

8th Day – Under the Protection of the Mother of God

Jn 19:26-27

When Jesus saw His mother and His disciple whom He loved, He said to His mother, “Woman, behold, your son”.

Then He said to His disciple, “Behold, your mother”. From that hour, His disciple took her into his home.

Words of the Foundress

Constantly, I entrusted myself to the protection of the loving Mother of God.

Often I repeated the prayer: “O most Holy Virgin, purify my heart and flesh through your Virginity and Immaculate Conception” (*Life... III /2*).

Begin every action with the name of Jesus and Mary, and if possible with a Hail Mary (*Thoughts of MAM*).

It is evident why this Order is founded in honor of the Divine Heart of Jesus and to the most Holy and Immaculate Heart of Mary: The Daughters of the Divine Redeemer are to honor these most Holy Hearts, mainly, through the imitation of charity toward the needy by this most beautiful veneration of the both (*From the First Rule*).

Prayer

God, our Father, under the cross Your Son, Jesus Christ, has given us His Mother.

Fill us, like Mother Alphonse Marie, with a deep love and trust toward Mary, our heavenly Mother and let us and all our brothers and sisters be secure under her protection.

Mother Alphonse Marie

If a soul, in childlike trust turns to Mary, she will never be rejected, because Mary is too good. She cannot act differently. She can never refuse anything, her love is great!

Always entrust yourselves to Mary. She will be your powerful protector. She wants her daughters to be like her. We prove our love toward Mary through prayer, especially through the prayer of the rosary (*Thoughts of MAM*).

Daily prayer

Lord, our God,

You gifted Mother Alphonse Marie

with the grace of being powerfully attracted

to the mystery of the Cross,

even in her most tender years.

In this mystery, she perceived Your merciful love for all Your children.

You inspired her to found a Congregation to manifest that love through serving those who suffer in body or in spirit.

Through the Eucharist, You gave her the strength to participate in the work of the Redemption.

May we be transformed by the love of Christ the Redeemer, even as she was; and may our lives be a witness of Your great love to all those we encounter.

Hear the prayers that we present through her intercession... and if it be Your will, grant that we may soon venerate Mother Alphonse Marie among the Blessed. Amen.