**88th Death Anniversary of Father John Buj**

**26th September 2023**

**Introduction Liturgy of the Hours**

Today, we gratefully remember the life of Father John Buj, on his 88th death anniversary.

As Mother Pabla entrusted us, we never want to forget what Father John did for our Congregation, promoting, together with her, our spiritual life and our commitment to the poorest and the neediest.

May his life encourage us on our Path of Care, and animate us in our being Charity through the practice of Hospitality.

**Petition Liturgy of the Hours**

Continue inviting us, Lord, to live in your Presence, to allow ourselves to be visited by You, as Father John Buj did, and to continue offering those around us the richness of our gifts, of our time, of our sharing.

**Introduction of the Eucharist**

Today we join in thanksgiving prayer to God for the life of Father John Buj, on his 88th death anniversary.

Father John Buj was a man of God who left the mark of God on everything. Together with Mother Pabla, he promoted the spiritual and apostolic life of the Congregation; he accompanied us for 39 years, and helped us deepen the dimensions lived in the Congregation from the earliest times: the Presence of God, the Eucharist, the mystery of the Cross, the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the praise to Mary... and to have an attentive ear to the cries of those who suffer the most, of the poorest and the neediest.

May Father John Buj keep on accompanying and helping our Charismatic Family in continually going into the Holy Presence, in allowing ourselves to be visited by God, especially in this time of welcoming and deepening the conclusions and agreements of the XXX Extraordinary General Chapter.

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**Prayer of the Faithful**

* Bless, Lord, Pope Francis, our Bishops, priests and deacons. May they, like Father John Buj, live centered on You, and attentive and committed to the cries of the poorest and the neediest. LET US PRAY
* Encourage, Lord, every effort and every gesture for peace, dialogue, justice and the common good. May the leaders of the nations be concerned, in a special way, for the most disadvantaged citizens, and for developing policies that may safeguard the rights of all. LET US PRAY
* Comfort, Lord, so many people who suffer from the lack of peace, food, home, health and work; who live at risk due to violence, political insecurity and natural disasters... May fraternity be a channel of life and hope in each specific situation. LET US PRAY
* Continue calling people, Lord, to follow You in religious, priestly and missionary life. LET US PRAY
* Accompany, Lord, our Charismatic Family in this time of welcoming and deepening the conclusions and agreements of the XXX Extraordinary General Chapter. May we, as Father John Buj, seek, love and do your Will. LET US PRAY
* Show us, Lord, how to always live in your Holy Presence, how to let ourselves be visited by You, as Father John Buj did. May we be, thus, a gesture of your Care and your Love. LET US PRAY.