**194 Death Anniversary of Fr. John Bonal**

**August 19, 2023**

**INTRODUCTION LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

The thanksgiving prayer for the life of Fr. John Bonal, servant of God, who lived faith, hope and charity in heroic degree, convokes us today in this praise to God.

He accompanied people to live and to die in a good way; he offered the peace that only comes from the Highest; he fed and dressed the one who was hungry and the one who was naked of bread and of God; he visited and comforted the sick and the prisoners… he lived the works of mercy making reality the words of Jesus in this way: “What you did for one of these little ones, you did it to me”.

Today, we thank God for his life, united to each Sister of the Congregation and to each Laity of St. Anne Family, especially in the Province of Fr. John Bonal, in India.

May we always live as Fr. John lived, serving with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love.

**PETITION LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

In this day of celebration, we thank God for the life of Fr. John Bonal, poured out in each Sister, in each Laity of St. Anne Family who, by living the congregational Charism, Spirit and Mission, follow the Lord Jesus, as he did.

We remember in a special way the Sisters and Laity of Saint Anne Family of the Province of Fr. John Bonal, in India.

May Fr. John Bonal, servant of God, accompany always our journey in order to be, as him, expression of God’s Love.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE EUCHARIST**

In this day of celebration, we thank God for the life of Fr. John Bonal, poured out in each Sister, in each Laity of St. Anne Family who, by living the congregational Charism, Spirit and Mission, follow the Lord Jesus, as he did.

We remember in a special way the Sisters and Laity of Saint Anne Family of the Province of Fr. John Bonal, in India.

He always lived looking for God’s Face, loving Him with all the heart, renouncing to success that could give him a great satisfaction from the human point of view, till focusing himself completely in following the Lord Jesus, living Universal Charity through the practice of Hospitality, in his concrete and daily surrender to the sick, the poor and the needy of God. And Fr. John did it “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”.

May in this day and always we thank the gift of his life in a special way, and walk as him, being love and living in love.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

* We pray for the Pope Francis, our Bishops, deacons and all the priests of the Church so that, according to the example of Fr. John, they may be faithful Shepherds of the People of God. LET US PRAY
* We pray for the people who work for peace so that, as Fr. John, they may not lose hope and know they are always held and strengthened by God. We pray in special way for the countries and people punished by war, violence and terrorism. LET US PRAY
* We pray for those who suffer material and spiritual wants so that, through the intercession of Fr. John, they may receive words and gestures of help and support in their specific situation. LET US PRAY
* We pray for each Sister of the Congregation and for the Laity of St. Anne Family so that, according to the example of Fr. John, we may be mediation of God’s Love. LET US PRAY
* We pray for those whom we serve so that, through the mediation of Fr. John Bonal, they may receive all what they need “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”.
* We pray for those who feel called to the Consecrated, Priestly or Missionary Life so that, through the intercession of Fr. John, they may live themselves accompanied in their discernment and decision. LET US PRAY
* We pray for all of us so that, in this day and always, we may be, as Fr. John, truthful witnesses of our God’s love. LET US PRAY

**254 Birth Anniversary of Father John Bonal**

**August 24, 2023**

**INTRODUCTION IN MORNING PRAYER**

We start our praise to God in this day, by making grateful memory of the life of Father John Bonal.

Servant of God, he went everywhere doing good, losing his life so that others may have life and hope, sowing the universal Charity through the practice of Hospitality, which is always ready to hope, to endure and to make things happen.

Today, we thank God for his life, joining every Sister of the Congregation and the Laity of St. Anne Family, especially in the Province of Father John Bonal, in India.

May, as Father John, we live professing our faith in the Lord and be authentic people, in whom there is no deception.

**PETITION IN MORNING PRAYER**

In this day of celebration, we thank our God for the life of Father John Bonal, and for the life of each Sister, and Laity of St. Anne Family who, by living the congregational Charism, Spirit and Mission, profess our faith in the Lord Jesus, as he did.

We remember, in a special way, the Sisters and Laity of the Province of Father John Bonal in India.

May Fr. John Bonal, servant of God, accompany always our journey, so that we may live loving and serving “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE EUCHARIST**

We are convoked today by the thanksgiving prayer to God for the life of the Venerable Father John Bonal.

He, as Nathanael, lived professing his faith in Jesus, the Son of God, Whom he believed in, he surrendered and he was mediation, for the men and women whom he offered material and spiritual help, to be able to recover their dignity of Children of God.

His life is a Path of Hospitality, which we are also called to walk behind the steps of the Lord Jesus.

We remember in our prayer today, in a special way, the Sisters and Laity of the Province of Father John Bonal, every Sister of the Congregation and the St. Anne Family in the five Continents, and we ask for the intercession of Father John Bonal in our daily living.

May we thank today, in a special way, the gift of his life, and let us walk as him, being authentic people who profess their faith in the Lord, and who serve Him in their brethren, especially in the neediest.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

* We pray for the Pope Francis, our Bishops and all the priests so that, according to the example of Fr. John, they may live animating the faith of the People of God in Jesus, the Son of God. LET US PRAY
* May every gesture for peace and communion, free societies and Communities from the consequences of the economic crisis and from the slavery of indifference, individualism and violence. May, as Fr. John, we be makers of peace. We pray for the countries in conflict in a special way. LET US PRAY
* May God’s Love comfort those who suffer, through women and men who, as Father John, live sowing consolation, courage and hope. LET US PRAY
* May those who feel called to the Consecrated, Priestly and Missionary Life experience themselves, through the mediation of Father John, accompanied in their discernment and decision. LET US PRAY
* May those whom we serve, through the intercession of Father John Bonal, receive all what they need and be attended “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”.
* May each Sister of the Congregation and the Laity of St. Anne Family, according to the example of Fr. John, be channels of God’s Love and Mercy. LET US PRAY
* May each one of us who participate in this Eucharist listen, like Fr. John Bonal, to the clamours of those who suffer and be answer to their needs. LET US PRAY

**170 Death Anniversary of M. Maria Rafols**

**August 30, 2023**

**INTRODUCTION LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

We start our praise to God in this day, by making grateful memory of the life of our Mother Maria Rafols, who answered God’s call day after day, to be Universal Charity, chiefly to the poorest and the neediest, through the practice of Hospitality to the point of heroism.

Mother Maria Rafols lived esteeming the person, loving without limits, welcoming with detail, aware of the needs of others, available for any kind of service, being a maker of unity, peace and fraternity… In this way, she went on shaping our congregational style.

We come today before our God with gratitude of daughters. May He grant us to be expression of His Love and Mercy, as Mother Maria Rafols.

**PETITION IN THE LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

In this day of celebration, we thank our God for the life of Mother Maria Rafols, and for the life of each Sister, and Laity of St. Anne Family who, by living the congregational Charism, Spirit and Mission, want to be expression of God’s Love and Mercy.

May she accompany always our journey, especially in this day and always, and show us how to follow the Lord Jesus, loving and serving “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE EUCHARIST**

We are convoked today by the thanksgiving prayer to God for the life of Mother Maria Rafols, who loved God with her whole heart, and surrendered herself to her Sisters and brethren “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”.

Her life was expression of the Love and Mercy of God the Father, for almost 50 years, with the children of the Foundling Homes of Zaragoza and the Marcy House of Huesca; with the sick of Our Lady of Grace Hospital; with the wounded people in the Independence War; with her Sisters in the Community; with the staff with whom she worked and even with the members of the Governing Board of this Hospital, also in the prison and in the exile.

We remember in our prayer today, in a special way, every Sister of the Congregation and the Laity of St. Anne Family in the five Continents, and we ask for the intercession of Mother Maria Rafols for our daily living.

May we thank today the gift of her life in a special way, and walk like her being expression of the merciful embrace of God the Father, of the unconditional love of God the Son and of the breath of God the Holy Spirit.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

* We pray for the Pope Francis, Bishops, priests and deacons. May through the intercession of Mother Maria Rafols, they always be men of spirit, men of God. LET US PRAY
* We pray for peace in the world. May, as Mother Maria Rafols, always be people willing to make it possible, committed with the victims of violence, with the neediest and most vulnerable people. We remember the countries in war in a special way. LET US PRAY
* We pray for those who suffer from any kind of wants. May, through the intercession of Mother Maria Rafols, they be accompanied in their pain and need. We pray in a special way for the refugees and the emigrants, for the people persecuted due to their sex, ideology, creed or social condition. LET US PRAY
* We pray for every Sister of the Congregation and for the Laity of Saint Anne Family. May, as Mother Maria Rafols, we love God with the whole heart and so, be expression of his Love and Mercy with our Sisters and brethren. LET US PRAY
* We pray for those whom we serve so that, through the mediation of Mother Maria Rafols, they may receive all what they need “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”.
* We pray for those who are called to Consecrated, Priestly and Missionary Life. May, according to the example of Mother Maria Rafols, they answer God’s call with trust and be Good News in our world. LET US PRAY
* We pray for each one of us. May, together with Mother Maria Rafols, we live a Universal Charity that welcomes everybody and serves the others “as our lords”. LET US PRAY