



2023 - FEAST OF MARY OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER

On this important day of the Liturgical Memoria for the Church and the Solemnity for the whole Canossian Family, we would like you to feel our presence among you, dear Lay Canossians, friends, collaborators, volunteers and families.

We express this not with our own words, but rather with a few expressions that Magdalene left us as a testimony of the place Mary, Mother of Charity at the foot of the cross, occupied in her life of faith.

There are three expressions in which we can identify a:

- **Presence of hope**

... Continue to pray to Mary Most Holy so that She may provide for and establish everything well.

(M. d. C. to G. Terragnoli, 6.7.1825)

- **Presence that accompanies**

Magdalene in the Tertiary Plan has a very clear purpose:

... to practise and spread the devotion of our Lady of Sorrows, to sanctify oneself carrying out one's duties... and perform the works of charity in one's own family and outside...

(M. d. C., R.S.S., P. 2^a, p. 17)

- **Presence that unites**

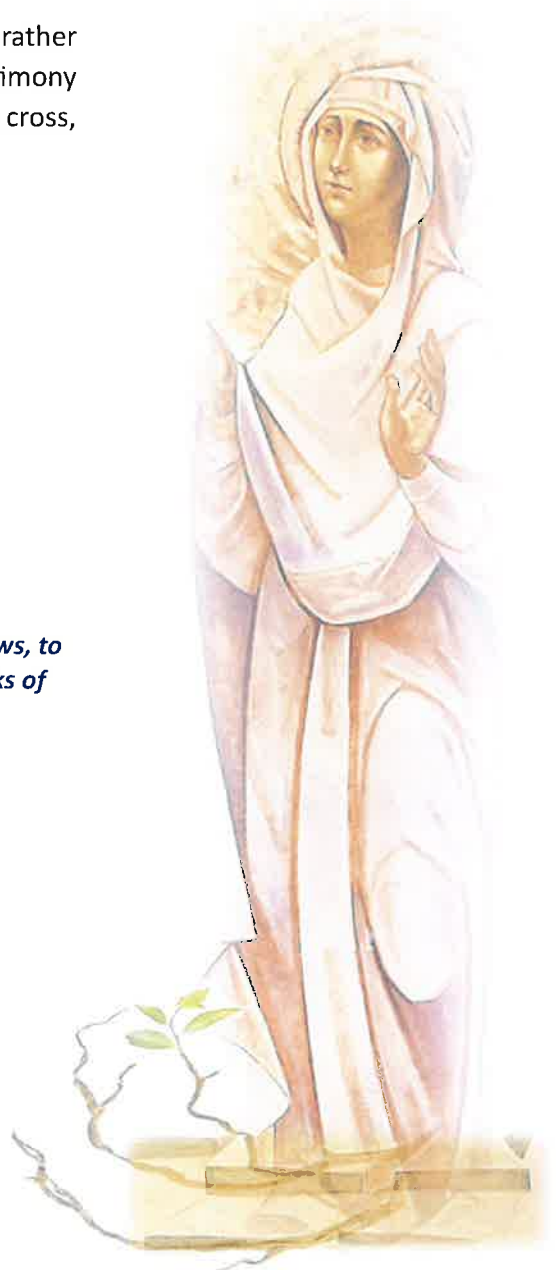
.... On Friday it is our Feast. Let us all meet in the Sorrowful heart of our Mother.

(M. d. C. to E. Bernardi, 24.3.1817)

Let us learn from Mary, Our Sorrowful Mother, to remain at the foot of the cross even when this frightens us, when it is difficult, when we do not want to embrace it.

I am certain, and our Foundress gives us proof, that our Sorrowful Mother will never tire of accompanying us every day of our lives, listening to the prayers we direct to Her and console us as we entrust ourselves to Her care.

Together with my Councillors
we warmly greet you



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