**31st Anniversary**

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

**October 16, 2025**

**Introduction Liturgy of the Hours**

Our praise to God in this day has the name of Mother Maria Rafols. We join the same thanksgiving prayer for her life, acknowledged by the Church as heroic woman in the living of the christian virtues and, most especially, of Charity to the neighbour. Mother Maria Rafols loved, cared for and surrendered herself by “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 before our God with the gratitude of daughters. May, in this Jubilee Year and each day of our Life, He grant us to be, as Mother Maria Rafols, heroic women in Care and Love.

**Petition Liturgy of the Hours**

Lord, our God, we praise and thank You for the surrendered life of Mother Maria Rafols. We know that she accompanies our Path of Sisters and Laity of St. Anne Family, especially in this time of welcoming and reflection of the Conclusions and Agreements of our 31st General Chapter.

May, through her intercession, we follow your Son, 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 with the poorest and the neediest, acknowledging them as her lords. 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)

She made of Care, “the greatest care”, imprint of her life, being attentive and “in the sight”, for those who may need her; available without reservations, delicate with the vulnerability entrusted to her.

We celebrate and thank God for the gift of our Mother Maria Rafols, and His call to live as her in fidelity the following of His Son; we celebrate and are grateful for our vocation of Sisters of Charity of Saint Anne.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

* May our Pope Leo XIV, 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 watch for peace and defend it, caring in this way for their citizens. 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 wars, violence and natural disasters, and 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 the Sisters and Laity of Saint Anne Family, in welcome and reflection of the Conclusions and Agreements of our 31st General Chapter, love, care 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
* We pray for our Sisters, benefactors, devoted people and friends of the Congregation who already enjoy God’s Presence and who had Mother Maria Rafols as their intercessor.
* 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 care to the brethren. LET US PRAY