



**THANK YOU
MARÍA RÀFOLS!**



“Each person is a divine idea realized in time. On November 5, 1781, the Lord gave the world a beautiful work of his creative action: little María Ràfols Bruna, who would be, twenty-three years later, Sisters of Charity, initiator in the Church, together with the Catalan priest Don Juan Bonal, from a family of women consecrated to God and to the brothers, the Sisters of Charity of Santa Ana”. (Positio Super Virtutibus Vol II page 6)

Today we want to thank God for what he did in her and through her. Thank you also for the good that the Sisters have been doing throughout history, in the different places where we have lived and live.

Song: + CARE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5AMI0lqjBRA>

WITH THE GREATEST CARE

Gospel reading:

Mk 12, 28b-31: Which commandment is the first of all? Jesus answered: the first is: “ Listen Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord, you will love the Lord; you will love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength ”. The second, this one: " You shall love your neighbour as yourself. " There is no commandment greater than these.

“On January 1, the Brotherhoods began the holy service of assistance to the sick, each Brotherhood being in charge of the rooms of their sex. And very soon the benefits and advantages that were experienced in the infirmaries were known for their better personal tidiness and cleanliness, greater decency and composure, avoiding the conversations and disturbances that were previously experienced in them and could not always be remedied by not being in sight of some. people of such respect. And likewise for the punctuality and zeal with which he supplied the poor sick with the food and medicine ordered by the doctors; and for the consolation they received from the Brothers for their good treatment and example, exercising them insofar as the painful situation allows, in devotional exercises and inclining them to the conformity so necessary in work and ailments. Subsequently, the besieged commissions were given to these Brotherhoods, they fulfilled with the best accuracy, zeal, disinterest and economy ” .(ibid. p. 54)

Silencio y reflexión:

- What do these facts tell me today?
- How can we update them in our community life?

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WITH ALL DETAIL

Mt 25, 39-40: “When were you sick or in prison and we went to see you? And the King will answer them: I assure you: Every time you did it with one of these insignificant brothers of mine, you did it with me”.

“They were not content only with exercising the greatest charity in the fulfilment of their duties, for they wanted to make themselves more useful to the sick at the expense of their industry and application. And so it is that, taking their zeal out of the limits of their institute, they dedicated themselves to studying phlebotomy with the knowledge of the Regents and Direction of the Lieutenant Surgeon of the House; and then in his presence, and preceded by the necessary inspection, they carried out the bleeding operation, which they carried out with great serenity and success. They were already perfectly imposed, when many of the Sisters appeared for public examination in the Siege, which they did with great brilliance and with advantage over the young men of some years of practice; those that were approved by virtue of it and as a consequence continued to carry out this operation with admirable success” . (ibid. p. 65)

Silencio y reflexión:

- Am I aware that in each one of the people around me, in my community sisters... there is Jesus Christ?
- When I interact with them, do I believe that it is Jesus Christ that I approach?
- What does this attitude provoke in our society?

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WITH ALL LOVE

Jn 15:13: "No one has greater love for friends than one who lays down his life for them".

"María Ràfols is undoubtedly the soul of the group, mother and teacher of her Sisters and angel of the Hospital. This is how the witnesses of the informative process present it to us":

"She gathered the young Sisters daily at night and entertained them with spiritual talks and conversations, exciting them to fervour and warning them of the dangers that might be encountered".

"She had for all her daughters the heart and affection of a true mother, comforting them in their afflictions, assisting them in their illnesses and pains, holding wings that wavered in her in her vocation".

"The great care and care with which the Servant of God assisted the sick, exercising in them all the works of mercy, instructing them in religion, comforting them in their afflictions and seeking the satisfaction of their needs, above all, the reception of the last Sacraments, to the point of hearing Mother Raimunda say that none of the sick, who had been cared for by the Servant of God, had not died without the Sacraments ".(ibid. p. 66)

Silencio y reflexión:

- How do you live your life, do you feel apart from the needs around you or do you surrender ?
- How do you live from love, in the situation that you have to live?

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Community sharing time.

Spontaneous petitions.

We pray the Our Father prayer

Final prayer: we all pray the prayer of María Ràfols.



Sisters of Charity of St Anne. Zaragoza

