



CONGREGAZIONE DELLE SUORE MISSIONARIE DI SAN PIETRO CLAVER

“La cosa più divina è cooperare alla salvezza delle anime”

15th June 2021

Dear Sisters,

Love and Greetings!

I write to you with deep gratitude to God for the gift of our Mother Foundress, Blessed Maria Teresa Ledóchowska, who worked tirelessly in service of the missions and returned back to our Heavenly Father to receive the faithful servant's reward. Shortly, we will be commencing the centennial commemoration of her death. Therefore, I would like to present to you the annual plan for this centennial year to help us reflect more profoundly on the life and charism of our Mother Foundress and also to pray for the blessing of her canonization.

The programme drawn out to guide us on this journey is as follows:



1. We shall initiate the centennial year on 06 July 2021 at 12:00 (Italian time). It would be nice to gather at the said time accordingly in your respective communities to pray simultaneously as an expression of our togetherness. The initiation prayer service will be sent to you in Italian and English. If needed kindly translate it in your respective languages. It is recommended to keep a lamp or a candle which should be lit during the initiation prayer and then subsequently during the recitation of the centenary prayer all through the year. Wherever possible, kindly organize a Eucharistic Celebration to mark this day.

2. Kindly make some arrangements to decorate in your chapels a statue or a picture of our Mother Foundress, with some space alongside to put the jubilee logo and the themes. Kindly place it where it is prominently visible.

3. Twelve themes are chosen related to the life of our Mother Foundress and her charism which will be sent to you in advance along with the reflection for the recollection day. The superior of the community or any other sister assigned by her will guide the recollection day in the light of said reflection. You are requested to display this theme in your chapels during the respective month so as to help the community members to continue their meditation and study on the subject. .

4. Very soon you will receive a short centenary prayer in your respective languages. You are requested to pray this prayer during the jubilee year every day. Depending on what is more feasible, you may pray the prayer during your morning or evening community prayers with a candle or lamp lit besides the statue or picture of our Mother Foundress as mentioned above.

5. You are also requested to read excerpts from the writings of our Mother Foundress during your common spiritual reading at least once in a week. The superior of the community is requested to look into this matter and make arrangements for the material to be read in the community which could be taken from the writings or letters of our Mother Foundress. As at least one of the members in our communities know Italian or English, the superior should make sure that some excerpts from the writings are translated in a language understood by most members in a community. If you need some English or Italian material kindly contact MTL office in Rome.

6. Kindly start planning some programmes, be it in physical presence wherever it is possible or virtually to involve all our extern members, benefactors and collaborators in this jubilee celebration, so that they can also benefit from the spiritual treasures left by our Mother Foundress. Again, the superior of the community will make such arrangements depending on the circumstances and the sources available. Such initiatives could be the distribution of the centenary prayer in your respective languages, organizing some conferences or get-togethers to reflect on the life and charism of our Mother Foundress, arranging special Eucharistic Celebrations, printing the centenary prayer and distinctive material regarding the life and charism of our Mother Foundress in Echo, etc.

7. We also keep in mind, subject to the improvement of the pandemic situation, a congress in Rome, during the last quarter of the centenary year, to come together in physical presence to enrich each other, to deepen our spirituality and also to pay homage at the tomb of our Mother Foundress.

8. You are to make arrangements much in advance for a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration on 06 of July 2022 along with the extern members and collaborators. Let us pray, through God's grace, that the pandemic situation will be better by then.

My dear Sisters, as we see in the scriptures every jubilee year was a time of renewal. Let this Centennial Jubilee Year of the birth of our Mother Foundress in Heaven be a time of renewal for each one of us personally and for our Congregation as a whole. As daughters of our Mother Foundress, let us make every effort to draw from the rich treasures of her spirituality and her passionate zeal for the missions, so as to become her reflection in our times.

I kindly request you to send all the material you will be preparing and also the programmes you will be organizing to mark this centenary year to the Generalate. This material will be used to ensure and facilitate mutual enrichment.

Let us remain united in prayers and seek God's continual accompaniment during this centennial year, which should be a year of deep gratitude to God and profound joy to each one of us. May God bless you and all your endeavours!

Yours in the Lord

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