

TO THE CANOSSIAN CHARISMATIC FAMILY

Best Wishes for the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

On this day when, together with the Church, we celebrate the memorial of the *Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows at the foot of the Cross*, our gaze also turns to St. Magdalene of Canossa, who recognizes in Mary the true Mother and Foundress of the Institute and invites us to love her with gratitude and filial affection, asking for each of us docility to the Holy Spirit and fidelity to the Charism.

At the foot of the Cross, Magdalene contemplated Jesus Crucified and recognized in Mary, the *Mother of Charity*, the one who teaches her to welcome and live out the gift of Charity received from Christ. It is a gift that shaped her identity and her mission, making her, in turn, a mother capable of welcoming, accompanying, and generating life.

Magdalene understood that a person must be loved in their entirety and throughout all the seasons of life. In her, Charity became *education, evangelization, formation, and consolation* - different expressions of a single love that welcomes the person, safeguards their dignity, supports their growth, accompanies their choices, and tends to their wounds, helping them to open themselves to life within the plan of God.

This gift continues to live on in the Canossian Charismatic Family: in the Sisters, the Fathers, the Secular Missionaries of Charity, the Lay Canossians, families, friends and collaborators, educators and teachers, young people and students, and in all those who, in different ways, allow themselves to be touched by the Charism of Magdalene.

THIS IS OUR FEAST!

On the day of our Feast, our hope is to return to the source: at the foot of the Cross of Christ, where Mary teaches us to remain, Magdalene asks us to let ourselves be transformed, and the Spirit makes us receptive to the gift we have received.

May Our Lady of Sorrows help us to “*stay*,” even when life wounds us.

May Magdalene teach us to *welcome, accompany, and generate life*.

May the Holy Spirit make us *docile and faithful to the Charism*, capable of translating it with creativity and love into the realities of our time.

Happy Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows to the entire Canossian Charismatic Family!

Sr. Sandra, Sr. Josemary, Sr. Mariana, Sr. Melissa, Sr. Albertina



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