

NOVENA NO. 2

THEME

THE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES IN THE LETTERS OF MOTHER FOUNDRESS

13 May: Faith and Cross

Invocation to the Holy Spirit

- **Word of God:**

“But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.” (1Pt 4:13-14) (a brief moment of silence)

- **Word of the Mother Foundress:** read from the “Writings” letter no. 17, pp. 24-25.

“The crosses are a sure sign that God is with us.” (p. 25). (a brief moment of silence)

Community reflection. Final Song

14 May: Faith and trust in God

Invocation to the Holy Spirit

- **Word of God:** *“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me” (Jn 14:1). (a brief moment of silence)*

- **Word of the Mother Foundress:** Read from the “Writings” letter no. 75, pp. 99-101. *“Drive away every doubt, humble yourself, yes, fear yourself, but may confidence in God be always greater than your fear. In so doing you will give to God that tribute you owe Him of a living faith” (p. 100). (a brief moment of silence)*

Community reflection. Final Song

15 May: Faith in the presence of God

Invocation to the Holy Spirit

- **Word of God:** *"I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless"* (Gen 17:1) (a brief moment of silence)
- **Word of the Mother Foundress:** Read from the "Writings" letter no. 36 pp. 47-49.

"Oh, my dear, how helpful to us is living in the continuous presence of God our Only Good!" (p. 47). (a brief moment of silence)

Community reflection. Final Song

16 May: Hope is in Christ

Invocation to the Holy Spirit

- **Word of God:** *"We toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Saviour of all people, especially of those who believe"* (1Tm 4:10). (a brief moment of silence)
- **Word of the Mother Foundress:** Read from the "Writings" letter no. 19, pp. 27-28.
"You are still a child in the ways of the Lord. But He offers you his hand and treats you with much kindness, and caresses you as He would a child. Humble yourself, trust in Him and hope for everything from that immense kindness; don't be afraid that you will be deceived." (p.28). (a brief moment of silence)

Community reflection. Final Song

17 May: Hope in tribulation

Invocation to the Holy Spirit

- **Word of God:** *"And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."* (Rom 5:3-5) (a brief moment of silence)
- **Word of the Mother Foundress:** Read from the "Writings" letter no. 41, pp. 53-55.

"I will say what a soul visited by tribulations and comforted by grace said, "One who hopes little obtains little; one who hopes much, obtains much; one who hopes for all obtains all." (p. 54). (a brief moment of silence)

Community reflection. Final song.

18 May: Hope in temptation

Invocation to the Holy Spirit

- **Word of God:** *"Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful."* (Heb 10:23) (a brief moment of silence)
- **Word of the Mother Foundress:** Read from the "Writings", letter no. 18, pp. 25-27. *"Let not temptations disturb her, but let her despise them with tranquility, nor should she be worried about the progress and profit of her spirit... hope for everything from his infinite mercy."* (p.26). (a brief moment of silence)

Community reflection. Final song

19 May: Love for God

Invocation to the Holy Spirit

- **Word of God:** *"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love."* (Jn 15:9). (a brief moment of silence)
- **Word of the Mother Foundress:** Read from the "Writings" letter no. 10, pp. 17-19. *"We belong completely to God and we exist for nothing else but to love Him. He deserves all our love, therefore we must love Him solely... let us love the one who loves us very much. Let us love the only object worthy of our love, worthy, rather, of an infinite love if we would be capable of it."* (p. 18). (a brief moment of silence)

Community reflection. Final song

20 May: Love for the sisters

Invocation to the Holy Spirit

- **Word of God:** *“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. (Jn 15:12). (a brief moment of silence)*
- **Word of the Mother Foundress:** Read from the “Writings” letter no. 28, pp. 36-38.
“Patience in tribulation of spirit and body; patience in bearing some annoyance from our Sisters, loving them all without exception, and all equally. Having great esteem and preference for all, recognising ourselves as below the level of all in terms of virtue... This charity towards the Sisters is very pleasing to God....” (p. 37). (a brief moment of silence)

Community reflection. Final song

21 May: Charity towards the sick and those who suffer

Invocation to the Holy Spirit

Word of God: *“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.” (Lk 6:36); “I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” (Mt 25:36).*

- **Word of the Mother Foundress:** Read from the “Writings” letter no. 20 pp. 29.
“I congratulate all my dear Daughters who dedicated themselves to the assistance of the sick women. Oh, may the loving Jesus be thanked, for it is He who gives you health and a good spirit of charity. He himself will be your reward in eternity” (p. 29). (a brief moment of silence)

Community reflection. Final song