**Solemnity of Our Lady of Pillar**

**October 12, 2025**

**Introduction Liturgy of the Hours**

“Faithfully responding to God’s call, Fr. John Bonal and Mother Maria Rafols with eleven Sisters and twelve Brothers, left their land and arrived at Zaragoza the 28th of December of 1804.

They prayed and offered the nascent Sisterhood to Our Lady of Pillar asking for her *protection and refuge in order to carry out the destiny for which they came, with charity and fervour.*” (Const. 2)

Beside Our Lady of Pillar we were born, we grew and we remain. (Cf. Const. 10)

In this Synodal Path and in this time of welcoming to the Conclusions and Agreements of our 31st General Chapter, we continue placing at the feet of Our Lady of Pillar our Congregation and the Laity of St. Anne Family, thanking and asking for her protection and refuge in our daily journey being Charity through the practice of Hospitality.

**Petition Liturgy of the Hours**

Lord Jesus, we continue taking refuge in the mediation of Our Lady of Pillar. May She get from You for us, “fortitude in faith, security in hope and perseverance in love”.

We pray in a special way for the Sisters and Laity of Our Lady of Pillar Province, and for all the Sisters, people, Communities and Centres having Her name.

We also have very present to the seven Novices of Our Lady of Salz Delegation, who make their First Vows today in Rwanda.

**Introduction of the Eucharistic Celebration**

Led by the Spirit, our Congregation was born at the feet of the Virgin of Pillar.

She lovingly received us, encouraged our first steps and opened us to mission, which is lived today in the five Continents.

Beside Her we were born; we grew and we remain today. (Cf. Const. 10)

Our Lady of Pillar continues showing us the way of following her Son and of making Him present in our world; she keeps on encouraging us in the creative fidelity to our charism and in our evangelizing action.

At her feet we go on placing the being and doing of each Sister; the desires and needs of the people whom we serve; each Laity of Saint Anne Family, whom we share Charism, Spirit and Mission; each person whom we meet in our daily journey and for whom we have to be reflection of our God’s Love and Mercy.

In this Synodal Path we join in the same prayer, so that She may continue getting for us from the Lord “fortitude in faith, security in hope and perseverance in love”.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

* We pray for the Pope Leo XIV and our Bishops. May, in Mary, they be strengthened in their faith, find the light that may enlighten their hope and answer faithfully to the call to live in love. LET US PRAY
* We pray for the leaders who govern the nations. May dialogue, tolerance, and the search for peace and common good be always in their politics and decisions of government.
* We pray for Spain, for Aragon, for Zaragoza and for the Latin American peoples whom we are united by faith and love to Our Lady of Pillar. May, through Her intercession, we be able to walk in this present moment and achieve a future of peace and fraternity. LET US PRAY
* We pray for those who suffer violence and the natural disasters, wars and injustice. We pray for the sick, the refugees, the displaced and the migrant people. We pray for the families who suffer. May they find in Mary their strength and their hope, and in the brethren closeness and solidarity. LET US PRAY
* We pray for our Congregation born at the feet of Our Lady of Pillar. For the Province, Communities, Sisters, people whom we serve, Laity of Saint Anne Family and Centres having Her name. May She continue being the animating presence that impels us to be Charity through the practice of Hospitality. LET US PRAY
* We pray for the seven Novices of Our Lady of Salz Delegation, who make their First Vows today in Rwanda. May they experience how Our Lady welcomes them with love, encourages their first steps and opens them to mission. LET US PRAY
* We pray for our Sisters, family members, benefactors and friends that today celebrate this Feast in God’s Presence. LET US PRAY
* We pray for all of us. May, at the feet of Our Lady of Pillar, we keep on learning how to listen to the Word of God, to meditate It within our heart and to make It life, being in this way witnesses to hope for others. LET US PRAY