**30th Anniversary**

**of the Beatification of M. Maria Rafols**

**16th of October of 2024**

**INTRODUCTION LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

We start our praise to God in this day, making grateful memory of the life of Mother Maria Rafols, Sister of Charity, heroic woman in the living of the christian virtues and, most especially, of Charity to the neighbour, which she poured out as service, “seeing Christ in the sick person, welcoming Christ in the children of the Foundling Home, recognizing Christ in the poor and indigent in every part and place” (Const. 39).

We come today to our God with the gratitude of daughters.

May the Lord grant us to be, as Mother Maria Rafols, heroic women in Love, authentic Sisters of Charity of Saint Anne.

**PETITION LITURGY OF THE HOURS**

In this day of celebration, we thank our Lord for the life of Mother Maria Rafols. May she continue accompanying our journey of Sisters and Laity of St. Anne Family, 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 lived in a heroic way the Christian virtues and, most especially, Charity to the neighbour, whom she served “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”. (Const. 19)

Her life was an offering to God especially for the neediest, acknowledging them as her masters. She shared what she was and had with the poorest of her time: the children of the Foundling Home, the sick of the Hospital, the wounded people of the War, the imprisoned people, the single mothers… She constantly surrendered herself, up to heroism, also in her daily service and in the community life. (Cf. Const. 21)

In this day, we thank God for the gift of our Mother Maria Rafols and ask Him that, through her intercession, we may live in fidelity the following of Christ, our vocation of Sisters of Charity of Saint Anne.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

* May the Holy Spirit guide and accompany the Pope Francis and all the participants in the sessions of the Synod, so that their works, for the good of the Church and of our world, bear fruit. LET US PRAY
* May our Bishops, priests and deacons be men of faith, hope and charity, men of God. LET US PRAY
* May, as Mother Maria Rafols, there be always persons makers of peace. May the leaders of the nations in conflict care for peace and defend it. LET US PRAY
* May, through the intercession of Mother Maria Rafols, those who suffer be accompanied in their pain, sickness and need. We continue remembering in a special way the refugees and emigrant people, the victims of violence and natural disasters, those who have lost faith and hope. LET US PRAY
* May those who feel called to the Consecrated, Priestly or Missionary Life answer with trust to God’s call and be Good News in our world. LET US PRAY
* May our Charismatic Family in the journey towards the XXXI General Chapter, love and serve, as Mother Maria Rafols, “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”. LET US PRAY
* May the Lord grant us to see recognized soon in the Church the holiness of Mother Maria Rafols. LET US PRAY
* May each one of us, following the example of Mother Maria Rafols, give witness of our faith in the Lord, and confessed it every day in the gratuitous and selfless service to the brethren. LET US PRAY