, and the wonders He has done.

He established a decree in Jacob and appointed a Law in Israel,
which He commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;
that next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God but keep His commandments.

Hymn: *Contra toda esperanza* (From the CD '*Esperar contra toda esperanza*')

³ Preparatory doc. to Synod No. 15

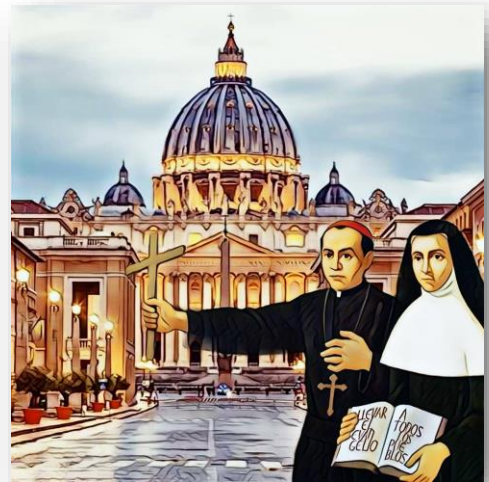
París and Claret moved by the Word of God

Our founders are convinced that the only and necessary means for the renewal of the Church is to live, the Gospel, let us listen to their invitations.

This, which at first glance seemed a matter of little moment to the Bishops, is the only weapon with which they must defend the Holy Law that they must preach and understand that without this, all their work will be fruitless. I could say great things here about the appreciation that a Prelate should make of the example of his Divine Master, as God has taught me, but it seems to me great recklessness, because I speak with those who I am not worthy of hearing, and that is how it seems to me that I will fulfill my obligation simply writing the most essential points that His Divine Majesty has marked for me without excluding any, without failing to observe the command of the Lord. (PR. 19)

The Bishops must therefore, after reforming themselves and family, devote themselves fully to distributing the bread of the Divine Word. This is a point that has His Divine Majesty very sad and displeased because it is not being preached properly. Therefore, may the aim of preaching be the observance of the divine commandments and the end of times; for the Judgment is going to flood the earth. (PR. 20) During the holy visit, the Bishop must distribute the bread of the Divine Word; he does not excuse confessing, he holds in the hearts of all the Holy Law of the Lord; he teaches by word and works the fulfillment of the Divine Commandments. (PR. 33)

Like Maria Antonia, Claret also calls the Word of God food: the bread of the divine Word. Likewise, mentioning the words of St. John Chrysostom, he calls the Word of God, Law: *The rector or priest of a parish, and any priest, must be the Law itself. The priest, with all his heart, will love God by keeping the Holy Law and the evangelical counsels. (Two pens..., 3.3 Pg. 79)*



Reflection / echoes

What calls the Spirit makes to us in the present Church to walk together and proclaim the Good News to all?

IN THE LIGHT OF THE WORD OF GOD

Romans 10, 14-17

For with the heart it is believed to achieve justice, and with the mouth it is confessed to obtain salvation. For the Scripture says: Everyone who believes in him will not be confused. That there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for oneself is the Lord of all, rich to all who call on him. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But how will they invoke the one in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in the one they have not heard? How can they hear without someone to preach? And how will they preach if they are not sent? As the Scripture says: How beautiful are the



feet of those who proclaim good! But not all obeyed the Good News. Because Isaiah says: Lord, who has believed our preaching? Therefore, faith comes from preaching, and preaching, by the Word of Christ.

Reflective silence

COMMUNITY ECHOES

As a Church we want to be a community of followers Jesus⁴, (pray spontaneously)

1. We dream of a Church...

- Founded in love, interpersonal relationships, dialogue and listening.
- Who loves life because it is a gift from God; showing this love in her joy in spite of sufferings.
- In a constant process of conversion and of a search for God.
- Who discovers the inner secret which dwells in her, shows it in the way she lives, and transmits it to others.
- That joins action and contemplation.
- That lives in the world, loving it and thus denouncing with her life and words its evils, and at the same time offering the Gospel values.
- That responds to the mandate of Jesus, to go into the whole world and preach the Good News that God is Father, that He loves, welcomes and accompanies us.
- That knows that she is being sent in mission; in a constant effort to give concrete answers to the problems that the world will present to her.
- Centered in the human person; promoting freedom and development, recognizing the human dignity.
- A Church of all because she is universal.
- A Church, a community which has eyes to see the injustices and, like the prophets of Israel, reminds and helps to remember that the earth belongs to all, being herself a clear witness of poverty.
- Samaritan woman that understands her world, that pours oil and wine over the wounds of so many persons who are abandoned on the margins of the roads of life.
- In a word, a Church who shows the face of Christ, a Church clothed only with the Gospel.
- ...Other prayers can be added.

Final prayer

⁴ To be Claretian for the world today. No 4 pg. 220

Oh God, who in the power of the Holy spirit have sent your Word to announce the Good News to the poor, grant that, with eyes fixed upon Him, we may ever live in sincere charity, made heralds and witnesses of His Gospel in all the world, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

