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Blessed

Assunta

Marchetti

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Brief History

Maria Assunta Caterina Marchetti was born in Lombrici di Camaiore (Lucca) on August 15, 1871. From a young age, she yearned for a life of total dedication and self-giving to God. However, household chores, her mother's illness, and the premature death of her father prevented her from immediately realizing her aspirations.

In 1895, she accepted the invitation of her brother, Father Joseph Marchetti, to follow him on his mission to Brazil to take care of the orphans of Italian emigrants. She saw in this invitation the will of God and gave her "Yes" to God and the mission together with her brother, who was already a Missionary. She embraced her vocation with love, and together with her mother and two other young women, they were presented to the Bishop of Piacenza, Mons. John Baptist Scalabrini, and received the name of Servants of the Orphans and Abandoned abroad.

For Mother Assunta, as for every good Christian, Jesus was present in orphans, the poor, the sick, and migrants. She was happy to be cal-

led to the honor of apostolate, to the service of charity among the most abandoned. At the age of 24, already in Brazil, she devoted her youth to the little ones, becoming a mother to those who had become orphans. In her heart, she desired to conclude her earthly days in the company of her favorites, the little orphans, and so it happened.

The Institute today bears the name: Missionary Sisters of St. Charles Borromeo, Scalabrinians. The Sisters see in her a pillar and a model of tireless missionary spirit and courageous dedication in the service of charity.

Mother Assunta served in the Holy Houses of Mercy and suffered a serious leg vein injury while visiting a severely agitated patient, which caused her prolonged suffering for many years. She passed away at the Christopher Columbus Orphanage in Vila Prudente, São Paulo, Brazil, on July 1, 1948. She demonstrated a holy life according to the teachings of Jesus in His Gospel, and for this reason, she was beatified by Pope Francis on October 25, 2014, at the Sé Cathedral in São Paulo, Brazil.

1st day

Mother Assunta

in times of great change

Animator: Let us begin our triduum in preparation for the feast of our co-founder, Blessed Assunta Marchetti, as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of her beatification this year. This moment not only marks a historical event but also offers us a precious opportunity to immerse ourselves in the rich spirituality that guided the life of this great missionary, Mother Assunta, and her testimony of holiness as the Mother of orphans and the abandoned. Her life resonates as a beacon of hope and inspiration for hearts sensitive to God's call in a world marked by rapid changes and constant challenges.



All: “Let us entrust ourselves into the hands of God and do His will.”

Reader 1: From her youth, Mother Assunta was driven by a deep faith and unwavering devotion to Jesus Christ, particularly to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Her spirituality was rooted in the imitation of Christ, especially finding Him in the most vulnerable, in whom she saw the face of Christ. Similarly, we are called to recognize the divine presence in every human being, especially in those who find themselves in situations of migration and refuge, as Mother Assunta so well understood.

All: “Let us entrust ourselves into the hands of God and do His will.”

Reader 2: Mother Assunta’s life of prayer not only strengthened her in times of uncertainty but also deeply connected her to God, providing her with security and guidance to face challenges, especially those experienced in the history of the Scalabrinian Congregation. Her humility and simplicity highlight the true greatness found in serving others and serenely accepting the divine will, offering a precious counterpoint to the contemporary culture of seeking individual success.

All: “Let us entrust ourselves into the hands of God and do His will.”

Reader 3: As we celebrate this 10th anniversary of her beatification, we renew our commitment to follow her example, living our faith authentically and allowing spirituality to guide all our decisions and actions. We desire that the life of Blessed Assunta continues to be a beacon of light, illuminating our path and inspiring us to be living witnesses of God’s love and mercy in a constantly changing world.

All: “Let us entrust ourselves into the hands of God and do His will.”

Litany

Animator: Let us devoutly pray the Litany to Blessed Assunta Marchetti (attachment 1).

Congregational Intention

Animator: “We are bearers of fruits of holiness, conversion, renewal, spiritual and apostolic vitality, in strengthening the centrality of Jesus Christ for a new vocational dawn in the Congregation. Certain that holiness is the work of God’s grace in our lives (Colossians 1:6), we embrace this call with the assurance that “just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do” (1 Peter 1:15).

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Spontaneous Prayers

- Lord, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
- Send forth laborers into your harvest, O Lord.

Prayer

To obtain the grace of canonization (attachment 2)

Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be to the Father.

Final Blessing

2st day

A vocation to the service of charity

"We cannot do good to our neighbor if we do not have charity among ourselves."

Blessed Assunta Marchetti

Animator: On this second day of our triduum in preparation for the feast of our co-founder, Blessed Assunta Marchetti, we dedicate a moment to meditate on the vocation of serving through charity, inspired by her example. We ask the Triune God, through her intercession, for the grace to live out charity with those who live beside us.

All: "We cannot do good to our neighbor if we do not have charity among ourselves."

Reader 1: Let us imagine Mother Assunta before us, a living example of a life dedicated to serving the most needy. She invites us to reflect on our vocation and how we can put it at the service of charity. At her death, Sr. Clarice Baraldini, the first child taken in at the orphanage, ran out of the room crying: "Today, in this house, charity has died."



Reader 2: Let us visualize the faces of those who need our help: the poor, the sick, and the marginalized. What feelings arise in our hearts as we contemplate these faces? Let us remember Mother Assunta's words on the importance of charity in our lives. She teaches us that true greatness lies in selfless service to others and that every act of love, no matter how simple, has the power to transform lives.

All: "We cannot do good to our neighbor if we do not have charity among ourselves."

Reader 3: How can I live out my vocation more fully through service to others? Where can I find opportunities to practice charity in my daily life? Mother Assunta's life was lived with a theological perspective that led her to be active. She excelled in all virtues, especially in charity, humility, self-denial, and generous service, always carried out with a calm, serene, and unwavering demeanor. Mother Assunta did not stand out for heroism at one moment more than another, but in all phases and circumstances of her life, she demonstrated a profound experience of all the virtues (L. Bondi, *Virtù di M. Assunta*, p.8).

Animator: Pope Francis, referring to Blessed Assunta Marchetti, said: "She was an exemplary religious in her service to the orphans of Italian emigrants, and she saw Jesus present in the poor, the orphans, the sick, and the migrants. We give thanks to God for this woman, a model of tireless missionary work and fearless dedication in the service of charity." (Angelus, 10/26/2014). Let us thank God for granting us the grace to know and follow the example of Mother Assunta. May we carry her legacy of love and service with us, bring-

ing the light of charity to all those we meet on our journey.

All: "We cannot do good to our neighbor if we do not have charity among ourselves."

Litany

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Congregational Intention

Animator: Currently, migrants and refugees face enormous challenges and are frequently exposed to injustices and exploitation. Inspired by the example of Mother Assunta, who saw Jesus present in the poor, the orphans, the sick, and the migrants, we are called to open our eyes and our hearts, being vigilant and committed to defending their dignity and rights, offering them support, welcome, and solidarity.

Spontaneous Prayers

- Lord, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
- Send forth laborers into your harvest, O Lord.

Prayer

To obtain the grace of canonization (attachment 2).

Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be to the Father.

Final Blessing



3st day

Legacy of the mission of blessed Assunta Marchetti

*“Courage and trust.
The good Lord rewards everything we do for His glory.
We are grateful to our God.”*

Blessed Assunta Marchetti

Animator: On this third day of our triduum in preparation for the feast of our co-founder, Blessed Assunta Marchetti, we reflect on the legacy she has left us and the continuation of her mission in our religious and ecclesial communities. As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of her beatification, we are invited to look to the future, inspired by the example of Mother Assunta and committed to continuing her work, for saints and blessed belong to no one; Blessed Assunta Marchetti is a daughter of the Church.

All: “Courage and trust. The good Lord rewards everything we do for His glory. We are grateful to our God.”

Reader 1: Her vision and actions were driven by a deep faith in God, fervent prayer, trust in divine providence, and unconditional love for all people. Today, her mission continues to thrive through each of us who seek to follow in her footsteps and honor her legacy. The legacy of Mother Assunta is marked by three fundamental pillars: charity, humility, and service, reflected in these days of preparation for her feast. These values not only shaped her life but also call all of us to live similarly. Reflecting on these pillars, we are called to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world, offering our time, gifts, talents, and resources to alleviate suffering and bring hope to those in need.

All: “We cannot do good to our neighbor if we do not have charity among ourselves.”

Reader 2: As we reflect on the legacy of Mother Assunta, let us ask ourselves: How can we continue her mission in our current context? How can we live out charity, humility, and service in our daily lives? What are the needs of our community that we can meet with the same love and dedication that Mother Assunta demonstrated? Her dedication to many orphans remains the sweetest memory of their childhood, for in Mother Assunta they found the mother they had lost. A witness narrated that often the children arrived at the orphanage in deplorable conditions, but Mother Assunta’s care made them flourish again, as recalled by Cardinal Angelo Amato on the day of her beatification. In every moment and situation, she remembered: “God uses the most in-

adequate and insignificant instruments for His works. All my trust I have placed in His most sweet Heart.”

All: “Courage and trust. The good Lord rewards everything we have done for His glory. We are grateful to our God.”

Litany

Animator: Let us devoutly pray the Litany to Blessed Assunta Marchetti (attachment 1).

Congregational Intention

Animator: Let us renew our commitment to continue the mission of Blessed Assunta Marchetti, honoring her legacy of charity, humility, and service. Inspired by her example, let us proceed with courage and determination to face daily challenges with patience and unwavering faith, recognizing the presence of Christ in every person we encounter.

Spontaneous Prayers

- Lord, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
- Send forth laborers into your harvest,
O Lord.

Prayer

To obtain the grace of canonization (attachment 2)

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Final Blessing

Attachment 1

Let us devoutly pray the Litany to Blessed Assunta Marchetti

Lord, **have mercy.**

Christ, **have mercy.**

Lord, **have mercy.**

Blessed Assunta Marchetti, **Pray for us!**

Example of obedience to God...

In love with the heavenly Bridegroom...

Blessed Assunta, a model of unwavering faith...

Witness of patient hope...

An example of human charity...

Model of trust in divine providence...

Model of love and devotion to the Eucharist...

Mother Assunta, devoted companion of the Virgin Mary...

Example of detachment from homeland and family...

Missionary "migrant with migrants"...

Blessed Assunta, mother, cook, and catechist of orphans...

Model of perseverance in trials...

Witness of missionary zeal for the most needy migrants...

Blessed Assunta, mother of orphans and abandoned...

Model of humility and service to the needy...

Blessed Assunta, comforter of the sick...

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, **forgive us, Lord.**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, **hear us, Lord.**

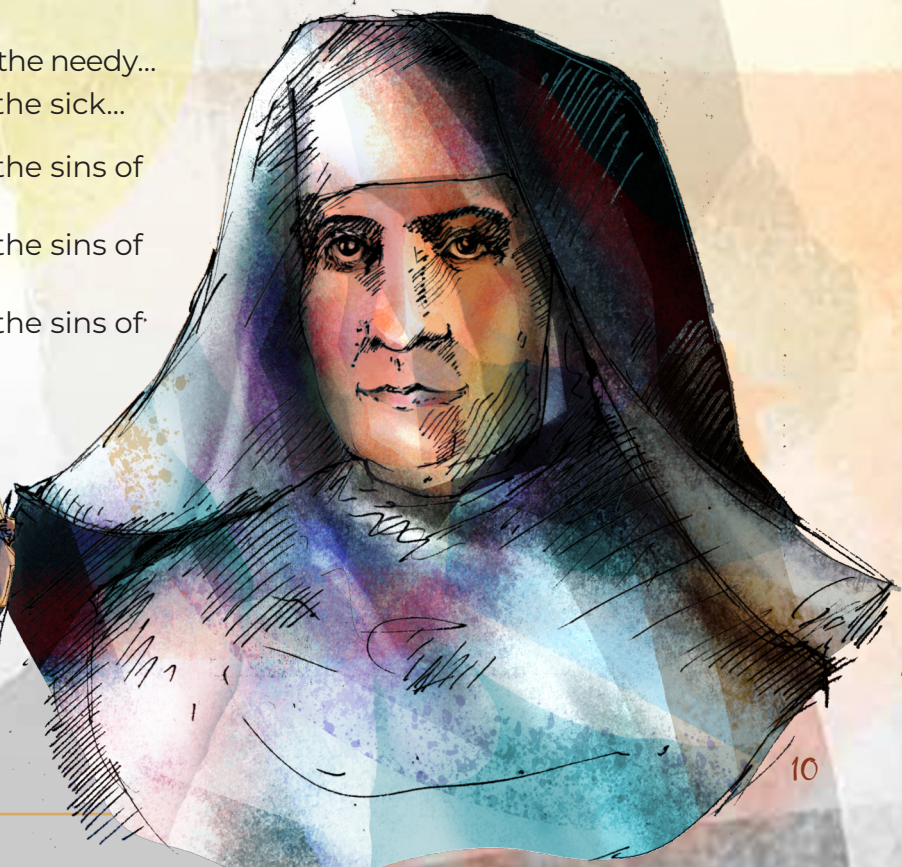
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Attachment 2

Prayer to ask for the canonization of blessed Assunta Marchetti

O Father, you made your holiness shine in the simple and humble life of Blessed Assunta Marchetti during her missionary life among orphans, the sick and migrants, with confidence, we pray that, through her intercession, the brightness of your light may shine upon us, so that we may do your will in everything we do, especially in the service to the neediest migrants.

Grant us, through the merits of Jesus Christ, the canonization of Blessed Assunta Marchetti, I beseech her to obtain from you the grace which I so greatly need (your petition). Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. **Amen.**





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