**Centenary of the Transfer**

**of the Mortal Remains of Our Founders**

**October 20, 2025**

**Introduction Liturgy of the Hours**

The love and recognition to our Founders, Mother Maria Rafols and Father John Bonal, leads us today to praise and thank God for the gift of their lives to the Church and to our Congregation.

72 and 96 years resting in the Crypt of the Hospital of Our Lady of Grace; one hundred years in our Motherhouse. Always accompanying the Path of our Congregation.

Today, we once again present ourselves before our God with the gratitude of daughters. In this Jubilee Year and every day of our lives, may He grant us to be, like our Founders, heroic women of Charity.

**Petition Liturgy of the Hours**

Lord our God, we praise and thank you for the life sown and surrendered of Mother Maria Rafols and Father John Bonal. Our Founders show us the way to live and walk, in our daily Path as Sisters and Laity of Saint Anne Family, in this time of welcome and reflection on the Conclusions and Agreements of our 31st General Chapter.

Through their intercession, may we continue to learn how to follow You faithfully and to bear witness to your gratuitous and unconditional Love.

**Introduction of the Eucharist**

The thanksgiving prayer to God for our Founders calls us together today on the Centenary of the transfer of their mortal remains, from the Crypt of the Hospital of Our Lady of Grace to our General House, our Motherhouse.

In the silence and darkness of the Crypt of the Hospital, they were a fruitful presence of Charity. On the altar of our Motherhouse, they continue to watch over every Sister of the Congregation, every Laity of Saint Anne Family, every person who comes to them with a prayer, a thanksgiving, a need, a confidence, a kiss…

Beside our Founders, we welcome the past with gratitude, the present with passion, and the future with hope. They are the light that leads us to the Lord Jesus and to our Sisters and brethren; they are the breeze that encourages us in the living of Charity through the practice of Hospitality; they are the presence that make us surrender ourselves “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”.

We celebrate and thank God for the gift of our Founders; we celebrate and are grateful to have them in our Home, as a permanent memory of what we are called to be: “a visible sign of the Kingdom in the world, through the exercise of Charity and the explicit proclamation of the Gospel”.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

* We pray for our Pope Leo XIV, bishops, priests, and deacons. May they be Shepherds according to God's will, who welcome everybody and lead them to the encounter with Him. LET US PRAY
* We pray for the leaders of nations. May they, like our Founders, be makers of peace, unity, and fraternity, caring for all their citizens, especially the most vulnerable ones. LET US PRAY
* We pray for so many people who suffer. May they, through the intercession of our Founders, be accompanied in their pain, sickness, and need. We especially remember the victims of war and violence; immigrants and refugees; those affected by natural disasters; children and the elderly… LET US PRAY
* We pray for our Congregation of Sisters of Charity of Saint Anne and for the Laity of Saint Anne Family. May we, like Mother Maria Rafols and Father John Bonal, be a presence, word, and gesture that is sown “with the greatest care, with full detail, with all love”. LET US PRAY
* We pray for those who feel called to the Consecrated, priestly, and missionary life. May the Lord raise up vocations in our Congregation, who may continue to make the legacy of our Founders a reality. LET US PRAY
* We pray for the Sisters, benefactors, devotees, and friends of the Congregation, who already enjoy the Presence of God and who had our Founders as intercessors. LET US PRAY
* May the Lord grant us to soon see the holiness of our Founders recognized in the Church. LET US PRAY
* May each one of us, following the example of Mother Maria Rafols and Father John Bonal, know how to discover the Presence of God in everything and everyone, show that His Love sustains us, and thus be Good News wherever we are. LET US PRAY