

MESSAGE

8th May

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Happy
Feast
Day



S. Magdalene of Canossa

Dear Sisters, Fathers, Lay People and Friends of Magdalene,

Happy Feast Day!

In a time when, by grace, we are present in five continents, united by a single calling, let us return in our hearts to that 8th May 1808. It is not a matter of re-mem-bering, but of returning to a source.

In 1808, in a time marked by wars, revolutions and confusion, Magdalene chose to follow a different path. She faced trials, uncertainty, and even exile—a wounded era, devoid of humanity yet brimming with potential for change. Nevertheless, she refused to be defined by fear, division, or the illusion of powerlessness. Instead, she remained steadfast on a path she had sensed and treasured: Jesus Christ, the enduring gift of love that restores dignity and hope to the vulnerable and those in need.

Magdalene did not wait for ideal conditions. She recognized in the poor, the little ones and the forgotten, the concrete place where the Gospel becomes life. She chose to love with courage, giving shape to charity capable of being close, concrete, humble and of every day.

Today, too, our world is rife with conflicts, divisions and acts of violence that affect peoples and communities. In this context, the risk consists of feeling powerless or being drawn into the logic of opposition. Yet, precisely here, the charism we have received proves timely.

Being part of the Canossian Family today means continuing to see what others do not see, reaching out to those left on the margins, building relationships where others build walls. It means living charity that is not just a sentiment, but a concrete, patient, faithful, resilient choice.

All of us are entrusted with a mission: to be credible signs of God's love in the realities in which we live. Not with extraordinary gestures, but with the faithfulness to small, daily gestures capable of generating hope.

Perhaps we can't stop the world's conflicts, but we can prevent them from influencing the way we see others, we speak and act.

Today, we don't just celebrate a beginning: we choose to be, once again, a beginning. With the courage and simplicity that have been entrusted to us, let us resume our journey, allowing ourselves to be guided by those words that continue to challenge us:

"Above all, make Jesus known."



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With fraternal closeness and constant remembrance in prayer,

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