

Our Lady of the Rosary 2018



Dear sisters:

Each year, on October 7, we venerate with gratitude our Patroness the Lady of the Rosary acknowledging her loving protection.

"Rejoice daughter of Zion, for I will dwell in your midst." These words of the prophet give us great confidence to face the difficulties of each day. Like the disciples, we unite in prayer with Mary to ask her to be our teacher and guide in all our daily tasks.

The Second Vatican Council, citing St. Ambrose, says that Mary is a teacher for all. If we look at Mary, we find attitudes that can and should help us live our Dominican-missionary vocation with enthusiasm and coherence. Every call from God is a source of joy and hope. Mary, after receiving the call of God, which invites her to joy, "rejoice, full of grace" (Lk 1:28), intones a song of thanksgiving that begins by affirming that "her spirit rejoices in God, her Savior". What is the reason for this joy? Because he has looked on the lowliness of his servant, because the Almighty has done marvels for me and because his mercy is from generation to generation.

Contemplating Mary, we are invited to rejoice because of the wonders the Lord has done in each one of us. This joy must be accompanied by gratitude for the call of the Lord to follow him. Joy and gratitude should open us to hope, for we know that God never abandons those whom he calls, but, as Mary said, he extends his mercy from generation to generation.

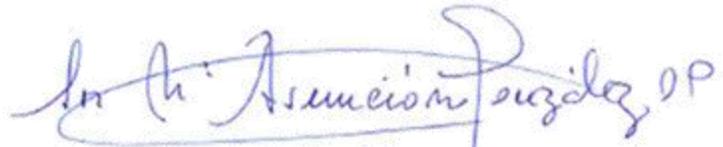
Sisters, the future challenges us. Like Mary, there are many things we can and must do if we read the signs of the times: the rich, the poor, the hungry, the humble, the rejected,, the immigrants ,the children who lack a family atmosphere ...

Finally, Mary invites us to live the present with passion and hope. After receiving the announcement of the angel, Mary went with haste to convey her uncontainable joy, to become the servant of men, because the love of God is manifested and proven in the love for each brother and sister. With Mary, each one of us, moved by the Spirit, must live our vocation today with passion, with hope, with illusion, with ardent and generous

faith, loving the poor so that the joy of the Gospel reaches the ends of the earth and no one is deprived of his light.

I wish you all a very happy Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

A fraternal embrace and my prayer,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sr. Mª Asunción González, O.P." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and 'G'.

Sr. Mª Asunción González, O.P.

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