

WHO IS THE "MYSTICAL MOTHER FOR PRIESTS"

AND HOW SHE LIVES HER MISSION

BY SISTER ASSUNTA

The mystical mother for priests is the soul that is dedicated to the mystical priesthood by virtue of the common priesthood received in Baptism.

The motherly spirit of the mystical mother directs her towards the mystical adoption of a priest. She is for the priest a mother willing to support him spiritually in the burden of his priesthood in the context of the greatness of his ministry.

It is a mission that must be lived in the Light of the Divine Will in order to enter into the priestly heart of Jesus and with Him embrace and sustain the priesthood as the life of His Church.

It is a life made up of offering and renouncing the human will, so that the Divine Will may be known and lived out in God's ministers and with them the Christian and non-Christian people, because the Light of God can reach every man loved by the Lord.

The mystical mother desires to live integrally the gifts received in Baptism namely: a Priest, a Prophet and a King.

According to the Second Vatican Council: *It is true that the priest only by virtue of his priestly ordination carries out the sacrificial oblation by pronouncing the words of consecration, but the whole community of the faithful takes part in the oblation, offering it through the priest's hands; offering it with him.*

The Eucharistic-priestly spirit constitutes for the **mystical mother** a way of life devoted to glory and gratitude to the Heavenly Father. For He did not spare to sacrifice His own Son (Ge 22:15-19) so that man would return to His Fatherly bosom as at the beginning of creation.

We owe all this to the Eternal Priest Jesus who "**humbled Himself becoming obedient unto death and death on a cross**" (Phil 2:8) and left us His priestly ministry in priests.

A great **gift** has been deposited in the priest: the very Priesthood of Jesus.

The mystical mother who wants to share the priestly life in the Church, by virtue of grace, must live **for Christ, with Christ and in Christ**; this is the path that flows into the Gift of the Divine Will.

The priestly spirit is that divine ferment that gives life to the Eucharist and at the same time infuses the soul with the Eucharistic-priestly spirit, which invites one to participate completely in the Eucharistic Banquet.

"May the faithful not attend this Banquet of faith as strangers but participate in it fully, consciously, willingly and fully offering the immaculate Host not only by the hands of the priest, but together with him, learn to offer themselves."

This gives new strength to the mystical mother and enables her to offer herself with her priest son whom she has **adopted into the Divine Will**, to embrace all priests, especially those who are most in need of Light and spiritual support.

The adoption of the priest entails a responsibility and availability for the Church. If the priest carries out his ministry on behalf of the Church, the mystical mother must also feel involved as a witness of life, prayer and the offering of her actions. It is a spiritual-mystical support that only God knows.

Between the **ordinary priesthood and the ordained priesthood** comes a thread that unites souls "**in the one Priesthood of Christ.**" It is a divine weaving that makes both the ordinary baptized and the ordained experience of the **same priestly substance.**

This awareness strengthens the unity of priestly spirit in the Mystical Body of Christ, in the Church, and opens the door to the mystical mother feeling part of the priestly mission, which is the basic nourishment of God's people.

Jesus said in the Eucharistic Supper, **"Do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19)** Through these words Jesus conveyed His priestly power to the apostles, and pointed to the Eucharistic source that flowed from His priestly heart. In pronouncing the word **"DO"** the Heart of Jesus expanded and as a divine spring sprinkled the nascent Church with His Blood together with the missionary-priestly-Eucharistic spirit.

The priestly mother draws from this source and nourishes her inner activity, hidden in the heart of the Church and in the Eucharistic Bread, where the man-God, the eternal and only priest, is hidden.

In becoming man, Jesus did not cease to be God and in becoming Bread he did not cease to be immaculate flesh.

The word **"DO"** remained sealed in the priest's heart by divine power. It is a Word that expresses a divine command: **"Do as Me. Do with Me, generate Me in souls. Imprint in them the seal of My Priesthood and My Holiness."**

It is a divine graft dropped into the hearts of the baptized and to all those who aspire to the Kingdom.

The Church of God that is founded on the rock of Peter retains the power of the word **"DO"** so that **"the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Mt 16:18)**

The priestly mother desires to live in this divine fortress, in the Light of the Gift of the Divine Will.

This will happen if she knows how to enter into her own nothingness to leave freedom to the All that is God, so that He may work in her.

The Mission, **"mystical mothers for priests,"** enters the Church quietly, without noise, without appearance, because it is that hidden grain that, like divine seed, in due time will bear the fruit of the Kingdom of God in souls.

The priestly Act of Jesus is multiplied infinitely in the Act of the priests, beginning with the Eucharist and forgiveness.

"I am the way, the truth and the life." (Jn 14:6)

What is the surest way but to walk with the priest and draw from him the truth that is Jesus Himself?

The more one loves Jesus, the more one loves the priest and the more one loves the Church.

The mystical mother makes the acts of her priest son her own and encloses them in the Light of the Divine Will so that they may be purified and sanctified by Jesus' own priestly holiness.

This is not the fruit of human power but the fruit of the divine holiness with which Jesus divinized the life of every man through His priestly power.

Such a mission is not isolated. The adoption of a priestly son, lived in the Divine Will, extends to the entire priestly army. It extends into the Church, for in the heart of every priest is the seed of the Kingdom of **"Fiat Voluntas Tua as in Heaven so on earth" (Mt. 6:10)** and it extends into all men loved by the Lord.

This Light is born and comes to us from the Heart of Mary, the priestly Mother par excellence. She teaches us how to live the priestly spirit and how we can live, like Her, this offering that is most pleasing to the priestly heart of Jesus.

The priestly soul rejoices with Jesus who looks benignly upon priests dedicated to the service of the Kingdom of the Divine Will. **"I make use of priests in my works."**

The priest is **the distributor of the Divine Gifts**; he is the channel through which the Father's Mercy descends to wash away faults, with His forgiveness.

Reflections of the Divine Will descend from the priestly Act of the priest. These divine reflections enlighten the soul and nourish it with the food of the Father's Will. (Jn. 4:34)

These are Gifts that God bestows through ministerial priestly power, but at the same time, all this requires much cooperation and availability on our part as mystical mother to His graces.

For such spiritual and mystical responsibility, the priestly mother is required to have a foundation and to learn and must have a very thorough grounding in what is a priestly spirit, the basis of Christian life.

Let it all be for the glory of God and the fulfillment of His Kingdom in all mankind.

Deo gratias.

Sister Assunta

Who is Sister Assunta?



On December 29 2023, Sister Assunta Marigliano serenely pronounced her last and conscious "Fiat" to the call of the Father.

Dear Sister Assunta gave a new impetus to the knowledge of Luisa Piccarreta in Corato thanks to her extraordinary strength and great spirit of self-denial.

Sister Assunta came from Naples. Initially she was a religious of the Poor Daughters of the Visitation. In 1973 she got to know the writings and message of the Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta.

At that time Sister Assunta was searching for a religious life more attentive to the care of the spiritual dimension. She realized that she had found what she was looking for, so she decided to leave her Institute and in October 1981.

Sister Assunta knocked on many doors with tenacity and infinite dedication. She asked for and collected testimonies about Luisa's life.

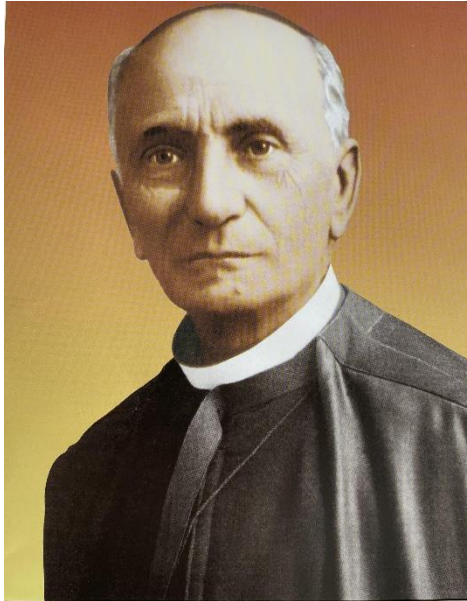
In the early years Sister Assunta was surrounded by a few souls whom she began to guide in the knowledge of the path indicated by Luisa, to walk with Jesus. Thanks to Sister Assunta we began to understand that the path of living in the Divine Will is not a path in solitude, that to associate ourselves with the acts of Jesus in living the Divine Will is also to associate with each other, is to compose a family.

On the 40th anniversary of Luisa's death, March 4, 1987, the Pious Luisa Piccarreta PFDV Association was canonically erected in Corato of which Sister Assunta was the founder and was appointed president.

Extract from Article on Luisa Piccarreta official website:

<https://www.luisapiccarretaofficial.org/news/sister-assunta-marigliano-is-now-in-heavenly-bliss/1904>

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