**Triduum to Saint Anne and Saint Joaquim**

**First Day, 24th of July of 2021**

**TRUST**

**Fully trusted in the God of Promises.**

= Introduction Liturgy of the Hours =

Today we begin the Triduum to our Patrons Saint Anne and Saint Joachim.

Joachim and Anne were simple, humble people, with a deep experience of God, with a deep living of faith. From their total and trusting abandonment in God’s Hands, they walked aware that He was accompanying them in everything, aware that He was caring for them, that He was faithful and would fulfil His Promise.

Saint Anne and Saint Joachim bore the good fruit of the Mother of the Son of God. We, Sisters of Charity of Saint Anne, as our Patron Saints, are also called to fully trust the God of Promises, so as to be able to bear the good fruit of care, of detail, of love.

= Petition Liturgy of the Hours =

May Saint Joachim and Saint Anne accompany us in our Path of preparation to the coming Extraordinary General Chapter and continue teaching us how to trust in God, who is faithful to His Covenant with us.

= Introduction Eucharist =

Sisters, we begin today our Festive Triduum.

To live our patronal feast in the context of the preparation of a Chapter, has for us a deep meaning of congregational identity that invites us to experience ourselves as family, and animates us to praise, gratitude and shared joy.

To praise and bless the God of mercy and tenderness, who has called each of us to live with Him the adventure of love, with a grateful gaze towards those who marked the paths of Hospitality, which we are invited today to recreate and to celebrate with renewed joy the love that is shared.

In Him we are, we move and we exist. He is our only inspiration to live loving in evangelical coherence.

May Our Lady, always faithful to the Lord's listening, help us to have Christ today and always, as a principle and source of unity and life, being prophets of that hope that enlightens the future.

Feeling honored by the powerful intercession of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, let us joyfully live this preparation for our feast.

= Prayer of the Faithful =

United in the deep joy of feeling charismatic family, which celebrates its history always present under the protection of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, let us pray: "Through the intercession of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, hear us Lord”.

* For the Church, people of God of which we feel daughters. May she continue being faithful to Jesus' command to remain united around Him through love. LET US PRAY
* For those who govern our peoples. May, cleaned their hearts of selfish interests, they favour always paths of dialogue and tolerance in the achievement of justice and equity. LET US PRAY
* For those who suffer the consequences of the pandemic caused by Covid 19, for those who live it in loneliness, poverty or marginalization. May they can receive the fruit of the good seed of solidarity and sharing. LET US PRAY
* For our Congregation, and for all the members of Saint Anne Family, in preparation to celebrate the XXX Extraordinary General Chapter. May faithful to our foundational roots we be a meaningful response to the clamours of the poor and needy of our time. LET US PRAY
* For those who celebrate this Eucharist. May it be a true source of gratitude, joy and happiness for us. LET US PRAY

**Second Day, 25th of July of 2021**

**FIDELITY**

**They Welcomed with Hope the Word Given.**

= Introduction Liturgy of the Hours =

From its origins, our Congregation has taken shelter in the protection of Saint Anne and Saint Joachim. Their humble and simple lives are a call for us to revitalize the values of the congregational spirit, which we share with the Laity of Saint Anne Family.

In this second day of the Triduum, we also celebrate the Solemnity of James the Apostle. His identification with Jesus made him to empty from himself, from his claims, from his aspirations, from his needs… being in this way witness to the Lord Jesus in his time.

We, Sisters of Charity of Saint Anne, as Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, as James the Apostle, as our Founders, are also called, in this time of preparation to the XXX Extraordinary General Chapter, to be witnesses who want to recreate, in the Lord Jesus and from our Charism, the community life and the mission.

= Petition Liturgy of the Hours =

We praise You, Lord, for our Patrons Saint Anne and Saint Joachim, and we thank You for our Congregation. May they accompany us in this Pre-Chapter Stage, and make us witnesses to the Lord Jesus who love and serve “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”.

= Introduction Eucharist =

Within the framework of the preparation for the celebration of our feast of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne and feeling as Congregation in Pre-Chapter Stage, the Word of God calls us again in a personal and community way, to be witnesses before the people. Witnesses, not because of our abilities, but because of the power of God who models our clay.

The Word of God, in this feast of Saint James Apostle, also reminds us that, in order to live our commitment to be living, open and close Communities, we need to live the service as a clear expression of the following of Jesus. He, our only Lord, who has not come to be served but to serve.

And Joachim and Anne, in this feast that we prepare, show us again the face of family, the being faithful and humble servants of God's Plan for Humanity.

May the shared Word and Table help us interiorize these evangelical and charismatic values. May we be able of making, of these values, proclamation and presence of the Kingdom of God.

= Prayer of the Faithful =

* For the Church. May she remain as an open house where life and faith are shared, where everyone can find shelter, rest and hope. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
* For those people responsible for political, economic and social structures around the world. May they open their awareness and their sensibility to generate real channels of justice and solidarity. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
* For all those who share path and hope with those who suffer, with those affected for the Pandemic, who have no roof or future, with those who, in their lives, have lost their values and direction, with those who live situations of violence, loneliness or any other kind of exclusion. May, united, we move forward towards a world in which everyone can live with dignity. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
* For the people we serve and for those with whom we share service and mission. May, together, we build a different, inclusive, happy society that be the face and presence of the Lord Jesus. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
* For our Communities. May feeling as family in feast strengthen in us closeness, love, shared commitment to live and to express fraternity. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD
* For all of us who celebrate this Eucharist. May it help us continue being humble witnesses among the people, and to live service as the true dimension of the Kingdom of God, in which the last ones are the first. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.

**Third Day, 26th of July of 2021**

SIMPLICITY

Celebration of what is Small.

= Introduction Liturgy of the Hours =

Today we praise the people of good, of what is simple; we make grateful memory of our Patron Saints, Anne and Joachim, servants of God, whose remembrance lasts forever, whose charity we do not forget.

Praise and gratitude to God convoke us, which we express today in the five Continents, where the Sisters of Charity of Saint Anne, together with the Laity of our Charismatic Family, also want to be people of good, servants of God, mediation of His Love with so many people who live, walk and suffer beside us.

As Congregation and as Saint Anne Family, we have received the Mission of being, as the Lord Jesus, witnesses to God’s Love.

May, as St. Joachim and St. Anne, as our Founders, we continue answering faithfully to God’s call, shaping ourselves with the Lord Jesus so as to recreate our religious life, and dreaming together the future hand in hand with the Spirit, without limits in the self-giving, in the totality of the availability and of the offering, “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”.

= Petition Liturgy of the Hours =

Lord Jesus, we remember in this day all the Sisters of the Congregation and the Laity of Saint Anne Family, in a special way, the Province of Saint Anne, so needed of peace and bread, and the people, Communities and Centres who have the name of our Patron Saints. May they accompany us in this Pre-Chapter Path and in our journey being Universal Charity through the practice of Hospitality.

= Introduction Eucharist =

Dear brothers and sisters, be all of you, welcome.

Today, 26th July, we are invited to celebrate the feast of our Patron Saints, Joachim and Anne. Good people, faithful spouses, caring parents of Mary, loving grandparents of Jesus.

As a Congregational Family, with John Bonal and Maria Rafols, with all the Sisters, alive and deceased, in communion of multiple diversities, with one heart and one voice, we raise our Thanksgiving Prayer to the Lord for them, for their deep faith, for their sustained hope and for their permanent charity.

Together with Jesus, with his bread and his wine, we offer to God the Father, our Congregation and the Laity of Saint Anne Family, so that He may make of all of us, new presence of his merciful love, in the exercise of charity, through the practice of Hospitality up to heroism, in all places and with all the people with whom we live.

= Prayer of the Faithful =

* For our Congregation. May she approach the real needs of people, in daily life and in the urgencies that arise, and live mercy in every situation. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
* For the peoples of Venezuela, Cuba and Brazil. Let us ask for them, Peace, Justice and Social Progress. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
* For the people who suffer the consequences of the Pandemic, for the peoples who suffer violence, inequality, injustices, poverty. Let us ask for them, Peace, Justice and Social Progress. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
* May, wherever we are, we contribute to the growth of the Kingdom of God, bringing consolation, peace, hope, justice and freedom, creating always an atmosphere of Hospitality. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
* For our Communities. May they be spaces open to fraternity, with those who are near and distant, and be committed to the care of the common home in order to be the home of all the men and women of this time and of the future. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
* May the Lord vivify and increase our Congregation and Saint Anne Family with new members, and bless and protect our families, friends, benefactors, collaborators and those whom we serve. May He make us happy and faithful in the mission that He has entrusted to us. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
* For the deceased Sisters of all times and places. May they enjoy the loving presence of God, intercede for us in Heaven and be a stimulus in our daily journey following the footsteps of Jesus. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.
* For all of us, who are gathered to celebrate the memory of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne. May the Lord enlighten our intelligences, renew our hearts and give us the necessary strength to discover His face in the face of the people we meet. LET US PRAY TO THE LORD.