**INTRODUCTION**

**94th Death Anniversary of Mother Pabla Bescos**

**20th February 2023**

We gather in this Thanksgiving Eucharist to celebrate the presence in our history of a Sister who fully lived the Congregational charism, spirit and mission: Mother Pabla Bescos.

Superior General for 35 years, she was a woman of great personality. She had a deeply warm and close heart; she sensed the needs of her Sisters and those of the people with whom she related, whom she served, welcomed and encouraged; she shared fears and illusions; she animated and created hope. She preached little, accompanied a lot and lived intensely.

In the General House, so dear to her, between walls kneaded with miracles, rests a woman whose life, without noise, speaks to us of a dream come true. A reality of Universal Charity, chiefly to the poorest and the neediest, through the practice of Hospitality to the point of heroism.

Mother Pabla, a reference model in our congregational journey, accompanies us in this time of living the conclusions and agreements of the XXX Extraordinary General Chapter, and she reminds us that “our distinctive sign must be Charity and Humility”.

In this celebration we thank God for her being and living, and we pray to Him that we may be and live like her, trusting fully in God and serving our Sisters and Brothers, with exquisite Humility and Charity, and we also remember, especially, the Sisters and Laity of Saint Anne Family of the Province of Madre Pabla.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

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* We pray for Pope Francis, for our bishops and for all of us who make up the Church. May we live the fasting that pleases God, worrying about our brethren. LET US PRAY
* We pray for peace in countries in conflict. May, like Mother Pabla, there be always men and women willing to make it possible, committed to the development and well-being of people. LET US PRAY
* We pray for those who suffer wants of every kind, so that, through the intercession of Mother Pabla, they may discover the Provident God who is revealed in those who accompany them in their pain and need. LET US PRAY
* We pray for each Sister of the Congregation and for the Laity of Saint Anne Family, who share with us charism, spirit and mission, so that, like Mother Pabla, we may be people of exquisite humility and charity. LET US PRAY
* We pray for all the Sisters, benefactors, family members, relatives and friends who already enjoy the Presence of God and who accompanied our congregational journey in life. LET US PRAY
* For those who feel called to Consecrated, priestly and missionary Life, so that they may respond with confidence to God's call and thus be Good News in our world. LET US PRAY
* We pray for each one of us, so that, hand in hand with Mother Pabla, our faith makes daily miracles possible, fruits of love and service. LET US PRAY

**INTRODUCTION OF MORNING PRAYER**

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Mother Pabla passed away on February 20, 1929 after living her illness trusting in God.

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In this Year in which we have just celebrated an Extraordinary General Chapter, Mother Pabla accompanies us, a reference model in our congregational journey, who reminds us that “our distinctive signs must be Charity and Humility”.

Today we give thanks to God for her life, poured out in exquisite humility and charity towards others, thus revealing her total trust and abandonment in God.

**PetiTION IN MORNING PRAYER**

We thank God for the life of Mother Pabla. May she accompany our congregational journey, especially in this time of living out the Conclusions and Agreements of the 30th Extraordinary General Chapter; may she show us how to love and serve putting all our trust in God, without making noise, with exquisite charity and humility. We especially remember the Sisters, Laity of Saint Anne Family, people whom we serve and people with whom we work in the Province of Mother Pabla, in India.